

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7:00 pm

Present: Miss K Williams (Chair)
 Mr D Quirk (Vice Chair)
 Mr A Allen
 Mr D Crellin
 Miss Z Lewin (Lead Member for Finance & General Purposes)
 Ms F Logan (Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
 Mr R Turton (Lead Member for Housing)

In attendance: Mr R Phillips (Chief Executive/Clerk)

C23/01/02/01

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

Not necessary.

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

None.

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MINUTES

1. Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

Amendments:

Page 7 amend "Onchan Park – 2022/23 opening dates/hours" to Onchan Park – 2023/24 opening dates/hours.

Page 8 amend "it was requested by Mr Turton" to it was requested by Mr Turton.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Quirk and seconded by Mr Crellin and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

Mr Allen and Miss Lewin did not cast a vote as they were not present at the meeting.

2. Staff Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022

To be considered In Committee.

C23/01/02/04

TO DISPOSE OF ANY RELEVANT BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES

None.

C23/01/02/05

TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C23/01/02/06TO DEAL WITH ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

None.

C23/01/02/07PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE1. Plans to the Board

(a) The following plans were considered by the Board:-

(i) **PA 22/0846/B Mr B McManus – Upper Sulby Farmhouse, Scollag Road**

Members were advised that the planning application is for the erection of a poly-tunnel (amended plans)

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

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is the 3rd February 2023..

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 22/22/0846/B – Upper Sulby Farmhouse, Scollag Road be recommended for approval.**

(ii) **PA 22/01535/B Mr A Bell – 24 Seafeld Crescent**

Members were advised that the planning application is for a garage extension to the side of the house to provide more living accommodation and for the installation of a flue.

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

- Neighbouring properties had been notified; and
- The return date for the application is the 27th January 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 22/001535/B – 24 Seafeld Crescent be recommended for refusal.**

iii) **PA 23/00004/B Mr J Wheeler – 95 Wybourn View**

Members were advised that the planning application is for an extension to the existing driveway to accommodate 2 vehicles.

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

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is the 3rd February 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 23/00004/B be recommended for approval subject to the Highways comments.**

(v) PA
23/00014/B

Mr L Lipinski – 62 Majestic Drive

Members were advised that the planning application for proposed alteration to create ancillary accommodation to existing garage block and new roof to the property.

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

- Neighbouring properties had been notified; and
- The return date for the application is the 10th February 2023.

After a discussion, it was agreed that PA 22/00014/B – 62 Majestic Drive be deferred to the Board Meeting of the 6th February 2023 to allow for comments to be received from the public.

(vi) PA
23/00015/B

Onchan District Commissioners – Bowling Green, Onchan Park

Members were advised that the planning application is the demolition of the existing clubhouse and erection of a log cabin to be used as a clubhouse for the Flat Green Bowling Club.

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

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is the 10th February 2023.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Authority would not provide any comments in relation to PA 23/00015/B – Bowling Green, Onchan Park due to the Authority submitting the planning application.

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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Onchan Park – Kiosk Operators

To be considered In Committee.

2. Surveyors Department – Staffing

To be considered In Committee.

3. Bowling Green Fees

To be considered In Committee.

4. 2023/24 Budget Review

To be considered In Committee.

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REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

None.

C23/01/02/10**CONSIDERATION OF ANY RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

C23/01/02/11**TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

None.

C23/01/02/12**TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS**

None.

C23/01/02/13**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES**

None.

C23/01/02/14**HOUSING MATTERS**

1. **Elderly Persons Complexes – Installation of Defibrillators**

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with an overview in relation to the defibrillators which had now been installed at the Elderly Persons Complexes.

C23/01/02/15**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Chair's Attendances**

None.

1. **Dates for the Diary**

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
27 th January 2023	Onchan Baptist Church	Link Meeting	7:00 pm
27 th January 2023 to 29 th January 2023	Onchan Methodist Church	Anniversary Weekend	See website for details
29 th January 2023	Holocaust Memorial Day Committee	Holocaust Memorial Day Service – St Mary's Church	3:00 pm
6 th February 2023	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

C23/01/02/16**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Dilapidated Properties**

Mr Quirk stated that he had brought it to the attention of the Board in 2020 that 22 Third Avenue was in a dilapidated state and asked the Board what options does the Authority have to progress this matter. The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that the property was recently under

offer for sale following the property being advertised via a local estate agent. The sale had not progressed so the matter is due to go back before the courts for consideration.

