

**PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINARY BOARD MEETING
26TH MARCH 2025 at 6.45pm**

MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION

Present:	Mrs B Williams MBE (Chairman), Mr L Vaughan-Williams (Vice Chairman), Mrs R Gelling, Mr D Scott, Mrs J Teare & Mr N McGregor Edwards
Apologies:	Mr C O'Meara
In Attendance:	Mrs H Kinvig (Clerk)

A pre meeting was held with Minister Michelle Haywood and DOI Officer Kevin Almond

1.	1.1 The Chair welcomed the Board, noted the apologies and declared the meeting open.	
2.	2.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26 th February 2025 were circulated. JT/DS proposed the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th February 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record. NME & BW were in favour, LVW & RG abstained through absence. Carried.	
3.	Matters Arising: 3.1 The Matters Arising Summary and response to public correspondence by the Clerk from the previous meeting were circulated and noted. The location of the 3fm Breakout Bunny was agreed for the Pavilion.	
4.	Motions: None	
5.	Finance: 5.1 Invoices for settlement in March. NME/JT approved the invoices for settlement in March to be paid. All were in favour. Carried.	MK
6.	Projects: 6.1 Events – Monas Queen –Details of the event were discussed and noted.	

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	<p>6.2 Mariners Shelter – HK advised that the Deed of Surrender had been requested form the Advocate.</p> <p>6.3 Chapel Beach facilities – It was noted that further research is underway.</p> <p>6.4 Highways – It was agreed that road closure notices for information would be circulated electronically, not become part of the Agenda.</p> <p>HK to liaise with building contractors regarding the use of the road from the Top Prom to Gansey Point</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>SAM</p> <p>HK</p>
7.	<p>Housing:</p> <p>7.1 Housing Officers Report – the report was discussed and noted.</p> <p>7.2 Tenancy Arrears Report – The Board requested progress is made with the small claims debtors.</p> <p>7.3 Letter from Mr Hooper re housing provision – Report to be circulated.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>DG</p>
8.	<p>Public Correspondence:</p> <p>8.1 SCAS re fly tipping – HK to respond and advise no issue now, however, will be in contact if required in the future.</p> <p>8.2 Southern Swimming pool letter regarding primary school lessons – The correspondence was discussed. JT/RG proposed that a letter is issued to the Department of Education, Sport and Culture regarding concern withdrawal of school swimming lessons and general lack of support for the future of a pool provision in the South of the Island. All were in favour. Carried.</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>HK</p>
9.	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>9.1 Planning Applications:</p> <p>9.1.1 25/90281/B Gansey Mill Apartments, Beach Road for the installation of a protective structure on the roof of the building with associated internal access. There were no objections.</p> <p>9.2 Planning Approvals:</p> <p>9.2.1 24/00877/B – Merrion House, The Promenade for conversion of existing basement for additional tourist accommodation. The approval was noted.</p>	<p>DG</p>

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	<p>9.2.2 24/90994/B – Springfield, Plantation Road for single storey extension to rear elevation. The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.3 24/91198/B – Loen, Fistard Road for installation of replacement of roof covering. The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.4 24/91224/B – 1 Creggan Mooar for alterations and conversion of existing garage to home office (Retrospective). The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.5 24/91229/B – Almorah, Fistard Road for conversion of garage to living space. The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.6 24/91295/B – Beach House, Bay View Road for erection of two-storey extension to create two-bed first floor holiday accommodation; side extension to create internal staircase, change of use to provide commercial kitchen and change of use to provide front office or retail space. The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.7 24/90074/B – Grey Ladies, Clifton Road to replace existing integral sunroom with new sunroom, widen existing driveway and vehicle access. The approval was noted.</p> <p>9.2.8 25/90001/B – Mannin Veg, Gansey for extension of existing dwelling including new dormer structures, replacement of windows, doors and front porch. The approval was noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Policy & Resources: None.</p> <p>10.1 Local Authority Elections – HK advised as at close of nominations at 1pm, and following no withdrawals before 2pm, all 7 vacant seats had been successfully filled in an uncontested election for PSMC.</p> <p>10.2 Dates – The forthcoming dates were discussed and noted.</p>	
11.	<p>Public Consultations:</p> <p>11.1 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023– HK to draft and circulate a letter for approval by the Board following points discussed.</p> <p>11.2 Consultation on the introduction of fees and cost limits for Freedom of Information requests – HK to respond advising no fee but a provision to deter vexatious requests would be recommended.</p>	<p>HK</p> <p>HK</p>
12.	Invitations: None	

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13.	Any Other Business:None	
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There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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