

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 16th March 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Present:

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	From 7:07 pm
Mr D Quirk	
Mr R Turton	

In attendance:

Mr R Phillips	(Chief Executive/Clerk)
Miss A Goldsmith	(Deputy Clerk)
Mrs S Johnson	(Chief Finance Officer)
Mr R Forgie	(District Surveyor)
Miss A Crellin	(Executive Officer/Assistant)

The Chairman welcomed the new Deputy Clerk to the Authority, and to her first Board Meeting of the Authority.

C26/03/02/01

TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT

Not applicable.

C26/03/02/02

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS (in accordance with Standing Order 18.3)

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

No declarations were recorded.

C26/03/02/03

BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

C26/03/02/04

MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd March ^[DC 30/03/2026] 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

Amendments:

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Minutes

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Delete "Extra" from the first paragraph.

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

Mr Turton did not cast a vote as he was not present at the meeting.

C26/03/02/05

TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES

1. Ballacurn Trust, Meadow View Properties – Update

A Board Member asked the Chief Executive/Clerk for a further 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 had submitted an expression of interest to confirm the Authority's interest in purchasing the properties, and that he has no further update to provide to the Board at this time.

The Board Member asked if an acknowledgement of the Chief Executive/Clerk's submission had been received from the Department of Infrastructure. The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that an acknowledgement had been received.

The District Surveyor noted that the deadline for submission of expressions of interest was not until 20th March 2026, so it is unlikely that any update will be provided until after this date.

C26/03/02/06

TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C26/03/02/07

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

None.

C26/03/02/08

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

(i) PA 26/00075/B Mr S Green – 35 Howe Road

Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the replacement of the flat roof to the west elevation extension with a hipped pitched roof.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the planning application is 27th March 2026.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Mr Wilson and unanimously **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00075/B - 35 Howe Road be recommended for approval.**

C26/03/02/09**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES****1. Authorised Signatories**

To be considered In Committee.

2. 2025/26 – Quarter 3 Management Accounts

To be considered In Committee.

C26/03/02/10**CONSIDERATION OF ANY REPORTS FROM THE CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS****1. 12 Elm Tree Road – Commercial Tenancy Rent Review**

To be considered In Committee.

2. 33 Main Road – Commercial Tenancy Renewal

To be considered In Committee.

3. Onchan Pleasure Park – Ramsey Motorcycle Club Proposal

To be considered In Committee.

C26/03/02/11**CONSIDERATION OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE****1. Rotary Club of Onchan**

A copy of the correspondence dated 24th February 2026, received from the Rotary Club of Onchan, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Members of the Board to consider the correspondence in two parts, as the Club has made two separate requests.

The Board Members agreed with the proposal.

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

- The Rotary Club of Onchan are involved in the worldwide campaign to eradicate the polio virus. It is noted that this has been successful, and polio has been eradicated from 99% of the world.
- One of the initiatives to raise awareness of this campaign is to plant purple crocuses, as purple is the colour of the campaign.
- The Rotary Club wish to participate in the initiative and would like to invite pupils from the two Onchan Primary Schools to plant the bulbs in the Autumn of 2026.
- The Club wishes to identify a prominent position in the Village where a display of the purple crocuses can be seen; and
- The Club has asked for assistance from the Authority in relation to the provision of a site to plant the crocuses and resources to assist the Club and pupils.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Noted that all of the Board Members supported the initiative, and the proposal that the Authority provide areas and resources to plant the crocuses; and
- Suggestions were made in relation to potentially suitable sites within the District where flowers could be planted.

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

- In 2001, members of the Rotary Club designed and built a pathway under the Whitebridge, thereby joining Molly Quirk's Glen to Groudle Glen.
- The original signage located on the Groudle Glen side of the bridge has disappeared.
- This year is the 25th anniversary of the project, and the Club wishes to replace the signage; and
- Have asked if the Authority would assist the Club with the erection of the new signage provided by the Club.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Rotary Club of Onchan be:

- **Permitted to plant purple crocuses within areas of land owned by the Authority to assist in raising awareness of polio eradication. Furthermore, resources will be provided by the Authority to assist with the planting; and**
- **Assisted by the Authority to erect new signage in Groudle Glen to signify the 25th anniversary of the Club constructing the bridge that connects Groudle Glen to Molly Quirk's Glen.**

2. Port St Mary Commissioners – Mona's Queen III Anchor Memorial Service

A copy of the invitation received from Port St Mary Commissioners inviting the Chairman to attend their annual Mona's Queen III Anchor Memorial Service on Friday 29th May 2026, at 7:00pm at the Anchor Memorial Site, Kallow Point, Port St Mary, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

It was requested that the matter be brought back to the Ordinary Meeting of Monday 27th April 2026.

