

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 at 7:00 pm.

<b>Present:</b>	Mr A Allen	(Chairman)
	Mr S Wilson	(Vice Chairman and Lead Member for Housing)
	Mr A Gibson	(Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
	Mr O Lockwood	(Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
	Miss G Corkish	
	Mr D Quirk	
	Mr R Turton	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Miss A Goldsmith	(Deputy Clerk)
	Mrs S Johnson	(Chief Finance Officer)
	Mr R Forgie	(District Surveyor)
	Miss A Crellin	(Executive Officer/Assistant)
<b>In attendance:</b>	Mr R Phillips	(Chief Executive/Clerk)

**C26/06/01/01**  
**TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT**

Not applicable.

**C26/06/01/02**  
**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS (in accordance with Standing Order 18.3)**

The Chairman asked the Board Members and Officers if they wished to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items due to be considered this evening.

The Chairman reminded the Board Members and Officers that declarations of interests can be recorded now or when the agenda item is due to be considered during the meeting.

**C26/06/01/03**  
**BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**C26/06/01/04**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

Mr Lockwood requested the following amendments:

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| <b>Page 6</b>  | - | <b><u>Unoccupied Urban Sites Register – Public Consultation</u></b> |
|                |   | Second bullet point change “the House of Keys” to “Tynwald”.        |
| <b>Page 14</b> | - | <b><u>Termination of Meeting</u></b>                                |
|                |   | Replace “meeting” with “public meeting”.                            |

Subject to the above amendments, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.**

**C26/06/01/05**

**TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES**

None.

**C26/06/01/06**

**TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

None.

**C26/06/01/07**

**TO DEAL WITH ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE**

None.

**C26/06/01/08**

**PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**(i) PA 26/00466/B Mr & Mrs B McManus – Upper Sulby Farmhouse, Scollag Road**

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the conversion of the existing barns into three self-contained tourist accommodation units, store, estate office, garage and workshop and the erection of boundary walling to create a courtyard, parking area and access track to fields.

In answer to questions, the Chief Executive/Clerk advised:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties;
- The return date for the planning application is the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026;
- It is noted that the Ecosystem Policy Team have commented that they are not currently content with the level of assessment which has been undertaken in relation to bats; and
- Highway Services have no objection to the application.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Mr Wilson and unanimously **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00466/B – Upper Sulby Farmhouse, Scollag Road be recommended for approval subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture** [ODC 15/06/2026]

**(ii) PA 26/00297/B Dr C Gray – 140 Royal Avenue**

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the replacement of a door and windows.

In answer to questions, the Chief Executive/Clerk advised:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the planning application is the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00297/B – 140 Royal Avenue be recommended for approval.**

**(iii) PA 26/00330/B Mr J Moughtin – 26 Furman Close**

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the erection of a single storey extension to the rear elevation of the existing dwelling/house with the formation of a roof balcony.

In answer to questions, the Chief Executive/Clerk advised:

- Comments have been received from a neighbouring property; and
- The return date for the application is the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026; and

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded Mr Turton that planning application 26/00330/B – 26 Furman Close be recommended for refusal on the grounds of loss of privacy.

**For: Mr Gibson, Mr Turton, Mr Allen.**

**Against: Mr Wilson, Mr Lockwood, Mr Quirk, and Miss Corkish.**

***The proposal failed.***

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded Mr Lockwood and **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00330/B – 26 Furman Close be recommended for approval.**

**For: Mr Wilson, Mr Lockwood, Mr Quirk, and Miss Corkish.**

**Against: Mr Gibson, Mr Turton, Mr Allen.**

**C26/06/01/09**

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

None.

**C26/06/01/10**

**CONSIDERATION OF ANY REPORTS FROM THE CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS**

**1. Standing Orders – Update**

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- At the Ordinary Meeting of the Board held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026, it was resolved that the Authority agrees to introduce a structure opportunity for ratepayers of the District to ask prepared questions of the Chairman or relevant Commissioners, in order to enhance transparency, accessibility, and public engagement in the Authority's decision making process for a trial period of three

months and subject to the Authority's Standing Orders being amended accordingly to make such procedural provision; and

