

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7:05 pm

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

Apologies: Mr A Allen
 Mr R Turton (Lead Member for Housing)

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

C23/03/01/01

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

Not necessary.

C23/03/01/02

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

None.

C23/03/01/03

MINUTES

1. Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

Amendments:

Kerbside Collections:-

Page 5 - Paragraph 3 – first bullet point – after “the” include recycling;

Page 5 - Paragraph 7 after “increased each year” add Miss Logan believed that there would not be any more than a 10% uptake within in the first year.

Page 6 – Paragraph 10 delete Resolved and amend to that the Authority provide an additional refuse charge in addition to the rates which would provide a subsidy of £25.00 per annum for householders.

Chair’s Attendances:-

Page 7 include the Chair had attended the Commissioner’s Surgery at Springfield Court on Tuesday 7th February 2023.

Commissioners Surgery – Heywood Court

Page 7 delete Miss Williams and.

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

Miss Lewin did not cast a vote as she was not present at the meeting.

2. Staff Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023

To be considered In Committee.

C23/03/01/04

TO DISPOSE OF ANY RELEVANT BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES

1. Kerbside Collections

Mr Crellin asked where are the recycling items collect from the Authority's bring bank disposed of.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that it is disposed of via Douglas Borough Council, Middle Park Recycling Limited and Corlett Building Materials Limited.

2. Commissioner Surgery – Heywood Court

Miss Williams advised the Board that Mr Turton was due to attend the Commissioners Surgery at Heywood Court on Tuesday 7th March 2023 and he was now unable to attend.

Miss Williams asked Members if anybody would be available to attend in Mr Turton's absence. Mr Quirk confirmed that he would attend.

C23/03/01/05

TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C23/03/01/06

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

None.

C23/03/01/07

PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Plans to the Board

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

(i) PA
23/00126/C

Mrs F Cregeen - Field 534492, Glen Dhoo, Hillberry

Members were advised that the planning application is to use Field 534492 for camping purposes (retrospective).

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

- No comments had been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is the 17th March 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED** that **PA 23/00126/C – Field 534492, Glen Dhoo, Hillberry be recommended for approval.**

(ii) **PA
23/00161/B**

Manx Utilities – 82 King Edward Road

Members were advised that the planning application is for the installation of two air source heat pumps.

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

- No comments had received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is the 17th March 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Miss Lewin^[ODC 03/04/2023] and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 23/00161/B – 82 King Edward Road be recommended for approval.**

iii) **PA
23/00163/B**

Mrs B Shaw – 74 Royal Avenue

Members were advised that the planning application is for the installation of a flue (retrospective)

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

- No comments had been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is 17th March 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Mr Quirk and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 23/00163/B – 74 Royal Avenue be recommended for approval.**

(v) **PA
23/00175/B**

Mr & Mrs C Eves – 9 Ennerdale Avenue

Members were advised that the planning application is for the alteration of the sun lounge and expansion of existing garage.

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

- No comments had been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is the 24th March 2023.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Ms Logan and seconded by Miss Lewin and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 23/00175/B be recommended for approval.**

C23/03/01/08

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Housing and Garage Rent Arrears

The Report of the Finance Manager dated 28th February 2023, having previously been circulated, was considered and noted.

C23/03/01/09**REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER****1. Environmental Policy**

A copy of the Authority's updated Environmental Policy having previously been circulated was considered.

It was agreed that the policy would be brought back to the Board for consideration to allow Members more time to provide input.

2. Springfield Court Refurbishment Update

A copy of the Report of the District Surveyors dated 28th February 2023, having previously been circulated was discussed.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with an overview in relation to the refurbishment.

Mr Quirk requested that the Chief Executive/Clerk bring the issues which they are currently experiencing to the attention of the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr Crellin thanked the Officers involved in preparing the update for the Board. Miss Williams requested that the information contained within the report be circulated to the residents of Springfield Court.

3. Annual Crown Green and Lawn Green Costs

The Report of the Property Maintenance Officer dated 28th February 2023, having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with an overview in relation to the Report.

Miss Lewin asked how many rate payers or members of the public use the Greens? Miss Lewin further stated it is a large amount of expenditure to maintain the facilities when the Board are making cut back in other areas.

