PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINARY BOARD MEETING
23RD APRIL 2025 at 6.30pm

MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION

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

1.	1.1 The Chair welcomed the Board, noted the apologies and declared the meeting open. The Chair extended a warm welcome to Mrs Brunt, Mr Gelling and Mrs Henderson who were attendance to publicly view the meeting (being the last meeting of the current Board), having been elected in an uncontested election. All new members signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office before the Board.	
2.	2.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 26th March 2025 were circulated. **LVW/NME proposed the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26th March 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record. DT, JT & BW were in favour. Carried.**	SAFM
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. Southern Swimming Pool letter to DESC – The Board ratified their electronic votes. LVW advised that he had abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Letter to the DOI re the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 – The Board ratified their electronic votes.	
4.	Motions: LVW advised of his intention to move a motion requesting the reinstatement of the events committee. HK	

	requested that this was sent to her in writing to be brought before the Board for discussion.	
5.	Finance: 5.1 Invoices for settlement in April. DS queried the percentage of the Broker fee in relation to insurance on invoice #4636. DS requested that large items that were budgeted for have the budget comparison amount included on the invoice table. **JT/DS approved the invoices for settlement in April to be paid. All were in favour. Carried.**	MK
6.	Projects: 6.1 Events – Monas Queen –The Order of Service was approved. Village In Bloom – HK advised that the event was now being advertised. 6.2 Mariners Shelter – HK advised that one month's notice had been issued by Harbours to terminate the lease, which PSMC had agreed. The item will now be removed from the Agenda. 6.3 Chapel Beach facilities – The update was noted. 6.4 Highways – It was noted that no further update had been received from the Department. **JT/LVW proposed that the Minister is written to as follows;** **'following on from our recent meeting, please confirm:-** **a. That the fully scoped and costed business case has been approved by the Treasury with full budget allocation;** **b. The approved budget allocation now lies with the Department and will be ring fenced now and going forward for Port St Mary High Street;** **c. What other issues are liable to cause further delay.'** 6.5 Waste Analysis SCAS – The report was discussed.	HK HK
7.	Housing: 7.1 Housing Officers Report – The report was discussed and noted. 7.2 Tenancy Arrears Report – The report was discussed and noted. 7.3 Altair Housing Report – The update in the House of Keys the previous day regarding the withdrawal of plans for a Housing Association was discussed. HK advised that the DOI intended to	

	hold a workshop regarding Housing and the Highways Maintenance Agreements in May/June time.	
8.	Public Correspondence: 8.1 Southern Charitable Causes – NME explained the process to the Board of how the system at the site works with the southern charitable causes shop. HK to write and thank Mrs Gray for her commitment to the community and request any information posters etc she may have available. 8.2 Southern Swimming pool letter regarding primary school lessons – The letter was noted and LVW stated that the Southern Swimming Pool Board were grateful for the Board's support.	HK
9.	Planning Matters 9.1 Planning Applications: 9.1.1 25/90338/B Dreswick, Linden Avenue for the erection of a pergola to the northwest elevation. **There were no objections.** 9.2 Planning Approvals: 9.2.1 25/90107/B Thie Ny Marrey, 8 Perwick Road for extensions and alterations to existing residential dwelling, installation of PV solar panels, landscaping work and erection of garden shed, gym and sauna. **The approval was noted.** 9.2.2 25/90064/B Oirr-Ny-Marrey, The Promenade for replacement of windows on side and rear elevations (retrospective) **The approval was noted.**	DG
10.	Policy & Resources: None. 10.1 Draft Conservation Area Response – HK to ascertain where else on the Island has draft conservation areas and chase the Dept quarterly for a response. 10.2 Manx Utilities Public Lighting Contract 2025/26 – **LVW/NME proposed the contract is approved and signed. All were in favour. Carried.** 10.3 Local Government Pension Scheme – The correspondence was noted. 10.4 1st Supplemental Information May 2025 – The report was discussed and noted.	

	10.5 Dates – The forthcoming dates were discussed and noted.	
11.	Public Consultations: 11.1 Port St Mary residents parking permit review – It was noted that the consultation appears to have only been done online and not directly with affected residents – HK to feedback to the Department. HK to write and raise awareness of the logistics of disc zones when working from home or retired etc, removal of any zones may result in motorhome parking on unsuitable roads. Not enough spaces per property as is. HK advised that the decision to review the process was based on admin time spent on the scheme within the Department. It was suggested to request if a fee for the issuing of the permits had been considered. 11.2 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 – It was noted that no response had been received yet. HK to chase. HK to request an update as to when the Bill will go to the Legislative Council. HK to begin drafting a letter to the House of Keys Procedural Committee regarding the identified loophole in the system.	HK HK HK
12.	Invitations: 12.1 Municipal Association AGM – The invitation was noted.	
13.	Any Other Business: None	

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 7.33pm.