

# ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

*Hawthorn Villa,  
79 Main Road, Onchan.*

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## ORDINARY MEETING

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*22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023*

Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY Meeting of the Authority** to be held in the Boardroom at **HAWTHORN VILLA, 79 MAIN ROAD, ONCHAN** to transact the undernoted business on:

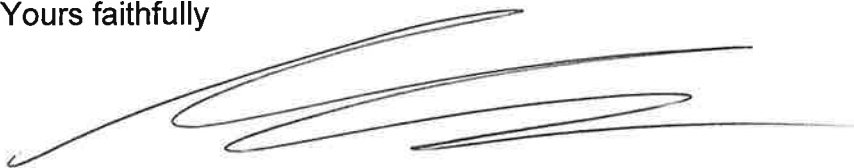
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**7:00 pm - Board Meeting**

which will be followed by a meeting of the Board sitting **IN COMMITTEE**. Items on this agenda marked **(P)** will be considered in private, and correspondence is circulated separately.

**Please note that the minutes referred to in the agenda have yet to be confirmed by the Authority as a true and correct record of proceedings at the various meetings, and will be published after ratification.**

Yours faithfully



**R PHILLIPS  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CLERK**

## AGENDA

*The order of business at every meeting of the authority shall be in accordance with that laid down in Standing Order No. 24 unless varied by the Chairman at his discretion (with the exception of items 1, 2, 3 or 4 which cannot be varied) or by a resolution duly moved and seconded and passed on a motion which shall be moved and put without discussion.*

**1. To choose a person to preside if the Chair and Vice-Chair be absent.**

None.

**2. To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business.**

None.

**3. To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the:-**

**3.1** Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Appendix 3.1)

**3.2 (P)** Staff Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Appendix 3.2)

**4. To dispose of any relevant business arising from such minutes if not referred to in the Minutes of any Special Committee:-**

None.

**5. To dispose of any relevant business adjourned from a previous meeting:-**

None.

**6. To deal with any business expressly required by statute to be done:-**

None.

**7. To consider any planning decisions/communications from the Department of Infrastructure Planning Committee:-**

**7.1 Plans for Consideration**

(Appendix 7.1)

	PA Reference	Applicant/Address	Return Date
(a)	PA 23/01113/B	Mr P Buckleigh - Garey Ween, Hague Drive	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
(b)	PA 23/01292/B	Ms J T Kissack -20 Snaefell Crescent	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2023
(c)	PA 23/01267/B	DHSOB AFC - Blackberry Lane	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
(d)	PA 23/01333/B	Mr M J Thomas - 32 Sunnybank Avenue	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

**8. Finance and General Purposes:-**

- 8.1 (P) Onchan Park 2024/25 Year End Charges (Appendix 8.1)  
8.2 (P) Miscellaneous Charges 2024/25 (Appendix 8.2)

**9. Consideration of any Reports from the Clerk or other Officer:-**

- 9.1 (P) Onchan Park Kiosk Operator (Appendix 9.1)  
9.2 (P) Centenary Park Entrance Road (Appendix 9.2)  
9.3 (P) Grass Cutting Tender (Appendix 9.3)

**10. Consideration of any relevant correspondence (already circulated unless indicated):-**

- 10.1 Consultation on Principles – Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Appendix 10.1)  
10.2 Manx Shop Fronts (Appendix 10.2)  
10.3 Onchan Silver Band Christmas Concert (Appendix 10.3)

**11. To answer any questions asked under Standing Order 34:-**

To be confirmed.

**12. To answer any Motions in the order in which notice has been received:-**

None.

**13. Environmental and Technical Services:-**

None.