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TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 25

None.

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TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS

None.

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ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. Onchan Pleasure Park – Multi Play Equipment (Toddlers)

The report of the Environmental and Technical Services Manager, dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The District Surveyor advised the Board of the following:

- The report is brought to the attention of the Board to highlight the requirement to remove a piece of play equipment from Onchan Pleasure Park due to its deteriorating and unsafe condition.
- There is a piece of Multi Play (Toddler) equipment situated in the lower section of Onchan Pleasure Park, which has no installation date or manufacturer's instructions, meaning its exact age cannot be determined.
- During the last five years, there have been remedial works undertaken to keep the equipment serviceable; however, numerous findings requiring prompt action were highlighted following the last annual playground inspection.

- The inspections are carried out by a registered external consultant. The findings from the inspections are as follows:-
 - There is a section of framing which has a rotting piece of plywood covering the frame to prevent rusty metal debris from falling on park users. The frame has corroded excessively, and there is no substantial metal left in parts.
 - Parts of the structure have insert panels which prevent falls. Some of these have been deemed to be in breach of BSEN 1176 (Part 1) and are not as per the intended design, leaving the Authority accountable for the design of equipment.
 - There are several dents present on the slide surface and the metal deck surface, which require attention. In line with this, the sheet metal on the deck and sides is risking entrapment issues for the user's fingers and feet; and
 - There are also numerous fixings which have corroded excessively.
- Due to the cost to repair this item and address all the findings of the report, it is recommended that this piece of equipment is beyond economical repair. The cost to replace the equipment has been quoted in the region of £16,000.
- The Authority would retain liability for the design of this equipment, despite the repairs being undertaken by a party other than the original manufacturer.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Noted that all of the Board Members favoured removing the equipment as soon as possible to avoid any risks to children and liability to the Authority.
- Concerns were raised regarding the loss of an amenity once the equipment is removed.
- Some Board Members supported the replacement of the equipment as soon as possible and to fund the expenditure from the Authority's General Reserves, rather than waiting until a new financial year and District Rate setting process.
- Some Board Members favoured allowing more time to obtain varying designs and quotations for the Board to consider, and that the funding be a consideration for the new financial year and District Rate setting process.
- Requested that designs and quotations be obtained and presented at the next Board Meeting for consideration; and
- Requested that the replacement equipment be accessible for all users, including those with physical limitations.

The District Surveyor highlighted that it is very unlikely that designs and quotations will be obtained from suppliers and installers ready for consideration at the next Board Meeting; however, his Department will endeavour to get the requested information as soon as possible for the Board Members to consider.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board Members that the Authority may be able to apply for a grant from the Manx Lottery Trust for funding to assist with the purchase and installation of replacement equipment, rather than having to fully fund the works from the Authority's General Reserves or inclusion within a future budget and District Rate setting process.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that the multi play (toddler) equipment located within Onchan Pleasure Park be removed as soon as possible and to make the surrounding area safe. Furthermore, the Authority's officers report back to the Board with designs and quotations for replacement equipment, including options for inclusive equipment, as soon as possible.**

2. Phase 2 Street Lighting – Materials Procurement

To be considered In Committee.

C26/03/02/15
HOUSING MATTERS

1. Housing Allocation – Appeal

To be considered In Committee.

2. Additional Resident – Request

To be considered In Committee.

C26/03/02/16
CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dates for the Diary

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
16 th March 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
30 th March 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

The Chairman advised that the Authority’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2026.

C26/03/02/17
ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. Springfield Court Sheltered Housing Complex – Handrail Update

A Board Member asked for an update regarding the installation of the new handrail at Springfield Court between the car park and Phase 1, as was previously approved and instructed by the Board.

