



## **ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS**

*BARRANTEE SKEEREY ANDREAYS*

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### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas**

Members Present: Mr JRW Clague -JRWC (Chair); Mr JKW Allison – JKWA (Vice-Chair); Mrs JEH Faragher (JEHF); Mrs V L Hind (VLH); Mr J Moore (JM)

In attendance – Hon Alf Cannan, Chief Minister; Tim Johnston MHK Ayre & Michael; Clerk (Ms M Callow)

1. The Chair welcomed Chief Minister Hon Alf Cannan & Tim Johnston MHK Ayre & Michael to the meeting and introduced them to all members of the Board.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the concerns of the Board relating to Andreas Parish with the MHK representatives for Ayre & Michael, in the hope of finding solutions to address them.

The main area of concern for everyone was the upkeep of the highways/pavements and infrastructure for the Parish and the Island in general. The Chair asked if DOI resources could be made available to the Parish (at a cost), to enable the Board to plan a schedule for the work necessary; mainly road sweeping and gully cleaning as there are few private contractors available to undertake this work and this means they are in high demand by all LA's.

Hon Alf Cannan stated that he hoped to develop an all Island plan which would find the right balance for health & safety issues alongside environmental matters, which would improve the overall appearance of the Island, and address the issues referred to previously. It was noted by all present that the services of DOI had been removed from LA's with the "transfer of services" in 2015.

The Chairman next raised concerns regarding the deplorable service available in the Parish for mobile phone reception. He stated that correspondence with Manx Telecom and CURA (Isle of Man Communications & Utilities Regulatory Authority) had not brought any satisfaction, also that previous MHK Mr Tim Baker had tried to get some response on behalf of APC, but had not been successful. As the phone box is now decommissioned the Board feels that a satisfactory service should be available in the area. Comments were noted by both MHK's.

Next, the Chairman and the Board representative for NCAS, (JA) raised the issue of the WEEE contract (Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment) for the site which will be the responsibility of individual sites around the Island at the end of the current contract. This current contract was arranged by DOI who have stated that they don't intend to do this in future. The Chair stated that this seemed unreasonable, and would be better addressed as a central decision. The

issue of 'free bring back electrical goods' was raised as this is now a legal obligation for suppliers in the UK but has not been enforced in the IOM. Therefore, there is a real concern for the increase in fly tipping around the Parish with increased charges for the service at the site. Again, comments were noted by both MHK's.

Finally, the new development for the village at Dale Nurseries site was discussed. Board members expressed their dissatisfaction with the number of dwellings planned for the development, stating that it was more suited for an urban area and not a country village, and the lack of parking and pavements within the proposed site is a major concern particularly in relation to access for emergency vehicles, or refuse wagons. The Chief Minister commented that there has been a change in policy within DOI/ Planning Department over the course of this planning being approved and this has led to the current appeal from the DOI regarding the drainage issue.

There were no further matters for discussion with the MHK's and the Chairman thanked them for their time and stated that APC would look forward to working with them in the future.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 having been circulated, were taken as read, and after approval, proposed by JF; and 2<sup>nd</sup> VH by were signed by the Chairman BC, as a correct record.
3. **Matters arising** from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021
  - a) Following the previous meeting with Andy Sutton a number of potential tasks were identified as projects which could utilise the services of the Community Service workers. JA volunteered to lead this activity and the Board agreed to this. JA will liaise with Andy Sutton and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Potential projects are cleaning and refurbishing the Play Park equipment; clearing the pathways in the scented garden after the major cut back has taken place; and clearing the walkway between Larivane Meadows and Leodest Rd.

(3b) The Village telephone box. There has been no further correspondence from Manx telecom on this issue. BC is still awaiting samples and costings for placing photograph copies onto the glass. He also suggested Members to view 'Modpodge' on youtube as an example of how this might work. This issue was deferred to next meeting.

(5k) The garden hedges at Ballasteen were further discussed as there is still no clear access to the road drain. The Clerk will inspect the area and report back prior to next meeting. *(edit – After meeting between former Commissioner, Richard Martin and the Clerk on site, it was suggested that in the first instance the gully be cleared in order that the water can drain into the gully and the surrounding gutter area be cleared of debris. This covers the responsibility of the Authority and should alleviate any flooding on this roadway. This will be incorporated into the scheduled village sweep and gully clearing)* The proposal by the Chair to further

trim back the hedges would be determined by the telegraph pole and road sign in position along this hedge, and would be beyond the remit of the Local Authority.

(6a) Revised rates for Parish Hall to take effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022. The following rates were proposed by JF; 2<sup>nd</sup> by BC and agreed by the Board:-

Minimum charge - £25 (upto 2hrs) No kitchen facilities, (Then £10 per hour);  
Full day (upto 8 hrs) £70; Full day (upto 8 hrs) with kitchen £100;  
Half day/ Children's Parties £40 (includes kitchen); Adult parties (evening hire) £85 –  
(includes reasonable set up time); Funeral wake - £50 – (includes reasonable set up time)

(6b) Standing Orders relating to Andreas Parish Commissioners. Following consultation with DOI - Local Government, and other Local Authorities, the Clerk reported that there is no official requirement to prepare Standing Orders relating to the situation previously referred to (October minutes) and that it was hoped that common sense would prevail in such a situation. It was agreed by the Board that the Standing Orders as set in August 2021 would remain.

