

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC MEETING 4 APRIL 2012**

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Minutes of the Ordinary Board meeting of Port St Mary Commissioners Open Session held in the Boardroom of Port St Mary Town Hall on Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Messrs C Kinley (Chairman), R Cooil, A Merchant, M O'Meara & A Grace
Mdms B McCabe (Vice Chairman), R Sinfield & H Kinvig

Apologies: Mr M Kennaugh

In Attendance: Mr J Roberts (Clerk) & Mrs D Greenwood (taking minutes)

A quorum being present the Chairman declared the meeting open.

Minutes of Public Ordinary Meeting 21 March 2012	P70, Closure of Family & Mobile Libraries, "Mrs McCabe reported the topic had been discussed by IOM Municipal Association...." Insert.. "who asked it to be brought back to the Board". RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Public meeting held on 21 March 2012, as amended, be approved and signed as a correct record. (Prop BMcC, S-RS)	
Matters Arising		
Closure of Family & Mobile Libraries	P70, response letter 20.3.2012 from Minister for Education and Children, email 21.3.2012 from Clerk of Arbory Commissioners, email 27.3.2012 from Clerk of Marown Parish Commissioners & email 3.4.2012 from Clerk of Port Erin Commissioners were circulated. It was NOTED that the topic had been overtaken by an offer of private funding. Mr Cooil stated that a newspaper article queried the Boards refusal to provide funding for the George Herdman Library whilst offering to fund the mobile library. RESOLVED: that the Clerk responds to a newspaper article explaining that Port St Mary Commissioners wished to support the older people in the Village by offering to part fund the continuation of a Mobile Library as it is the primary library facility for Port St Mary. (Prop RC, S-BMcC)	Action Clerk
Coach Park, Clifton Road	P36, email 3.4.2912 from DoI Highways Technician stating the paperwork for the scheme was being processed and an advertisement would soon be published in the newspapers shortly was circulated and NOTED.	
Deferred Items – None		
Planning Matters		
Planning Applications		
PA12/00381/B	Mr & Mrs J King for the erection of front porch and re-rendering of property at 1 Rhenwyllan Close, Port St Mary. There were no objections to PA12/00381/B.	Action Housing Officer
PA12/00375/B	Mr E Cerowski for the installation of replacement windows and doors at 8 Lime Street, Port St Mary. There were no objections to PA12/00375/B.	Action Housing Officer
Planning Approvals		
PA12/00152/B	On 14 March 2012 by a Senior Planning Officer to Mr & Mrs P O'Meara for the conversion of three first floor ensuite bedrooms to one self contained tourist apartment at the Albert Hotel, Athol Street, Port St Mary. No none standard conditions to note. NOTED.	

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PA12/00191/C	On 16 March 2012 by a Senior Planning Officer to Mrs E A Kelly for the additional use of residential dwelling to provide tourist accommodation at Borrane, The Promenade, Port St Mary. No none standard conditions to note. NOTED.	
Planning Refusals – None		
Planning Appeals		
PA11/01705/B	Letter 21.2.2012 from Planning Appeals Administrator and correspondence relating to the appeal against the refusal for the erection of fencing and three stone pillars to existing front wall at Cass Struan, Beach Road, Port St Mary. NOTED.	
PA11/01744/B	Letter 16.3.2012 from Planning Appeals Administrator re appeal against refusal for erection of a garden trellis fence (retrospective), Cronague Veg, Beach Road, Port St Mary. NOTED.	
PA11/01743/B	Letter 21.3.12 & correspondence relating to an appeal against the decision to approve the erection of a trellis to roof of garage (retrospective) at Cronague Veg, Beach Road, Port St Mary. NOTED.	
PA11/01745/B	Letter 21.3.2012 & correspondence relating to an appeal against the decision to approve the erection of fencing to rear (retrospective) at Cronague Veg, Beach Road, Port St Mary. NOTED.	
Planning Correspondence		
Allotment Field	Letter 25.3.2012 from allotment holder requesting Commissioners approval to submit a retrospective planning application for a small shed that contains a portaloo for health reasons. RESOLVED: that Port St Mary Commissioners will support Mrs M Brierley in her request for retrospective planning permission for a small shed required for health reasons, on the allotment plot 45, Sandfield, Mount Gawne Road. Port St Mary Commissioners will submit the planning application on behalf of the plot holder. (Prop AM, S-BMcC)	Action Clerk
Planning & the Economy	Letter 20.3.2012 from Director of Planning & Building Control informing that the Draft Planning Policy Statement consultation closes on 3 April 2012. Mr O'Meara pointed out that the consultation had now been extended to 13 April. It was NOTED the consultation had previously been brought before the Board and members could submit their views individually if desired.	
Other Planning Matters – None		
Finance		
Finance Officer's Report	<i>N/A 2nd meeting of month</i>	
Summary of GRA Expenditure	<i>N/A 2nd meeting of month</i>	
Policy & Resources		
Direct Debit Payments	The Clerk announced that the software is to be installed on 27 April 2012 which will enable rents and commercial lets to be received directly from bank accounts. There had been approximately 50% take up by tenants. NOTED.	