The District Surveyor confirmed that suppliers have been contacted to provide quotations. It was noted that to date, no quotations have been received, but he will progress the matter so that an update can be provided at the next Board Meeting.

2. Onchan Silver Band Hall

A Board Member raised that mud had been thrown at the wall of the Onchan Silver Band Hall adjacent to the Authority’s play area, and that the matter had been reported to the Isle of Man Constabulary to resolve, as it was considered to be vandalism. It was requested that the Authority consider the drainage within the adjacent play area, as the ground is very wet and has been disturbed, which formed part of the issue experienced.

The Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services highlighted that the inclement weather had been excessive recently, and has most likely led to the ground within the play area to become saturated, and that it is unlikely that the Authority can do anything to resolve the issue.

The Chairman noted that this is a matter for the Isle of Man Constabulary to resolve, not the Authority. He is hopeful that this is an isolated incident and suggested that the Onchan Silver Band consider installing closed circuit televisions for future use.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that the Deputy Clerk is due to attend a meeting with the Eastern Neighbourhood Policing Team tomorrow, so the matter can be raised during the meeting, as well as all policing matters relating to the District.

3. **Belgravia Road – Campervans**

A Board Member highlighted that there is still an issue with campervans parking on Belgravia Road, as well as the condition of the line markings of the disabled parking space. It was noted that the Board Member has reported both issues to the Department of Infrastructure to request that action be taken.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board Members of the following:

- He has recently successfully engaged with the Eastern Neighbourhood Policing Team and the Vehicle Examination Centre to have vehicle inspections undertaken, and six unroadworthy vehicles have been removed from the area; and
- When the Board met with the Minister for Infrastructure, Mr Tim Crookall, recently, the Minister agreed that he would review the proposed parking restriction proposals for Belgravia Road that the previous Minister for Infrastructure did not progress. The Chief Executive/Clerk further advised that it was agreed that he would prepare a report for the Minister based upon the Authority's previous attempts to resolve highway related issues on Belgravia Road.

The Chairman requested that the Chief Executive/Clerk circulate his report to the Board for consideration prior to issuing it to the Minister.

The Chief Executive/Clerk also confirmed that he will report the condition of the line markings to the disabled parking space on Belgravia Road to the Department of Infrastructure.

4. **Heywood Court – Commissioners Surgery**

A Board Member highlighted that a number of maintenance issues had been raised at the latest Heywood Court Commissioners Surgery, which he attended on Tuesday 3rd March 2026. It was requested that an update be provided in relation to the installation of new soap dispensers and boundary fencing.

The District Surveyor confirmed that he did not have the information available as to where the maintenance tasks were up to, but agreed to provide an update at the next Ordinary Board Meeting.

There being no further business, the public meeting ended at 7:31 pm.

C26/03/02/18

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

1. **Authorised Signatories**

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Chief Finance Officer, dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Finance Officer advised the Board of the following:

- The Authority has a number of officers who are included as authorised signatories for the Isle of Man Bank and HSBC Bank, so that they can act on behalf of the Authority in respect of their bank and loan accounts held with both banks.
- The Authority's authorised signatories will need to be updated to include the new Deputy Clerk as she is now in post.
- Subject to approval of the Board, the following officers will be approved as authorised signatories for Authority in respect of Bank and Loan accounts held with the Isle of Man Bank and HSBC Bank:

➤ Mr Ross Phillips	-	Chief Executive/Clerk
➤ Mrs Stephanie Johnson	-	Chief Finance Officer
➤ Miss Anna Goldsmith	-	Deputy Clerk
➤ Mr Ryan Forgie	-	District Surveyor
➤ Mrs Susan Yule	-	Finance Department Manager

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED** that:

- **Miss Anna Goldsmith be added as an authorised signatory to the Authority’s bank and loan accounts held with the Isle of Man Bank and HSBC Bank.**
- **The authorised signatories for Onchan District Commissioners will be any two of the following signing jointly:-**
 - **Mr Ross Phillips** - **Chief Executive/Clerk**
 - **Mrs Stephanie Johnson** - **Chief Finance Officer**
 - **Miss Anna Goldsmith** - **Deputy Clerk**
 - **Mr Ryan Forgie** - **District Surveyor**
 - **Mrs Susan Yule** - **Finance Department Manager**

“together the Authorised Signatories”