**14. Housing Matters:-**

- 14.1 Housing Allocations Update (Appendix 14.1)  
14.2 (P) Permission to Operate Business from Home Address (Appendix 14.2)

**15. Chair's Announcements:-**

**Dates for Diary**

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Onchan District Commissioners	Night of Light	5:30 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Onchan Silver Band	Christmas Concert – Onchan Methodist Hall	7:00 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

**16. Any other URGENT business as authorised by the Chair for consideration:**

## **PLANS LIST**

**Board Meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**The Lead Member of Environmental and Technical Services and the District Surveyor have viewed the applications and recommend the following:-**

Planning Application	Applicant/Address	Description
PA 23/01113/B <b>Return Date</b> <b>08/12/23</b>	Mr P. Buckleigh Garey Ween, Hague Drive	Erection of a garden office using a timber clad 20 foot shipping container for personal use and working from home (retrospective). <b>(amended plans)</b>
	<b><i>Recommendation - No comment (ODC approved initial application)</i></b>	
PA 23/01292/B <b>Return Date</b> <b>01/12/23</b>	Ms J.T. Kissack 20 Snaefell Crescent	Widening of driveway (retrospective).
	<b><i>Recommendation - Approve</i></b>	
PA 23/01267/B <b>Return Date</b> <b>08/12/23</b>	DHSOB AFC Blackberry Lane	Single storey flat roof extension to front of current clubhouse with roof terrace above.
	<b><i>For Members' consideration</i></b>	
PA 23/01333/B <b>Return Date</b> <b>08/12/23</b>	Mr M.J. Thomas 32 Sunnybank Avenue	Demolish existing conservatory, add extension to rear of property, and undertake minor internal remodelling.
	<b><i>Recommendation – Approve</i></b>	

**Alyson Crellin**

**From:** Admin  
**To:** Admin  
**Subject:** FW: Consultation on Principles | Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill | Sent on behalf of the Tynwald Management Committee  
**Attachments:** 20231025 TCA (Amendment) Bill - Principles Consultation.docx

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 October 2023 16:36  
**Subject:** Consultation on Principles | Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill | Sent on behalf of the Tynwald Management Committee

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**Consultation on Principles | Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill | Sent on behalf of the Tynwald Management Committee**

To:

**Stakeholders:**

- Tynwald Members
- Chief Executive Officer (Isle of Man Government)
- Chief Officers: Departments, Statutory Boards and Offices
- Current Tynwald Commissioner for Administration
- Incoming Tynwald Commissioner for Administration

- Departments
- Statutory Boards
- Local authorities
- Manx Museum and National Trust
- Public Services Commission
- Attorney General's Chambers
- General Registry
- Laxey Glen Flour Mills Ltd
- Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body

Please find attached a paper outlining a consultation on the principles for a proposed: Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill.

Responses are invited, and should please be emailed to the Committees inbox: [REDACTED] by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, with "TMC Consultation" in the subject line.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
**Head of Legislative Services**  
*Ard-offishear Shirveishyn Slattyssagh*  
 Office of the Clerk of Tynwald



## TYNWALD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

# Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill **Consultation on Principles**

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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## **Background**

1. The Tynwald Commissioner for Administration ("TCA") Act was enacted in 2011 and brought into force with effect from 31 December 2017. Both the first TCA, Malachy Cornwell-Kelly, and the outgoing incumbent, Angela Main Thompson, have requested that the Act be amended in various ways. Some of these have been referred to in the TCAs' annual reports, while others have been recorded in files originally held by the Cabinet Office, which have recently been transferred to the Clerk of Tynwald's Office.
2. In January 2023 the Cabinet Office advised that the Government had decided to remove the Bill from its Legislative Programme, and asked if the Tynwald Management Committee would be prepared to pick it up, to which it agreed in May 2023.

## **Issues to be addressed by the Bill**

3. Despite preparatory work having been undertaken, no Bill is yet in existence. A large number of issues have been identified, some substantive, some more technical. The most significant proposals are summarised at Annex A, with comment invited.

## **Process and timescales**

4. The Committee wishes to first consult Tynwald Members and other interested persons on the principles of the Bill – to inform drafting instructions – then consult the public on a draft Bill, and would then bring a report to Tynwald recommending the Bill's introduction.
5. Responses should please be emailed to the Committees inbox: [committees@tynwald.org.im](mailto:committees@tynwald.org.im) by **Friday 24th November 2023** with "TMC Consultation" in the subject line.

