

PORT ST MARY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINARY BOARD MEETING

25TH MARCH 2026 at 6.00pm

MINUTE – PUBLIC SESSION

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

1.	<p>1.1 The Chair welcomed the Board, noted that all members were present and declared the meeting open.</p> <p>No interests were declared.</p>	
2.	<p>2.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25th February 2026 were circulated. It was noted that item 6.1, bullet point 2 should be amended to include ‘...for architect costs’.</p> <p>DS/GB proposed that, subject to amending item 6.1, the minutes of the ordinary meeting on the 25th February 2026 be approved. LVW abstained due to absence. JT, WG, CH were in favour. Carried.</p>	MK
3.	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>3.1 The Matters Arising Summary and response to public correspondence by the Clerk from the 25th February 2026 meeting were circulated, discussed and noted.</p> <p>GB informed that Board that the date for the Regatta had been moved to the 13th June 2026 and that bands would be present with vessels sailing on the day.</p>	
4.	<p>Motions:</p> <p>4.2 Motion to support The Year of the Manx Language - 2026 Treealltys: Pohlidal Blien Ny Gaelgey – 2026</p> <p>The Acting Clerk informed the Board that translations for public communications were still with Culture Vannin for approval. The Acting Clerk agreed to chase Culture Vannin.</p>	MK

5.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>5.1 Invoices for settlement in March 2026 were noted and discussed. MK answered the members' questions. LVW/DS proposed that the invoices for settlement in March 2026 be paid. All were in favour. Carried.</p>	MK
6.	<p>Projects:</p> <p>6.1 Chapel Beach</p> <p>DS informed members that he had held a productive meeting with the architect who had designed the changing facility. Ownership of the land where the changing facility has been proposed is being investigated.</p> <p>DS explained that the architect will provide an estimate of the full cost of the facility in due course.</p> <p>6.2 Highways</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u></p> <p>The Board noted the update in the pack and the acting clerk's update. The lead officer for footpaths has been redeployed within the Department of Infrastructure and it was confirmed on Manx Budget Day 2026 that there would not be a budget for footpaths, however, the acting clerk will continue to pursue the Department and will update the Board at the next meeting.</p> <p>6.3 Events</p> <p>The Board noted that there is no update.</p> <p>6.4 Waste audit data</p> <p>The item was deferred.</p> <p>6.5 Boat park</p> <p>The item was deferred.</p> <p>6.6 Friendship benches</p> <p>The Board were in agreement that men's mental health was an important issue and wished to help raise awareness. The Board agreed that painting three benches, one for each of IsleListen, Eds Man Club and Hospice was appropriate.</p>	<p>MK/HK</p> <p>DS</p> <p>MK</p>

	CH/GB proposed that, subject to the approval of IsleListen, Eds Man Club and Hospice, that three benches would be painted in the colours of the charities.	MK/MB
7.	<p>Housing:</p> <p>7.1 Housing Officers Report</p> <p>The reports were discussed and noted.</p> <p>7.2 Tenancy Arrears Report</p> <p>The report was discussed and noted. The acting clerk notified the Board that arrears had improved since the report date by £928.</p> <p>DS asked how many oil boilers the Commissioners' operated. The Acting Clerk agreed to report back to the Board with a number.</p> <p>DS/LVW proposed that assistance for tenants be requested from the Isle of Man Government to help vulnerable tenants with energy bills during the ongoing conflict in Iran. All were in favour. Carried.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>MK</p>
8.	<p>Public Correspondence:</p> <p>8.1 Landslip</p> <p>The acting clerk informed the Board that there had been no follow up action taken by the Department of Infrastructure subsequent to the Minister's assurance that concerns had been passed to relevant officers. The acting clerk informed the Board that he would, with the Board's approval, be contacting the Department once more following the meeting.</p> <p>DS/LVW proposed that the Acting Clerk contact the Department of Infrastructure and Treasury to express the urgency of the works needed and to obtain a scope for work to be undertaken. All were in favour. Carried.</p> <p>8.2 Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023</p> <p>The Board noted the information update in the agenda item and the appended Clause 5 paper which had posted to the Commissioners' Facebook page.</p> <p>Members noted that the paper submitted to Tynwald members by the Acting Clerk had been instrumental in delaying Clause 5 and LVW requested that the Board's appreciation of the Acting Clerk's actions and hard work be noted in the minutes. Members ratified the actions of the acting clerk and chairman to date. LVW abstained due to absence at the previous Board meeting.</p> <p>The acting clerk informed the Board that Clause 5 had been deferred to the 28th April 2026 sitting of the House of Keys and that an order paper had been drawn</p>	<p>MK</p>