- The Board Members are requested to consider the proposed amendments to the Authority's current Standing Orders which now include provisions for ratepayers to ask questions.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Wilson, Miss Corkish, Mr Turton and Mr Gibson noted that they support the proposed amendments to the existing Standing Orders.
- Mr Quirk queried if the Department of Infrastructure Local Government Team have been consulted regarding the proposed updates.
- Mr Lockwood queried if the existing Standing Order 25, relating to questions from Board Members, is suitable for adapting to include questions from ratepayers as well, as proposed.
- Mr Lockwood highlighted that questions from Board Members can be answered orally in public, orally in private or in writing. For questions from ratepayers, the option of an oral answer in private does not apply, so the question must be answered orally in public or in writing. For questions from Board Members that are answered in private, the Board has discretion whether or not to publish the answer, possibly with redactions, in the minutes. For questions from ratepayers, he would expect that any answer provided to the ratepayer would be made public.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that the proposed amendments to the current Standing Orders had not been referred to the Local Government Team for consideration as this is not currently a requirement, but it is noted that once the Local Government Amendment Bill has been implemented, the Local Government Team will need to be consulted regarding changes to Standing Orders.

The Chief Executive/Clerk suggested the matter be deferred to allow further amendments to be made to the Standing Orders to align with Mr Lockwood's comments.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the amended Standing Orders as detailed within the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 be approved and implemented with immediate effect.**

The Chief Executive/Clerk suggested that the new initiative be publicised so that ratepayers of the District become aware that they can submit written questions to the Board Members.

The Board Members agreed that the matter is to be publicised.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that the updated Standing Orders will be circulated to the Board Members for their retention and the electronic version on the Authority's website will also be updated.

## **2. Board Members' Allowances Policy and Procedure – Update**

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- The Authority's Board Members' Allowance Scheme document was due for review in May 2021.
- The current document was based on Douglas City Council's policy document.
- Following a review, it is recommended that the following alterations be considered:

- There are some errors contained within the current document relating to the differing governance structures of the Council and the Authority. It is suggested that these errors be rectified to align with the Authority's governance structure.
  - Change the document from Scheme to Policy and Procedure.
  - That the procedure for completing the allowance claims forms be the responsibility of the Board Members, and not that of the Authority's Officers.
  - Change the allowance claim form to demonstrate that the Chief Executive/Clerk has authorised any payment of allowances; and
  - That the "Approved Duty/Duties"<sup>[ODC 15/06/2026]</sup> list shown in Appendix B be amended based on the Board Members' views.
- Advice has been obtained from the Local Government Team within the Department of Infrastructure regarding this matter.
  - It is advised that the definition of "Approved Duty/Duties"<sup>[ODC 15/06/2026]</sup> for which an allowance can be claimed in the Local Government Act 1985 does not specify all of the possible duties that a Board Member may undertake.
  - It has become apparent that since the Act was passed, the nature of Board Members' duties has evolved beyond the attendance at meetings on which the Act focuses.
  - The definition enables a local authority itself to approve "Approved Duty/Duties"<sup>[ODC 15/06/2026]</sup> to work to.
  - Different local authorities interpret and administer Board/Council Members' allowances differently, so currently there is no recognised rule or list of "Approved Duty/Duties"<sup>[ODC 15/06/2026]</sup> to work to.
  - Currently the Officers of the Authority monitor the Board Members' attendances at Ordinary and Extra Ordinary Meetings only, and payments for allowances are administered on this basis.
  - Details as to how this practice came to be in existence are not available, but it is noted that the current Board Members are not being given the opportunity to claim for all reasonable allowances for which they may be entitled; and
  - The Board Members are asked to consider what approved duties they wish to claim for.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Gibson confirmed that he is in support of the proposed amendments to the policy and procedure, as it was he who asked for it to be reviewed.
- Mr Gibson noted that Board Members do not set out to achieve financial gain from being a political representative, and it is noted that the allowances are minimal; however, it is argued that Board members should be allowed to consider if they wish to claim allowances based upon an agreed list of approved duties, such as attendance at officer meetings when acting as a Lead Member and attending the Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee meetings.
- Mr Turton confirmed that he would rather remain with the current scheme and process of administering Board Members' allowances, and that only claims be made for attendance at Board Meetings, and that the Authority's officers continue to complete the Board Members' claim forms on their behalf.
- Mr Lockwood highlighted that the regulations regarding allowances are due to be replaced under the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023. This does not mean that changes cannot be made now, but it does mean that the Board should avoid making changes that are likely to need to be reversed at a later date.
- Mr Lockwood confirmed that he supports the proposed changes as outlined in points one to four in the introduction to the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026. Regarding proposal five, the proposal is focused on extending the range of in person meetings for which allowances may be claimed beyond Board Meetings; however, many queries Board Members have with officers are most efficiently resolved by e-mail or by telephone, without the need for an in person meeting.