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Local Government Pension Scheme	Email 22.3.2012 from the Treasurer regarding the Members Briefing held on 27 March 2012 was circulated and NOTED.	
Establishment – None		
Public Housing Matters – None		
Public Correspondence		
RTLCL	Circular No 365 was circulated and NOTED.	
Port Erin Lifeboat	Email 27.3.2012 requesting to hire or loan a portaloos for their Lifeboat Day was circulated. RESOLVED: that Port Erin Lifeboat may borrow a portaloos for their Lifeboat day on 22 July 2012 free of charge, providing they cover the cost of emptying it afterwards. (Prop RC, S-BMcC)	Action Housing Officer
Request for Loan Of Old Photographs	Email 28.3.2012 from teacher of Scoill Phurt le Moirrey was circulated. It was AGREED to allow the loan of photos which are displayed on boards, and to suggest the school also contacts Mr G Shaw who recently provided a photographic display in Ballafesson.	Action Housing Officer
Garage Rent Query	Letter from resident asking why Port St Mary Commissioners charged high rent for garages compared to other authorities was circulated. The annual inflation increase applied, tenants use of the garages, the potential to rebuild the garages and the inconsistency of garage rent compared to other assets leased by the Board were discussed. RESOLVED: that the Clerk undertakes a general review of the rents charged for all Port St Mary Commissioners' assets. (Prop AM, S-RC)	Action Clerk
Southern Civic Amenity Site	Email 30.3.2012 from the Clerk of SCASB informing of the sites closure on Good Friday was circulated and NOTED.	
Rate Borne Petition	Email 27.5.2012 from Higher Executive Officer, Management Services Division, DoI, requesting information regarding projected funding requirements from Local Authorities in respect of future planned schemes was circulated. It was AGREED that the Clerk can disclose to the Treasury capital expenditure planned for the forthcoming year.	Action Clerk
Allotment Society	Email 27.3.2012 from the Chairman requesting permission to keep a shipping container for storage on the allotment car park area was circulated. RESOLVED: that permission is given to Port St Mary & District Allotment Society to keep a storage container on the allotment car park. (Prop RS, S-BMcC)	Action Clerk
Planning & Building Control Search Fees	Letter 30.3.2012 from the Secretary to the Planning Committee informing of the administration fee increase to £75.00 per request was circulated and NOTED.	
Claim for Rate Reduction	Letter 31.3.2012 from resident stating intention to claim a rate reduction due to new road island outside her property and various other issues was circulated and discussed. It was NOTED that the resident had already contacted the Treasury. It was agreed that the un-swept gutters in the High Street where cars are always parked, it was AGREED to look into influencing a cleaning operation when there are the least number of cars parked. The Board agreed with the resident's dismay of the planning process with has permitted developments on The Underway. RESOLVED: that the Clerk informs the resident that the traffic calming island on the High	Action Clerk

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	Street is there for a six month trial period which expires in June, consultation on it's installation is still open if she wishes to write to the DoI. The Board supports her views with regard to the permitted developments on the Underway and in the Port generally and inform the resident that the Commissioners will investigate the possibility of getting the gutters in the High Street swept when there are less cars parked there. (Prop AG, S-AM)	ASTK
Ben Varrey 2 Athol Street	Copy email 4.4.2012 from Building Control Manager and response from Highway Service Manager regarding the need to close Athol Street due to dangerous condition of the roof of Ben Varrey was circulated. Mr Merchant raised his concerns that no consideration had been given with regard to the rear of the property on The Underway, which was popular with pedestrians and boat users. The Clerk was instructed to contact Building Control to enquire if there is a wider risk to the public on Shore Road, The Underway, Port St Mary.	Action Clerk
Special Projects – None		
Representative's Reports – N/A 2nd meeting of month		
Topics for Discussion submitted by Members – None		
Notices of Motions submitted by Members – None		
Chairman's Business		
Civic Functions, Invitations	List was circulated and NOTED	
Chairman's Report	<i>None</i>	
Any Other Business – None		
Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 18 April 2012 at 7.30 p.m.	

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.


Chairman