	<p>up and circulated to northern authorities with the intent to form a joint amenity Board.</p> <p>Members agreed that the chairman and acting clerk should continue to lead on this item and the acting clerk suggested that the infographic on the last page of the paper appended to the agenda item be circulated on the Commissioners' Facebook page on the Monday prior to the Keys sitting. Consequently,</p> <p>LVW/WG proposed that the acting clerk's request to post an infographic to the Commissioners' Facebook page on Monday 27th April 2026 be authorised. All were in favour. Carried.</p> <p>8.3 High Street Update</p> <p>The Board noted the update and email from the Highway Design Team Leader for the Department of Infrastructure which stated that a business case for funding had now been submitted to Treasury. Subject to funding approval, a tender would be generated with works anticipated to begin in September of 2026 for a period of thirty weeks.</p> <p>8.4 Gelling's Avenue and Victoria Street</p> <p>The Board noted that the acting clerk had written to the Director of Highway Services again and noted the email response appended to the agenda item. The Board noted that the acting clerk had sent a follow up email to the Director with a response awaited.</p> <p>8.5 Parking Order Revocation</p> <p>The Board noted the update in the pack and following discussion, agreed that the changes to Zone M would be accepted subject to sight of the Department's communications with the Constabulary. The Board agreed that they do not want the parking provision on Bay View Road changed and requested that the acting clerk relay same to Department of Infrastructure as well as contact the Constabulary to obtain the information.</p> <p>8.6 Lieutenant Governor's Visit to Port St Mary</p> <p>The Board noted the update. The Events Committee will revert with further updates.</p>	<p>MK/JT</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>MK</p> <p>WG/GB /GB/SAM</p>
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	<p>8.7 Commissioners' Surgery</p> <p>The Board agreed that the surgery had been a success with good public engagement. The chairman noted that members of the public had praised the Commissioners' efforts on Clause 5 and were very positive about the changing facility. Members agreed to hold another surgery later in the year.</p> <p>8.8 Defibrillators Update</p> <p>The Board noted the update in the agenda item and requested that the acting clerk minute the Board's appreciation for Mrs Quilliam's (in memory of her husband, Peter) and Commissioners' staffs donations, those being Mark Kemp, Acting Clerk, and Sally-ann Maiden, Administration and Events Officer. The Board were also appreciative of Paul Costain's, Captain of the Parish of Rushen, donation.</p> <p>The chairman informed members that they had been invited by Mrs Quilliam to visit the Rifle Club. Members were asked to liaise with the administration and events officer to coordinate the visit.</p>	Board/ SAM
9.	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>9.1 Planning Applications</p> <p>The Board noted that there were no planning matters to approve.</p> <p>9.2 Planning Approvals</p> <p>There were no planning approvals.</p>	
10.	<p>Policy & Resources:</p> <p>10.1 Meeting and event dates 2026</p> <p>The Board noted the dates in the agenda item.</p>	
11.	<p>Public Consultations:</p> <p>The Board noted the update in the agenda item and that the acting clerk would continue to respond to the consultations, subject to workload.</p>	MK
12.	<p>Invitations:</p> <p>There Board noted that there were no invitations.</p>	
13.	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>None.</p>	

There being no further business the Public Session of the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

J.M. Lee