- Mr Lockwood suggested that the Board should specify what the time commitment is for a Lead Member role and use this as the basis for determining a suitable allowance.
- Mr Wilson queried if it is worth the Board considering this matter now, or should it be deferred until the Local Government Bill and the associated regulations and orders come into effect.
- Mr Wilson raised concerns that the proposals could be open to abuse, and that this would negatively affect ratepayers as Board members could claim more allowances than what is currently being claimed.
- Mr Gibson requested that the matter not be deferred and that the Board consider proposals now.
- Mr Gibson reasoned that the Board Members who are in employment and have to take time off from work to attend meetings and other Authority related commitments should be able to claim allowances. It is noted that the allowances claimed are much less than a salary obtained from an employer, but at least it would be fair if an allowance could be claimed.
- Mr Quirk confirmed that he supports Mr Gibson's request that the matter not be deferred, and that it be considered now.
- Mr Quirk stated that people do not stand to be local authority representatives to obtain money, but not making provision for appropriate allowances to be claimed by people who are in employment will put people off from standing for election.
- Miss Corkish, Mr Wilson and Mr Lockwood noted that they are in support of the proposed allowances, including an allowance for Board Members attending the Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee Meetings; and
- Mr Allen highlighted that Board Members can choose not to claim any allowances or extra allowances if they do not wish to; therefore, if Board Members are reasonable, there should not be a risk of misuse of the newly proposed policy and procedure.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that the Board Members need to consider the Approved Duty list contained within the draft policy and procedure, and if required, make amendments to it before recording a resolution.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Turton and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED to approve and implement with immediate effect the Members' Allowance Policy and Procedure dated June 2026 to May 2029.**

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he will circulate the new allowance claims forms to the Board Members to allow them to claim allowances for April and May 2026.

### **3. Onchan Pleasure Park – Event Ground and Vendor Hire Charges**

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- At the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026, the Board requested that information be obtained regarding event ground hire charges at comparable venues and that a report outlining proposed charges be provided for consideration in relation to future events hosted at Onchan Pleasure Park.
- Potential positive impacts of introducing event ground and vendor hire charges are:
  - Increased income – charges generated will provide additional revenue for the Authority that can be used to offset operational and maintenance expenditure.
  - Cost recovery – those who use the facilities will contribute fairly to the costs incurred by the Authority, rather than these being absorbed entirely by ratepayers.

- Supporting long term sustainability of the Park as income can be reinvested into maintaining and improving the facilities.
- Good governance as a formal charging structure encourages more responsible and planned use of the grounds, as well as transparency and equal treatment for all event organisers; and
- Additional charging for event spaces and food vendors' pitches shows fairness towards local businesses who are paying rates, and rent or mortgage payments.
- Potential negative Impacts of introducing event ground and vendor hire charges are:
  - Reduction in usage as some event organisers may be discouraged by the introduction of charges, leading to fewer bookings.
  - Perception of reduced community access as members of the public may feel that charging limits the accessibility of public spaces; however, the Park has in recent years been used for many events, including limitations on access to public spaces.
  - Administrative burden as implementing and managing a charging system will increase workload for the Administration and Finance Departments; and
  - Possible need for concessions or exemptions as the Board may wish to consider discounted rates or waivers for certain groups, which can complicate the Authority's administration processes.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Gibson confirmed that he supports the proposal to obtain an income from event holders, but he is still unsure regarding what charges for food and drink vendors should be implemented.
- Mr Turton and Mr Quirk confirmed that they are in support of the proposed charges as outlined within the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.
- Mr Lockwood queried whether officers have done any analysis of how the charges compare to events which have previously been held in Onchan Pleasure Park or are proposed to be held. Furthermore, ground rent charges for a three day period including setting up and dismantling makes sense provided the events in question are a one day event, with the events being set up the day before and dismantled the day after; however, to accommodate multiple day events, the option should also be considered of specifying a daily charge, possibly with lower daily charges for set up and dismantling as is currently administered at the Villa Marina.
- Mr Lockwood highlighted that Nobles Park charges a separate administration fee, based on the number of attendees rather than the area or number of days. He thinks that it is reasonable not to include this since the number of attendees will be closely correlated with the area. Charging based on the number of attendees also raises questions about what happens when the initial estimate of numbers is inaccurate. In Nobles Park, the discount for charities is only applied to the ground rent, not to the deposit or administration fee.
- Mr Lockwood noted the need to consider whether charities that cancel events should be treated more favourably than commercial businesses that cancel events, as they are for the events that go ahead. If the Board wishes to impose a vendor pitch fee, then he would suggest specifying the criteria under which the fee will be imposed; and
- Mr Wilson insisted that food and drink vendors be charged as this would provide fairness to other similar businesses that are already paying towards the District in relation to rates.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the proposed charges be amended and that the matter be brought back to the Board for further consideration.