And that:

- 1.1 A banking relationship will be maintained with the Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited trading as the Isle of Man Bank Limited and HSBC Bank (“the Banks”) and that this Mandate will apply to all existing and future Accounts of the Customer with the Banks.**
- 1.2 The Authorised Signatories are the individuals identified above, or on a separate Authorised Signatory List, as amended from time to time.**
- 1.3 The Authorised Signatories may, in accordance with the Signing Rules or as set out on a separate Authorised Signatory list, on behalf of the Customer:**
 - 1.3.1 Sign cheques, or give instructions for Standing Orders, Direct Debits, banker’s drafts and other payments from the Accounts, even if it causes an Account to be overdrawn or exceed any limit.**
 - 1.3.2 Sign, accept or endorse bills of exchange or other orders and give instructions for discounting inland or foreign bills.**
 - 1.3.3 Close Accounts with credit balances.**
- 1.4 The Authorised Signatories identified in the Signing Rules for unlimited amounts may, in accordance with the Signing Rules, on behalf of the Customer:**
 - 1.4.1 Open new Accounts with the same Signing Rules and Authorised Signatories and agree the Account terms for Accounts.**
 - 1.4.2 Give instructions for the issue of Letters of Credit, Bonds or Guarantees.**
 - 1.4.3 i) Approve any sign any agreement with the Banks for the Customer to use the Banks’ electronic banking service.**

SWIFT or other electronic means to instruct the Banks to made payments or open and operate the Accounts, or otherwise to communicate with or instruct the Banks.

- ii) accept the relevant electronic banking or other Terms or agreement; and**
- iii) agree and sign or accept any other document required for the provision of an electronic banking or communication service.**

1.4.4 Receive and authorise others to receive, the security devices in relation to the operation of electronic banking.

1.4.5 Appoint electronic banking Administrators and Payment Authorisers or Authorised Users who have important payment and other powers in relation to the Customer's use of electronic banking, including (in some systems) the appointment of Authorised Users with authority to create payments or transactions and setting their limits. The Authorised Signatories may appoint themselves.

Any existing electronic banking or communications agreement and the appointment of electronic banking Administrators, Payment Authorisers and Authorised Users, will continue until the Authorised Signatories request any changes.

1.5 Any of the Authorised Signatories may, on behalf of the Customer:

1.5.1 Give other instructions to or request information from the Banks in relation to the Accounts.

1.5.2 Give instructions to close Accounts with nil balances.

1.5.3 Give instructions to withdraw securities, documents or articles lodged for safe custody.

1.5.4 Request that an Account be removed from or added to electronic banking.

1.5.5 Request the removal of electronic banking Administrators, Payment Authorisers or Authorised Users.

1.6 The Banks may accept instructions that do not have an original written signature if the Banks are satisfied that the instruction is genuine and subject to any other agreement the Banks may require for those instructions.

1.7 Any Authorised Representative of the Customer may give notice to the Banks to change any Signing Rules or as set out on a separate Authorised Signatory list, and/or add or remove an Authorised Signatory above or the separate list.

1.8 The Customer accepts that the authority for entering into foreign exchange and money market deposit transactions (other than through electronic banking) is not governed by the terms of this Mandate.

- 1.9 **The Customer accepts that if a winding up petition is presented against the Customer, the Banks may refuse to make payments out of the Accounts.**
- 1.10 **The Customer will keep the Banks informed of any changes to the Authorised Representatives of the Customer.**
- 1.11 **This Mandate will continue until the Customer gives the Banks a replacement Mandate.**

2025/26 – Quarter 3 Management Accounts

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The 2025/26 Quarter 3 management accounts, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered and noted.

The Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes advised the Board Members of the following:

- He does not believe these management accounts show any major cause for concern in relation to the Authority's finances to date; and
- It is recommended that the management accounts for the full year be provided for the Ordinary Board Meeting due to be held on Monday 27th April 2026, which is the final meeting before the Annual General Meeting. It is noted from previous minutes relating to previous Boards that full year management accounts have not been provided in the past. It is suggested that it would be useful to undertake a comparison of the financial position shown by such management accounts and by the year end accounts, as such a comparison would serve as a check on the year end accounts.