(6c) Further discussion regarding the suggestion by the Chair that all Members should have a dedicated email account for APC to meet GDPR regulations, the Clerk reported that this has not been actioned by DOI - Local Government support. As this activity will incur a cost of approx. £300 per annum it was agreed by the Board to defer this at this time and to review the situation next year.

(8e) Gladwyn House. The Board noted that the gutters for this property have been cleared and that security fencing has been erected around the front of the house. If further improvements have not occurred by the New Year the Board will pursue this further.

(8f) There is still monies outstanding to NPRCB, from period 2019/2020 which has been accrued in the 2020/2021 accounts.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- a) The Clerk has sent another reminder sent to DOI about footpath surfaces around the Village following further comments from residents to Board Members. A reported incident at Dale Nurseries following haulage trucks damaging the footpath has now been repaired.
- b) The 3rd Supplemental List 2021 has been received from Treasury. This raised the question by members of the Board regarding properties which are not currently paying rates.
- c) Manx Utilities have identified a problem with street light AN030 in Ballaradcliffe which requires replacing and possibly relocating the pole. The quote for this work is £1938.00. There is also a further request from Manx Utilities for the tree surrounding street light AN001 in Ballalough to be cut back to allow for cherry picker access. Quote for this repair is £1698.00. The Chair suggested that these repairs be put on hold until the full audit for the Village street lights has been

received in order that the Board can prioritise and budget for all necessary repairs/ replacements.

- d) The Board has received a request from a resident for support to have bollards between Croft Park and Cooil Ny Chibbyr removed by the DOI. The Board agreed to contact the DOI to investigate this further. Clerk to follow up.
- e) The Commissioners received an invite from the President of Tynwald to the Tynwald Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Unfortunately, none of the Board is able to attend.
- f) The Commissioners have sent a response to Road Traffic Regulations regarding lack of weight restriction on Lhen Bridge, following the distribution of the proposed All-Island Weight Restriction Order.
- g) Ayre Utd FC have contacted the Commissioners to ask if it would be possible to place advertising boards on new fence at Sports Field. The Board raised concerns that the galvanise coating on the fencing may be damaged which would result in rusting of the fence, however if the boards are of suitable material and can be mounted so as not to damage the fence, the Board would be agreeable to the advertising boards being placed on the fence. The Clerk will discuss with Ayre Utd.
- h) The Board has received notice from Chief Secretary's Office regarding the public inquiry for U72 Donkey Track which will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November. As the Board have no further comment to make regarding this matter there will be no representative at this meeting.
- i) The Board received notice from Cabinet Office regarding National Service of Remembrance 14<sup>th</sup> November at Royal Chapel of St Johns. As this is the same day as the Remembrance Service at Kirk Andreas the Board will not be attending.
- j) Information from Cabinet Office Climate Change Transformation Team was forwarded to the Board. A meeting is to be arranged by Ramsey Town Commissioners to discuss further and APC will be invited to this. *(edit. This was arranged for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November)*
- k) The Board received a "Thank you" note from Mr & Mrs Randall for arranging the Garden competition and reception/prize giving. Some discussion took place regarding this event next year and it was agreed that this would be discussed early in the new year.
- l) The Board received an Application for de-registration of Ballavarry Farmhouse from the Planning Office. The Board has no comment to make regarding this action.

## **5. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING**

### Planning Applications for consideration

Ref: 21/01139/B The Close, Bernahara Rd, Andreas IM7 2EL. Alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling and creation of internal garage.

**APC had no objections to this.**

Ref 21/01250/B Ballakeil Meadow, Smeale Road, Andreas IM7 4AG. Erection of a commercial size polytunnel, a tool shed and an animal shelter.

**APC raised concerns about the access to this site as it is along a narrow footpath. Further comment has been submitted following an extraordinary meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November** – available to view on-line

Ref: 21/01240/B 29 Ballalough Andreas, IM7 4HU. Conversion of existing garage to additional living and toilet accommodation.

**APC had no objections to this.**

#### Decisions by DOI – Planning

Ref: 21/01218/B. Thie Cheerey, Main Rd, Andreas IM7 4HH. Change of registered use of the land to residential garden use.

**APPROVE**

*(VH left the meeting at 10.10pm)*

#### **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) The Clerk reported that there was to be an emergency sweep around the Village to clear the worst areas of leaves and clear the usual suspect gully pots. The main Parish sweep has been scheduled for mid-late December
- b) A tree licence has been applied for a number of conifers in the Playing Fields. It is hoped that some of these can be felled to improve the area for safety. *(Clerk to meet DEFA inspector on 10.11.21)*
- c) The final version of the Audited accounts have been received from Crowe IOM. These were considered and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- d) The Chair reported that the leylandii trees alongside the entrance for the gas tanks are now very overgrown and will need attention before next spring. The Board agreed that this should be considered. The Clerk will gather quotes for this work, and consult with Manx Gas ready for the next meeting.
- e) JF reported that a local resident was concerned about the tree overhanging the roadway on A17 alongside Crellins Grove. The Clerk replied that this matter would need to be considered by DOI Highways.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.45 pm