2. **Brownfield Sites**

Miss Lewin asked if there are any proposal for brownfield sites in Onchan and also suggested the former Molly Kitchen site could be considered as a compulsory purchase.

Mr Quirk suggested that the comprehensive treatment area in Second Avenue could also be considered.

Mr Crellin highlighted that these sites had been approached by the Authority previously in relation to purchase and re-development.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive/Clerk would continue to investigate any potential land for purchase within the district.

The Public session of the Meeting ended at 19:35 pm

C23/01/02/17 **MINUTES**

1. **Staffing Minutes of the Ordinary Board Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023**

See Staff Minute Book.

C23/01/02/18 **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

1. **Onchan Park – Kiosk Operators**

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

The Report of the District Surveyor dated 23rd January 2023, having previously been circulated was considered and discussed. .

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with an overview in relation to the Onchan Park Kiosk Operators.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Crellin and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that the Authority allow for the employment of 2 part time Kiosk Operators for 2023/24 season.**

2. **Surveyors Department – Staffing and Service Provision**

See Staff Minute Book.

3. **Bowling Green Fees**

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

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with an overview in relation to the above mentioned matter.

Mr Allen and Mr Turton discussed the Authority's support of the bowling greens and the running costs which are associated with them.

Miss Lewin and Mr Turton asked how many players are there for each club and the total income accrued.

Mr Crellin stated consideration should be made to increase the charges in order to recoup some of the Authority's maintenance costs.

Mr Turton suggested that the Sports Council could be approached to see if they would be interested in taking over the running of the Bowling Greens.

Mr Turton stated that he agrees to increase the charges at tonight's meeting subject to the feasibility study regarding the viability of the greens. It was agreed that the Chief Executive/Clerk would bring back a report for consideration in relation to the matter.

After a discussion it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Allen and unanimously **RESOLVED that the following fees be approved:**

	Current Fee	2023/24 Fees
	£	£
Adult Fee	£62.50	£70.00
Seniors Fee	£52.00	£60.00
Junior Fee	£15.00	£15.00
Bowling Festivals (for two festivals)	£1,350	£1,400
Hut Charges	£200	£300
	(per season)	(per season)
Greenage Fee	£100	£125

4. **2023/24 – Budget Review**

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

The budget review documentation having previously been circulated was considered and discussed.

4.1 **Main Road Toilets**

After a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Lewin and seconded by Mr Quirk and **RESOLVED that the additional funding required in relation to the refurbishment of Main Road toilets be taken from reserves.**

For: *Mr Quirk, Ms Logan, Mr Turton and Miss Lewin*
Against: *Miss Williams, Mr Allen and Mr Crellin*

4.2 **Replacement Garage Doors**

After a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Lewin and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that the funding required to replace 16 garage doors during the 2023/24 financial year be taken from the Authority's reserves.**

4.3 **The Rec Lights**

After a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Lewin and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that the funding required in relation the installation of street lighting across the Rec pathway and arena area be taking from the Authority's reserves.**

4.4 Centenary Park - Entrance

After a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Lewin and seconded by Mr Crellin and **RESOLVED** that the funding required in relation to the works in relation to the Centenary Park entrance be taking from the Authority's reserves.

For: Miss Williams, Mr Quirk, Mr Allen, Ms Logan, Mr Crellin and Miss Lewin

4.5 Kenyons Café – Alterations

After a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Lewin and seconded by Mr Crellin and unanimously **REOSLVED** that the funding required in relation to the alterations in relation to Kenyons Café be taken from the Authority's reserves.

4.6 Refuse – Replacement Tipper

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Authority lease a replacement tipper for the Refuse Department and that the lease be taken over 5 years. It was agreed that the existing vehicle would be sold in line with the Authority's Standing Orders.

Resolutions

After a discussion, it was agreed that a total of £63,000 be taken from the Authority's reserves in relation to the above.

After discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Allen and **RESOLVED** that the Authority's 2023/24 rate be increased by 28p to 373 p in the pound which is equivalent to 7.8%

For: Miss Williams, Mr Allen, Ms Logan Mr Crellin and Miss Lewin
Against: Mr Quirk and Mr Turton

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ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 22:00 pm