Clerk of Tynwald  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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### **c. During a TCA investigation: protection against suit for defamation**

#### **Issue:**

The Act protects the TCA against being sued for defamation in respect of their published reports, but not in respect of drafts which they may circulate as part of the process of producing a report, or other communications in the course of carrying out their prescribed duties.

#### **Proposed solution:**

Extend the protection to cover drafts, and more generally, all communication with the TCA in the course of their duties under the Act.

### **d. After a TCA investigation: ex gratia payments**

#### **Issue:**

In circumstances where the TCA makes a finding of maladministration and considers that a Department should give an *ex gratia* payment to a complainant, Departments (and other "listed authorities") cannot do this, because they lack the legal power to do so.

This reform has been requested by the outgoing Commissioner.

No scope is envisaged for the Commissioner to determine quantum, only to make a recommendation following a finding of maladministration.

#### **Proposed solution:**

Give Departments and other listed authorities the general power (as opposed to an obligation) to make *ex gratia* payments, where this has been recommended by the TCA after a maladministration finding.

### **e. Scope: Manx Care, and Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body**

#### **Issue:**

As a Statutory Board, Manx Care is subject to investigation by the TCA. However, Manx Care also has its own Ombudsman Body, leading to potential duplication of effort.

In turn, the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body ("HSCOB") is considered to be a peer ombudsman – parallel to the TCA – and, as is currently the case, should not therefore be a listed authority under Schedule 2 of the Act.

#### **Proposed solution:**

Make it clear that complaints about Manx Care should go to the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body ("HSCOB") and not to the TCA. Clarify, if necessary, that HSCOB is intentionally not a listed authority.

The Selection Committee: -

- (i) must appoint a TCA
- (ii) may appoint a Deputy
- (iii) may appoint one (or more) Acting TCAs to act in the event of conflict
- (iv) All being subject to Tynwald approval.

**ENDS**

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**Alyson Crellin**

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**To:** Admin  
**Subject:** FW: Manx Shop Fronts project  
**Attachments:** Manx Shop Fronts.pdf

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 03 November 2023 12:06  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Manx Shop Fronts project

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for putting this request again to your Commissioners in time for their budget considerations for next year.

I can confirm that part funding is now in place from Culture Vannin although at a lower level than I requested from them.

The sum I requested from yourselves was £2,114. As Culture Vannin offered a lower sum than I requested, £3000 from yourselves would make the project viable immediately, and the original figure would now require me to find a third source of funds perhaps from a local business, group of businesses or a heritage group, and your suggestions for others for me to talk to would be appreciated if you contribute at a level below £3000.

Further information is below, and my presentation is attached. [video of PowerPoint presentation.](#)

Regards

[REDACTED]

Completed "ten years on" projects on the website here:  
[manxshopfronts.com/port-st-mary/](http://manxshopfronts.com/port-st-mary/).

[manxshopfronts.com/peel/](http://manxshopfronts.com/peel/)

[manxshopfronts.com/laxey/](http://manxshopfronts.com/laxey/)

[manxshopfronts.com/port-erin/](http://manxshopfronts.com/port-erin/)

[manxshopfronts.com/ballasalla-2023/](http://manxshopfronts.com/ballasalla-2023/)



MANX SHOP FRONTS



# WHY?

## FASCINATION

- Who?
- When?
- Where?
- What did they sell?
- How long?
- What context?



MANX SHOPFRONTS



PLACES

News

Themes

Search...



This project is unique in the Isle of Man, and perhaps the world, in creating systematic and comprehensive photographic records of businesses and the people who work in them in whole



## UNIQUE?

Photography of ALL visible businesses in a town or village and people who work in them

- Systematic
- Comprehensive
- Well documented and stored
- Accessible

With:

- Social dimension
- Longitudinal

# MANX SHOPFRONTS



PEEL



LAXEY



PORT ST MARY



PORT ERIN



BALLASALLA



# BENEFITS

## Short term

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Publicity for businesses

Publicity for the town

Publicity for the Isle of Man

For the workers, a sense of place, a sense of pride in their contribution to the community and the economy

