PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINARY BOARD MEETING

25TH FEBRUARY 2026 at 6.00pm

MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION

Present:	Mrs J Teare (Chairman), Mr D Scott (Vice Chairman), Mr W Gelling, Mrs C Henderson & Mrs G Brunt
Apologies:	Mr L Vaughan-Williams
In Attendance:	Mr M Kemp (Acting Clerk)

1.	1.1 The Chair welcomed the Board, noted that all members were present and declared the meeting open. No interests were declared.	
2.	2.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 4th February 2026 were circulated. **DS/CH proposed that the minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 4th February 2026 be approved. All were in favour. Carried.**	
3.	Matters Arising: 3.1 The Matters Arising Summary and response to public correspondence by the Clerk from the 4th February 2026 meeting were circulated, discussed and noted.	
4.	Motions: 4.2 Motion to support The Year of the Manx Language - 2026 Treealltys: Pohlidal Blien Ny Gaelgey – 2026 The Acting Clerk informed the Board that translations for public communications had been received and were now being checked with Culture Vannin.	
5.	Finance: 5.1 Invoices for settlement in February 2026 were noted and discussed. MK answered the members' questions. **WG/GB proposed that the invoices for settlement in February 2026 be paid. All were in favour. Carried.** The acting clerk agreed to circulate the budget schedule.	MK MK

6.	Projects: 6.1 Chapel Beach The Board noted the agenda item and thanked DS for an excellent presentation and visual. Following discussion, **DS/GB proposed the following:** **That the Chapel Beach Committee is** **1. Given approval to progress plans to construct a Changing and Toilet Facility for Chapel Beach in line with the above proposal.** **2. A written quote to be obtained and approved by the Board for obtaining outline architectural costings.** **3. Authorised to initiate discussions with potential sponsors and Government Grant Agencies to secure funding for construction and report back to the Board.** **4. Authorised to liaise with potential suppliers and subcontractors (including the Commissioners Worksop) to identify detailed costings and a timetabled work plan. This is subject to item 2.3 which is to be put before the Board.** **All were in favour. Carried.** 6.2 Highways The Board noted the update in the pack. 20mph zones The Board noted that the rollout had been paused by the new Department of Infrastructure Minister. Parking Permits The Board noted that the Department of Infrastructure had been written to and that a response was awaited. 6.3 Events The minutes of the last meeting will be circulated to the Board. 6.4 Waste audit data The item was deferred.	DS MK MK

	6.5 Boat park The item was deferred.	
7.	Housing: 7.1 Housing Officers Report The reports were discussed and noted. 7.2 Tenancy Arrears Report The report was discussed and noted. The acting clerk notified the Board that arrears had improved since the report date by £2,011.	
8.	Public Correspondence: 8.1 Landslip The acting clerk informed the Board that a reply to his email to the the new Department of Infrastructure Minister had been received and stated that the Minister had circulated the email to relevant parties who would get in touch to progress the landslip. 8.2 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 The Board noted the information in the agenda item and the appended Clause 5 paper which had been submitted to the Minister and the Local Government Team as formal evidence in opposition to the Clause. The Board agreed that a social media message should be posted the day before the Keys sits to consider Clause 5 amendments. **Accordingly, CH/DS proposed that an infographic be circulated to members for approval, along with the paper submitted to the Minister and an appropriate wording to accompany these items, and that following approval, they be uploaded to the Commissioners' Facebook page on the 9th March 2026. All were in favour. Carried.** Members agreed that the chairman and acting clerk should continue to lead on this item and were thanked for their hard work and progress to date. 8.3 High Street Update	MK MK/JT

	The Board noted the update in the agenda item. The acting clerk informed the Board that a reply to an email to the Director of Highways had been received which stated that the site had been investigated, including ground penetrating radar and trenching works and that the scheme layout will be finalised along with a design for reducing the risk to utilities in the area. A business case had been submitted to Treasury but it was subject to funding and should the scheme go ahead, it was anticipated it would start in September 2026 and run for thirty weeks. A further update will follow once Treasury have considered the business case.	MK
	8.4 Gelling's Avenue and Victoria Street The Board noted the update in the pack the acting clerk's update following receipt of an email from the Director of Highways which stated that there are competing priorities and that condition assessments imply that remedial works can wait until after September 2026. The update also stated that road works were based on needs. The Board requested that the acting clerk write again to the Director of Highways and ask for copies of condition assessments and copies of correspondence requesting delays.	MK
	8.5 Parking Order Revocation The acting clerk informed the Board that an answer to an email requesting clarity on the proposal hadn't been received. The acting clerk explained that he had requested: - DOI outline the changes to parking arrangements; - DOI outline the perceived benefits and why the Department thinks the current scheme is unsuitable; - Stakeholder engagement records were requested along with communications with the Constabulary regarding assurances from the former minister that the police would monitor the area and ticket vehicles; - Details of any changes already implemented. The acting clerk will revert to the Board once a reply has been received.	MK
	8.6 Lieutenant Governor's Visit to Port St Mary The Board noted the update. The Events Committee will revert with further updates.	WG/CH GB
	8.7 Southern 100 The Board noted the information appended to the agenda item.	

9.	Planning Matters 9.1 Planning Applications 25/91028/B – Creg Y Leech, Lime Street for alterations including remove existing duo-pitch roof, build up walls and construct a replacement duo-pitched roof to create a second floor bedroom, Juliet balcony to the front elevation, removal of lean-to roof and replaced with a first floor balcony, first floor window altered to a doorway to the front elevation, northwest side elevation wall to be rendered, remove porch, and installation of ground floor French doors to the front elevation. **GB/WG proposed that the planning application be approved. All were in favour. Carried.** 9.2 Planning Approvals There were no planning approvals.	DG
10.	Policy & Resources: 10.1 Meeting and event dates 2025/26 The Board noted that the Lieutenant Governor's visit was currently scheduled for the 10th June 2026.	
11.	Public Consultations: 11.1 A Framework for an Isle of Man Homelessness Prevention and Support Act consultation The Board noted that the consultation had been submitted following communication with members. 11.2 Health and safety consultations The acting clerk informed the Board that he would continue to complete the consultations as they arose.	MK
12.	Invitations: There Board noted that there were no invitations.	
13.	Any Other Business: 13.1 Political surgery poster The Board noted that LVW, CH, JT and DS would be attending the surgery and agreed that the names on the poster should be listed in alphabetical order. 13.2 Bride Chairman	LVW/CH /JT/DS

	JT informed members of the sad passing of the Bride Chairman, Pamela Kinrade. Members expressed their sadness at the news and the acting clerk was asked to pass onto Bride Commissioners the Board's condolences. 13.3 Regatta GB informed the Board that the Regatta was scheduled for the 23rd May 2026 and confirmed that she would write to members to request use of Commissioners' land.	MK/SAM GB

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 7.02pm.