The Chairman and the Chief Finance Officer highlighted that previous Boards had agreed that management accounts for the final quarter of the financial year would no longer be provided and reported upon due to the year end accounts being provided to Board Members for consideration.

The Chief Finance Officer confirmed that if the Board Members wish for the final quarter management accounts to be prepared and considered she will undertake the work required, but it is highlighted that the figures provided will not be fully accurate as many adjustments will not have been made at that time in relation to outstanding expenditure, usually relating to the late receipt of invoices from maintenance contractors working on behalf of the Authority.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Some Board Members explained their confusion and understanding of the different figures displayed within the two sets of accounts.
- Some Board Members favoured the Chief Finance Officer providing the final quarter management accounts for consideration for this year; and
- Some Board Members favoured continuing with the existing practice of considering the year end accounts, rather than comparing them against a final quarter management accounts.

The Chairman concluded the discussion and asked the Board Members if they wished for the Chief Finance Officer to focus her time on preparing the year end accounts rather than producing final quarter management accounts.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Finance Officer will provide the Board with the final quarter management accounts for consideration at the Ordinary Meeting due to be held on Monday 27th April 2026.

C26/03/02/19

CONSIDERATION OF ANY REPORTS FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

1. 12 Elm Tree Road – Commercial Tenancy Rent Review

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board of the following:

- The current tenancy of Jones Mixed Martial Arts and Fitness for the above mentioned premises is due for a rent review for years four and five of the tenancy.
- The rent for the first three years of the tenancy term was fixed.
- The tenant does not have any arrears in relation to rent, rates, or refuse charges during the current lease term.
- Deanwood Estate Agents have advised that the current level of rent received per annum is reasonable; and
- Sustaining reliable tenants without arrears is a positive position of the Authority.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Mr Gibson and unanimously **RESOLVED that the rent per annum for Jones Mixed Martial Arts and Fitness at 12 Elm Tree Road for years four and five of the current tenancy be fixed at the current rent payable per annum.**

2. 33 Main Road – Commercial Tenancy Renewal

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board of the following:

- The tenancy for Melissa May Limited for the above mentioned tenancy is due to expire on the 30th June 2026.
- The tenant has requested that the tenancy be renewed.
- The current tenancy is based on a five year term, with a five per cent rental increase in each year.
- The tenant does not have any arrears in relation to rent, rates, or refuse charges during the current lease term.
- Deanwood Estate Agents have advised that the current level of rent received per annum is reasonable; and
- Sustaining reliable tenants without arrears is a positive position of the Authority.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Mr Gibson and unanimously **RESOLVED that Melissa May Limited be offered a new tenancy at 33 Main Road, based on the following terms:**

- **A five year tenancy term; and**
- **A fixed rent for three years, followed by a rent review in years four and five of the term.**

3. Onchan Pleasure Park – Ramsey Motorcycle Club Event Proposal

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board of the following:

- Members of the Ramsey Motorcycle Club (“the RMC”) approached the Authority in late 2025 to inquire about renting Onchan Stadium to host part of a proposed international motorcycling event during 2027.
- The date of the event is yet to be confirmed, but it is proposed that it will take place in the Summer of 2027.
- The event format is similar to that of a car rally, where competitors are racing against the clock, and are timed in sections, otherwise known as tests, and then have a time allowance to make it between the tests. This usually takes place over a Saturday and Sunday.
- As part of the business case proposal to the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (“the FIM”) and the Isle of Man Government, venues need to be obtained to host different parts of the event.
- Part of the event entails a Friday evening prologue before the main event takes place on Saturday and Sunday. The RMC would like Onchan District Commissioners to consider allowing Onchan Stadium to be used to host the Friday evening prologue event.
- A prologue is where riders compete two-at-a-time in a head-to-head race over man-made obstacles to create a spectacle in a confined area, such as a stadium.
- It is noted that the Authority does have permission to use the Stadium for several days per year, but prior notice has to be given to the tenant, which is Onchan Raceway Limited. The tenant has been made aware of the proposal, and in principle, is not opposed to the event, subject to obtaining more details.
- It is proposed that the Authority receives a rent for the use of the premises, as well as the potential to obtain additional income by operating the Onchan Pleasure Park attractions during the event.
- It is proposed that if the event were to proceed, it would bring a large number of people to the District, which would in turn benefit some local businesses.
- It is highlighted that as part of the event application, the RMC will have to engage with local stakeholders, such as the local schools or charity organisations, to take part in an opening ceremony; and
- It is noted that the event is to be televised as part of the requirement of hosting the event.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- The majority of the Board Members favoured the Stadium being used as a proposed venue to assist the RMC with their event application.
- Highlighted that events such as this assist with tourism for the Isle of Man, and create good publicity for the Island.
- Suggested that local businesses will benefit from competitors travelling to the Island to complete, as well as members of the public who will support the event; and
- Commented that the event should have a positive financial impact on the Authority, provided the event risks in relation to infrastructure damage can be satisfactorily mitigated.