## Long term

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Further benefit to sense of place and community when repeated after 10 years

Sense of time passing, for both participants and the public

Recognition of changes, for better and worse

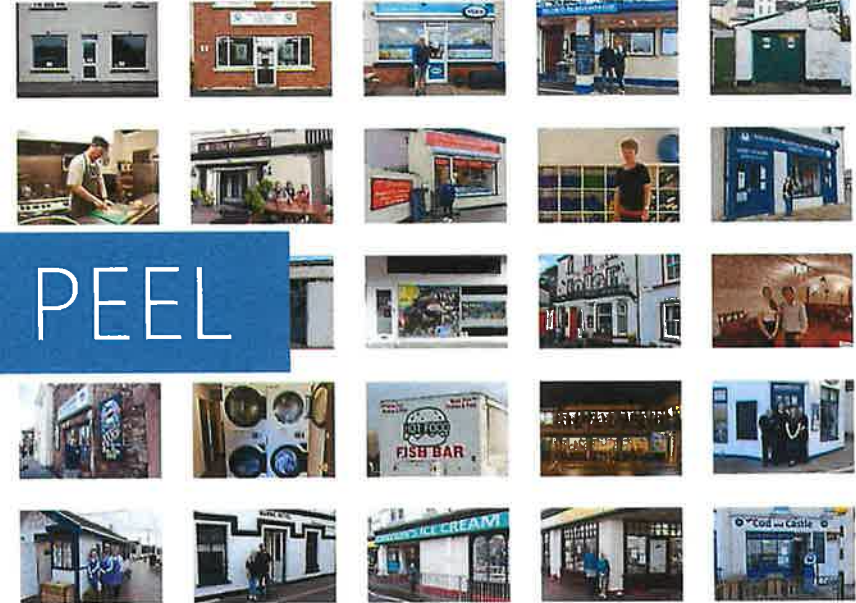
Signal of increased standard of living

And perhaps loss of community spaces





## PORT ST MARY



## PEEL

## THE OUTPUTS

## PORT ERIN



## LAXEY



HOWEVER... WILL PICK OUT SOME FAVOURITE MOMENTS

## LAXEY 2012

“By chance, my last visit on my second and last day photographing in Laxey was to the New Inn. Margaret (Meg) Cowin greeted me to inform me the pub was closing either later that day, or the next day, for good.

I felt privileged to be witness to, and to document, the end of an era for a pub more than 150 years old.

I am grateful to Mrs Cowin for posing for photos and answering my questions in good spirit on what was no doubt a sad occasion.”



# PORT ERIN 2022

In the aptly named New Generation I photographed four generations of the same family



For some people, ten years is almost a whole lifetime



# SADNESS... AS BUSINESSES COME TO AN END



Banks disappeared from the streets of Peel and Laxey between our two surveys. Along with betting shops, these are services moving online



The Phoenix closed soon after our re-visit to Laxey



## FEEDBACK

Jo Overty: IoM Biosphere

*“Congratulations on your great project. I love it...!”*

James Franklin, Culture Vannin

*“it is obvious to me that the pictures are not so much of place, but of people, or, **if it’s not too much to say, the soul of the place. – A marvellous project!**”*

Breesha Maddrell, Director, Culture Vannin

*“Congratulations, Chris, this is **a remarkable achievement!**”*

A Facebook comment *“This is fascinating – and it’s **particularly interesting that it’s Peel where, as we all (think) we know, nothing ever changes.**”*