#### **4. Unoccupied Urban Sites Register – Public Consultations**

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- The Authority has recently been contacted by the Cabinet Office regarding the Unoccupied Urban Sites Register consultation.
- The deadline for responses is 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

The Chief Executive/Clerk asked the Board Members if they have any comments or amendments to the proposed responses to the consultation.

Mr Lockwood made the following comments:

- He agrees with the proposed response in respect of the sites inside settlement boundaries.
- Currently the register only includes sites large enough for an entire housing complex or trading or industrial estate, whereas vacant plots the size of a single house can also adversely affect local amenity, as can vacant upper floors.
- He is unsure what is sought to be achieved by extending the register to previously developed sites outside the settlement boundaries. These sites will typically be abandoned farms, where the considerations are quite different from those the Island Infrastructure Scheme seeks to address; and
- Regarding the question on undeveloped land outside existing settlements, taken literally this constitutes the great majority of land on the Island.

The remaining Board Members stated that they are in favour of the proposed responses contained within the report of the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the proposed draft responses contained within the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 be submitted on behalf of the Authority, including the amendment suggested by Mr Lockwood in relation to previously developed and undeveloped land<sup>[ODC 15/06/2026]</sup> outside of existing settlement boundaries.

#### **C26/06/01/11**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **1. Douglas City Council – Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme**

A copy of the letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026, received from Douglas City Council providing an update on the status of the planned reform of the Isle of Man Government Superannuation Scheme, copies of which having previously been circulated was noted.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Lockwood suggested that given how close it is to the General Election, it may be more effective for the Authority to make a public statement about the need for local government pensions reform than simply to raise the issue with the current Members of the House of Keys for Onchan and Garff. It is suggested that this will raise the profile of the issue with election candidates.
- Mr Turton stated that it is an issue for the next Tynwald administration to resolve as the incumbents will not prioritise this matter now prior to the General Election; and
- Mr Quirk highlighted that the Chief Minister has already confirmed in writing to the Board that this matter and the associated legislative drafting is not a priority for the current administration.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that a public statement should be made on behalf of the Board to raise awareness of the matter, including the proposed cost savings to ratepayers.

## **2. Regulatory Framework for Charities – Public Consultation**

A copy of the correspondence dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026, received from the Local Government Team in relation to the Attorney General's Chambers launching a public consultation on the regulatory framework for charities in the Isle of Man, copies of which having previously been circulated was noted.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board Members that this public consultation has been brought to the Members' attention as correspondence regarding the matter was addressed to the Authority; however, it is advised that the Authority does not provide a response as the contents of the consultation do not relate to the responsibilities of the Authority.

Mr Lockwood made the following comments:

- He does not believe charities regulation is something the Authority would adopt a collective position on; and
- However, Board Members involved in the running of charities may submit responses on behalf of them.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Authority will not submit a response in relation to the Regulatory Framework for Charities public consultation.

## **3. Onchan AFC – Invitation**

A copy of the invitation received from the Secretary of Onchan AFC inviting a representative to attend the annual awards evening on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, at 7:00 pm at Woodbourne House, copies of which having previously been circulated was noted.

Following a discussion, Mr Turton confirmed that he would attend on behalf of the Authority.

### **C26/06/01/12**

#### **TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 25**

None.