Mr Crellin stated that:

- the Authority has always been obliged to provide public facilities;
- the Authority currently provides a great facility;
- he has attended both greens and there is a great atmosphere and community spirit and the greens are used by many and by spectators.^[ODC 03/04/2023]

Miss Williams stated that:

- she doesn't think that any Board has ever been unaware that these facilities do not cover their operating costs or make a profit; and
- she has also attended the greens and has always been made very welcome.

Ms Logan stated that the greens are beautiful and they look in great condition but agrees with Miss Lewin that it is wise to access the expenditure.

Mr Crellin stated that Members should meet with the Clubs representatives to discuss the green and their operations.

Miss Williams stated that by meeting with the clubs representatives this would allow the Members who were absent from tonight's meeting to provide their comments.

Miss Lewin stated that:

- approximately £50,000 a year is taken from the rates to maintain the greens;
- this is a lot of expenditure during the current cost of living crisis; and
- questioned is the Authority getting value for money for a public service.

Mr Quirk stated that:

- Onchan Park is the Authority's biggest asset;
- he would have appreciated earlier notice regarding the Sisis Dart Aerator in order that consideration could have been given and funds budgeted for; and

Mr Quirk asked for further information to be provided to the Board in relation to the breakdown of the running costs.

Mr Crellin asked if the Members could agree to meet with the clubs representatives.

Miss Lewin stated that:

- the future of Onchan Park has recently been discussed by the Board in great depth; and
- the Authority had offered the Flat Green Bowling Club to obtain a new club house but there was no insinuation that the Authority may not develop the areas in the future should an alternative use be proposed.

Miss Williams asked if Members can meet with the two Bowling Clubs. It agreed that the Chief Executive/Clerk would contact the two Bowling Clubs to arrange this.

C23/03/01/10

CONSIDERATION OF ANY RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Consultation – Local Authorities Members (Travelling Allowances) Order 2023

A copy of the correspondence dated 15th February 2023, received from the Local Government Unit in relation to the consultation on Local Authorities Members (Travelling Allowances) Order 2023 having previously been circulated was noted.

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TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

None.

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TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS

None.

C23/03/01/13

ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

None.

C23/03/01/14

HOUSING MATTERS

None.

C23/03/01/15

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chair's Attendances

The Chair advised that she had attended the following:

- Malew Civic Sunday on Sunday 5th March 2023.

2. Dates for the Diary

| Date | Organisation | Event | Time |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7 th March 2023 | Onchan District Commissioners | Commissioners Surgery – Heywood Court | 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm |
| 20 th March 2023 | Onchan District Commissioners | Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |
| 3 rd April 2023 | Onchan District Commissioners | Board Meeting | 7:00 pm |

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Commissioners Surgery – The Hub

Mr Crellin confirmed that he had attended the Commissioners Surgery at the Hub on Saturday 4th March 2023, and that one resident had attended and had complained about a bus service on Summerhill Road.

Ms Logan requested that the Chief Executive/Clerk contacted Bus Vannin in relation to this.

2. Belgravia Road

Mr Quirk commented in relation to the motorhomes parked on Belgravia Road and requested that the provision of a restricted parking order be investigated with the Department of Infrastructure.

3. Mount View Road and Mount View Close

Mr Quirk and Mr Crellin highlighted to the pot holes on Mount View Road and Mount View Close. The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he would contact the Department of Infrastructure in relation to this matter.

.The Public session of the Meeting ended a 20:10 pm

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MINUTES

1. Staffing Minutes of the Ordinary Board Meeting held on 20th February 2023

The Staff Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

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

Miss Lewin did not cast a vote as she was not present at the meeting.

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REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

1. Local Authorities Shared Information

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

The Report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 28th February 2023, having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board that he is currently waiting for a report from the Authority's Data Protection Officer in relation to the provision of live streaming and that he would bring the matter back to the Board once the report had been received.

2. Onchan Park Arcade

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

The Report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 1st March 2023, having previously been circulated was considered.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Quirk and seconded by Miss Lewin and unanimously **RESOLVED that the Authority grant the tenant formal permission to change the use of the premises into a licenced function room.**

It was requested that the further proposals provided by the tenant be brought back to the Board.

C23/03/01/20

HOUSING MATTERS

None.

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ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:00 pm