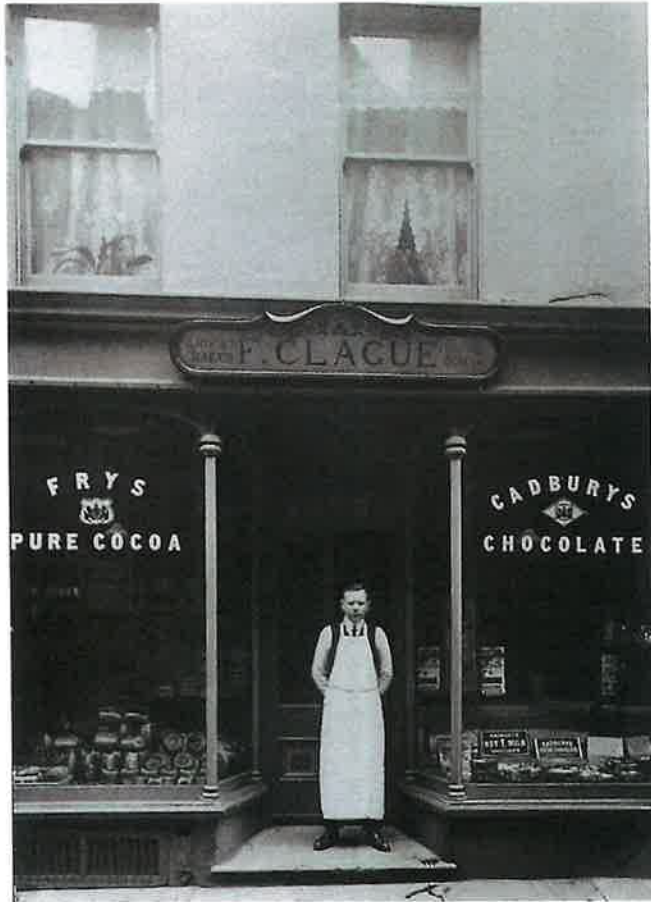
A FB comment: *“**You forget how much places change!** A very interesting and worthwhile project”*

Kate Lord-Brennan, MHK *“**Brilliant idea**”.*

Peel residents and workers:

*“thank you for sharing **what we all take for granted** as we wander round our little town: it’s good to be reminded how things change and develop. Keep up the great work!”*

*“What a fantastic photographic display on your website – really enjoyed looking through them and the way Peel has changed over a decade. **It would make a fantastic book**”*



## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Douglas
- Ramsey
- Onchan – part funded for 2024
- Castletown – part funded for 2024
- ✓ Ballasalla [manxshopfronts.com/ballasalla-2023/](https://manxshopfronts.com/ballasalla-2023/)
- Malew
- Kirk Michael
- Braddan

**Alyson Crellin**

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**To:** Admin  
**Subject:** FW: Onchan Silver Band - Christmas Concert Saturday 2nd December @ 7pm - Onchan Methodist Hall

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 November 2023 13:19  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Onchan Silver Band - Christmas Concert Saturday 2nd December @ 7pm - Onchan Methodist Hall

Hi Alyson

Christmas is fast approaching... seems only five minutes ago since the last one!  
I am writing to invite the Commissioners and everyone at Onchan District Commissioners to the Bands' Christmas Concert on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December @ 7pm, in Onchan Methodist Hall.  
The Concert is free, refreshments including mince pies will be served and a raffle will be held.

Hope to see you there.

Many thanks, speak soon

[REDACTED]

Secretary  
Onchan Silver Band Limited  
Isle of Man Registered Charity No. 1325  
[www.onchansilverband.im](http://www.onchansilverband.im)

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# MEMORANDUM

<b>To:</b>	ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
<b>From:</b>	HOUSING MANAGER
<b>Ref:</b>	HOUSING ALLOCATION – UPDATE
<b>Date:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Commissioners

For Member's information, 4 allocations have been undertaken during the second quarter period 3<sup>rd</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 (1 Sheltered Housing, 3 General Housing). These allocations have been undertaken with the Lead Member for Housing in line with the allocation policies<sup>1</sup> of the Authority.

Handover Date	Address	Type	HA Reference
<b>Sheltered Housing Complexes</b>			
31/08/23	E3/25	2 Bed, First Floor Flat	SHA 374

<b>General Housing</b>			
06/07/23	07/03	3 Bed House	HA 4074
20/07/23	10/62	4 Bed House	TG 409
10/08/23	01/48	3 Bed House	HA 4079



A.S. Gale (Mrs) CIH(4), CIHM, CMgr MCMH  
Housing Manager

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.onchan.org.im/your-commissioners/policies-procedures/housing-policies-and-procedures->