### **C26/06/01/13**

#### **TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS**

##### **1. Motion 81 – Submitted under Standing Order 19**

Mr Allen advised the Board that Mr Wilson had tabled Motion 81 and that it was seconded by Miss Corkish at the previous meeting and that the Board Members can now debate the matter.

Mr Wilson advised that the Motion states *“that the Authority resolves to create and formally adopt a Code of Practice for the Proactive Publication of Information.”*

Mr Turton queried why the Isle of Man Government never adopted the Code of Practice for Public Sector Bodies, and that he has concerns about why this was never progressed.

Mr Wilson confirmed that the Code of Practice was a Council of Ministers proposal, and due to other matters within the Isle of Man Government taking priority, the Code of Practice never progressed; however, it is recommended that the Board consider progressing its own Code to enhance transparency.

Mr Quirk, Mr Gibson and Miss Corkish confirmed that they support the implementation of a Code of Practice.

Mr Lockwood confirmed that he agrees in principle that the Authority should publish information proactively in the interest of accountability and to mitigate the risk that it will be forced to publish it at short notice by a Freedom of Information request. To mitigate this risk, the Authority should ensure as far as possible that the information it publishes is the same as the information that is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. He believes the Authority should follow a policy of keeping strategy level information in separate documents from information relating to specific cases, since the former will usually be disclosable under the Freedom of Information Act and the latter usually will not be. This will avoid the need to redact sensitive information from documents for publication.

Mr Wilson highlighted that he has met with the Chief Executive/Clerk to consider the matter, and it is noted that implementing a Code and the associated work to publicise information will not be an unreasonable burden on the Authority's resources.

Following a discussion it proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the Authority will create and formally adopt a Code of Practice for the Proactive Publication of Information.**

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he will commence drafting a Code of Practice for the Board to consider.

#### **C26/06/01/14**

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES**

None.

#### **C26/06/01/15**

#### **HOUSING MATTERS**

##### **1. Sheltered Housing Communal Areas Policy**

The report of the Housing Manager dated 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board Members with the following overview:

- The Authority recognises the importance of ensuring internal and external communal areas within the Authority's sheltered housing complexes are managed safely and kept free from obstructions and hazards; and
- The policy sets out clear guidance for tenants and officers on the appropriate use of communal areas.

Mr Wilson confirmed that he has reviewed the draft policy with the Housing Manager, and supports the proposal to introduce the guidance for tenants and officers.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the Sheltered Housing Communal Areas Policy be approved and implemented with immediate effect.**

**C26/06/01/16**  
**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. Dates for the Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Onchan Methodist Church	Coffee Morning	10:00 am to 12 noon
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

**C26/06/01/17**  
**ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

**1. Public Consultation Responses**

Mr Wilson requested that the Board Members be more prepared when considering future draft public consultation responses which the Board is being asked to comment on, as it was felt that some Board Members had not reviewed the contents of the Chief Executive/Clerk's report relating to the Unoccupied Urban Sites Register prior to the matter being considered during the meeting, and that the lack of prior meeting preparation extends the length of the meetings unnecessarily.

**2. Ballacurn Trust, Meadow View Properties – Update**

Mr Quirk asked the Chief Executive/Clerk for an update in relation to the Authority's interest in purchasing the vacant properties based on Second Avenue in Onchan.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that he does not have any further updates for the Board since the latest update provided to the Board.

**3. Heywood Court – Commissioners Surgery**

Mr Quirk highlighted that there is due to be a Commissioners Surgery at Heywood Court on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026, and requested that a copy of the notes from the previous surgery be circulated to the Board Members for review.

The Chief Executive/Clerk agreed to circulate the notes following the meeting.

**4. Moor Vannin Offshore Windfarm**

Mr Allen suggested that following this evening's presentation by the representatives on behalf of No Offshore Turbines 4 IOM prior to the Ordinary Board Meeting commencing, a public meeting be held at the HUB, School Road to provide the representatives with an opportunity to engage with ratepayers of the District, and to allow ratepayers to obtain a greater understanding of the matter.

Mr Wilson and Mr Turton recommended that the same opportunity be offered to Ørsted.

Following a discussion, the Members of the Board agreed that public meetings at the HUB should be facilitated to raise public awareness of the matter, and to allow ratepayers to ask questions.

The Chief Executive/Clerk agreed that he would liaise with both parties to progress the matter.

***There being no further business, the public meeting ended at 8:30 pm.***