A Board Member raised concerns about what the event is going to cost the Authority. It is highlighted that there are minimal details at present that show what level of contribution is required from the Authority in relation to resources, and the Board Members need to question what the Authority will gain from the event.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that it is not intended that the Authority is required to provide resources to administrate the event, and at present, the Board are only being asked to consider if the RMC can include the Stadium as a proposed venue for its application. It was also confirmed that if the RMC were successful in obtaining approval to host the event, the RMC would be requested to provide an event plan to the Authority and the Board for consideration before any rental agreement is finalised.

Following a further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Mr Wilson unanimously **RESOLVED that the Board agrees to allow Ramsey Motorcycle Club to include Onchan Stadium as a venue as part of the business case application to the Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme and the Isle of Man Government to host an event round in 2027.**

C26/03/02/20

ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

1. Phase 2 Street Lighting – Materials Procurement

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the District Surveyor dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The District Surveyor advised the Board of the following:

- On Monday 8th September 2025, the Board resolved to submit a petition under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1985 to apply for borrowings in the sum of £897,245 to be repaid over twenty years to fund the street lighting scheme for Birch Hill.
- As part of the project, officers wish to purchase the materials required in relation to feeder pillars and six metre galvanised columns. The total figure quoted for supply by the Authority's chosen providers exceeds the current purchasing threshold within the Authority's Standing Orders on the Making of Contracts.
- It is proposed that the Authority continues to use Lucy Zodian to provide feeder pillars, and Valmont Industries for galvanised columns, as these products are what is the standard specification in use throughout the District during the Phase 1 street lighting refurbishment project; and
- It is requested that the Board consider approving the procurement of materials from Lucy Zodian and Valmont Industries by utilising an exemption under the Authority's Standing Orders on the Making of Contracts 7.1 (a) (i), which states, "*Nothing in these Standing Orders shall require tenders or quotes to be invited where:*
 - (a) *In case of contracts for the supply of goods or materials:*
 - (i) *the goods or materials are proprietary articles supplied only by one person or company, and are sold only at a fixed price and no reasonably satisfactory alternative is available."*

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Gibson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the feeder pillars and galvanised columns for the Phase 2 street lighting refurbishment project in Birch Hill be supplied by Lucy Zodian and Valmont Industries, and that the procurement of these materials be approved by exemption under the Authority's Standing Orders for the Making of Contracts 7.1 (a) (i).**

C26/03/02/21
HOUSING MATTERS

1. Social Housing Allocation – Appeal

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Housing Manager dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

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

- A housing applicant may apply for general needs public sector housing provided that the applicant can be accepted for inclusion on the Authority's housing waiting list in line with the uniform policy criteria.
- An applicant's housing application was considered in line with the relevant criteria for public sector housing, but the application was refused; and
- An appeal has been submitted against the decision and is submitted for the Board Members' consideration.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the housing appeal for Housing Applicant 5075 be refused.**

2. Social Housing – Additional Resident Request

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Housing Manager dated 16th March 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

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

- In line with the terms and conditions of the Tenancy Agreement it states, "*Not to assign or sublet or part with possession of the property or any part thereof nor take or retain any relatives, boarders or lodgers to reside with them nor to use the benefit of this agreement to obtain any credit facility without the written consent of the Landlord previously obtained in writing.*"
- The tenant completed a request for an additional occupant to reside in their home, but the application was considered and refused; and
- An appeal has been submitted to appeal the refusal for the additional occupant, which has been presented to the Board Members for consideration.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the decision of the Housing Manager to refuse the additional resident request be upheld.**

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ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:18 pm.