PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS
ORDINARY BOARD MEETING
30TH JULY 2025 at 6.00pm

MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION

Present:	Mrs J Teare (Chairman), Mr D Scott (Vice Chairman), Mrs B Williams MBE, Mr L Vaughan Williams, Mr W Gelling & Mrs C Henderson
Apologies:	Mrs G Brunt
In Attendance:	Mrs H Kinvig (Clerk)

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 25th June 2025 were circulated. **CH/DS proposed the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th June 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record. WG & JT were in favour. BW & LVW abstained through absence. 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, discussed and noted. The Clerk provided updates where necessary. It was noted that the Coroner would be attending to meet with the Board on 6th August at 7pm.	
4.	Motions: 4.1 The following Motion was put forward by WG and discussed; Motion: Review of Dog Byelaws for Improved Beach Access and Shared Use That the Board resolves to undertake a review of the existing Dog Control Byelaws (as set out in the Port St Mary Commissioners Dog Control Byelaws 2017), with a view to identifying opportunities for improvement that promote fairness, safety, and	

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	enjoyment for all beach users, including dog owners, families, swimmers, and visitors. In particular, the review should: • Reassess seasonal restrictions on dogs on beaches to determine whether current periods of prohibition remain appropriate, proportionate, and enforceable. • Ensure clarity and consistency in signage, enforcement powers, and public communication relating to dog access and restrictions. • Invite community feedback from a broad cross-section of residents and stakeholders – dog owners and non-dog owners alike – to inform any proposed amendments. **WG/LVW Proposed that the Motion is accepted and the current Dog Byelaws are reviewed. All were in favour. Carried.** HK advised that the full Byelaws would be on the August Agenda for further discussion. LVW congratulated WG as a new member for bringing forward a Motion.	HK
5.	Finance: 5.1 Invoices for settlement in July, HK answered various queries. **CH/DS approved the invoices for settlement in July to be paid. All were in favour. Carried.**	MK
6.	Projects: 6.1 Chapel Beach facilities – HK to arrange a beach clean for Easter. 6.2 Highways Updates – Footpath from the top prom currently closed – HK to chase the Department to ensure it does not become a permanent closure. School zone – HK advised that a review is taking place but a response has not yet been received. 20mph zone – HK tabled information received the previous day regarding reviews and to diarise to request data from any review. Residents Parking Permits – WG asked if there had been any update received from the Department. HK to chase.	HK HK HK HK HK

	6.3 Events – Tynwald Day Ceili – Positive feedback for attendance and the running of the event was received. Village in Bloom presentation – Positive feedback on the presentation was received. It was noted that the Events Committee would be meeting on Monday 4th August and Hop tu Naa and Christmas events would be a priority.	HK SAFM
7.	Housing: 7.1 Housing Officers Report – The report was discussed and noted. 7.2 Tenancy Arrears Report – The report was discussed and noted. DS requested that the chart is updated to reflect arrears up to £1,200.	MK
8.	Public Correspondence: 8.1 Correspondence received re boat park – HK to liaise with a local contractor regarding a minor refurbishment of the boat park. HK advised that additional correspondence had been received, which would be included on the next Agenda with a draft response. 8.2 Thank you received regarding Rushen Flower Festival – The correspondence was welcomed and noted. 8.3 Thank you messages received regarding beach changing cabin – DS & WG reported receiving offers of design assistance. HK to send any plans showing water locations etc. It was discussed regarding keeping the cabin out over the winter months.	HK HK HK
9.	Planning Matters 9.1 Planning Applications: 9.1.1 25/90614/B Old Surgery, Lewthwaites Way for conversion of two apartments to one dwelling with alterations to ground floor external windows. **There were no objections.** 9.1.2 25/90639/B Langdale, Gansey for extension of residential curtilage and construction of boundary wall. HK to request an extension for comment to investigate the application further.	DG HK

	9.1 Planning Approvals: 9.2.1 25/90450/B Borrane, The Promenade for construction of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling, installation of new rooflight to rear elevation. **The approval was noted.** 9.2.2 25/90435/B 25 Perwick Road for erection of a summer house and a garden shed to the back garden. **The approval was noted.** 9.2.3 25/90455/B 7 & 7a High Street for conversion of shop to residential unit; replacement of shopfront with infill blockwork/windows, creation of new side entrance, erection of outbuilding to rear; first floor extension with dormer to rear; re-roofing and replacement of windows throughout. **The approval was noted.**	
10.	Policy & Resources: None. 10.1 2nd Supplemental Information 2025 – The report was discussed and noted. HK to check properties. 10.2 Local Government Unit advice regarding declarations/conflicts of interest – The information was discussed and noted. JT checked with all members that they had access to the Handbook. 10.3 Dates – The forthcoming dates were discussed and noted.	HK
11.	Public Consultations: None	
12.	Invitations: 12.1 Methodist Church invitation tabled – HK to circulate electronically.	HK
13.	Any Other Business: 13.1 HK circulated wording for memorial bench for former member Alan Grace, which was approved. 13.2 HK circulated an approach regarding the purchase of Spero and possible Commissioners owned land adjacent. HK to respond and advise that the Board would be open to discussions.	SAFM HK

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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