



## **ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS**

*BARRANTEE SKEEREY ANDREAYS*

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### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas**

Members Present: Mr JKW Allison JA (Chair); Mrs JEH Faragher JF (Vice-Chair); Mrs Susan Craine (SC); Mrs V H Hind

In attendance – Clerk (Ms M Callow); Andrea Rivers, Engagement Manager, Highways Services, DOI; Emma Draper BBC Radio IOM.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

1. Meet with Andreas Rivers, Engagement Manager, Highways Services, DOI in regards to traffic management requests.  
Mrs Rivers explained the process for Commissioners to file a traffic management request and how they would be scored in order of priority. It was suggested that signage at the approach to the village '*Please drive carefully*' would be useful as a reminder to the speed limit; and it was also suggested that a blanket 20 mph in the village zone could be considered due to the number of HGV's and large agricultural vehicles travelling through it. Other ideas were suggested and the Board will now consider these to improve traffic management with the village. These will then be submitted to Highway services using the format provided.  
(07.45pm Mrs Rivers left the meeting)
2. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by SC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JF were signed by the Chair, as a correct record.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
  - a) D-Day celebrations 6<sup>th</sup> June. JA requested that all Authorities on Island be contacted to ask if they would celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Flares being set off by Coast Guards to mark the event. Clerk will email all relevant Authorities to ask if they wish to join in this exercise.
  - b) By-Election for Andreas Commissioners for 5<sup>th</sup> Board Member. Cabinet Office have proposed dates for this with a contested election being scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup>

May 2024. The Board unanimously agreed that this be actioned. Clerk to contact Cabinet Office.

- c) Quote for replacing toilet roof. This is yet to be obtained.
- d) Broken pavement at junction of Larivane Close and Leodest Road. This has been reported by the Clerk to DOI Highways. Case no. CR1175590.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- a) Received from Manx Classic (motor sport) Hill Climb – details of event to take place in April from 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- b) Information received from “Johnny Trash” green waste collection service. This was noted. Clerk to reply that green waste is NOT to be placed in household bins as there are facilities at the Amenity Site for this.
- c) Received from resident of Ballalough – request for DOI to investigate and fix road drains for surface water. The Clerk has investigated this matter further and has written to the resident.
- d) Emails received from residents regards dog fouling in village. The Board have decided to place posters around the village at their own expense to raise awareness of this problem and remind owners to use the dog bins. If evidence of anyone allowing their dog to foul (either photo or video) is obtained this can be passed to Ramsey police who will deal with the complaint. The Board agreed that there are sufficient dog litter bins around the village and that the Local Authority should not be supplying litter bags for dog owners.
- e) Received from Tynwald Auditor General – confirmation of Assurance Auditors fees for year end 2023. Noted
- f) Received from Ramsey Skips – notice of revised increased costs for general waste (8.08%) and wood waste (10%). Noted
- g) Received from Climate Change Team – notice of trials to take place with some Local Authorities in relation to the regulations which come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- h) Invitation received from PSM Commissioners for the Mona’s Queen III Anchor Memorial – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **5. Empty/ Problem properties on the Island** – discussion document presented by Treasury, IOM Government.

The Board agreed that there are problem buildings within the Parish. One owner has been approached several times and asked to improve the appearance of the property but this has not happened, and the cost implication for the Authority is too high for them to pursue this matter further. Other properties in the Parish have previously been listed as Agricultural workers but are now uninhabited and starting to decay. The Board asked if further action could be taken by the owner of the properties (DOI Estates) to make these habitable and reinstated as available rentals.

The Board noted that many of the options suggested by Treasury are costly and include numerous agencies and legislative changes; however, they agreed that the removal of the rates exemption could potentially be very effective.

## **6. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING**

Ref: PA 24/00185/B. Unit 14A The Old Airfield, Braust, Andreas, IM7 4JB. Proposed scaffold storage depot.

*APC have submitted a comment regarding this application.*

Ref PA 24/00144/B. 14 Ballasteen Road, Andreas IM7 4HG. New vehicular access to provide off-road parking.

*APC have no objection to this application*

### **Decisions by DOI – Planning**

PA – 23/01131/B. Regaby Beg, Regaby West Rd Andreas IM7 3HL. Alterations to existing dwelling, together with removal of Conservatory to form open shelter, installation of flue, and use of part of the dwelling as ancillary accommodation.

APPROVE

PA 23/00221/B. The Stables, Greenhill, Jurby Rd, Andreas IM7 2EJ. Change of use of land and buildings to animal sanctuary. Placement of container and hardstanding and installation of replacement drainage and septic tank (retrospective)

APPROVE

*Andreas Parish Commissioners have commented on this decision.*

Application No. 23/00884/C. 1,2,3 & 4 Georges Close, Andreas IOM IM7 4HZ. Change of use of land from agricultural to gardens (retrospective)

APPROVED ON APPEAL

## **7. New village Play Park**

- a) The grant application is now lodged with Manx Lottery Trust and their meeting takes place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.
- b) The Authority have received a donation from Elizabeth Clucas Memorial Trust with condition Clerk to write and formally thank ECMT for this donation.
- c) The Clerk reported that Ayre Utd AFC have given a donation of £500 towards the new play park following a very successful mhelliah last year. The Board expressed their thanks for this generous donation.
- d) The Clerk suggested that with some funding now secured the next stage would be to purchase the equipment and arrange storage for it prior to the start of the project. The Board agreed to this – Clerk to progress. JA reported that site clearance could not start now until 1<sup>st</sup> September – after bird nesting season. The Clerk reported that this would be in keeping with the condition from MLT regarding any funding being

made available. Arrangements should be progressed for work to start asap from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**8. Any Other Business**

- a)** The Clerk reported that JA had met with representative from DOI – drainage to discuss issues on Bride Road. It was resolved that all land affected is in private ownership so is the responsibility of the land owners. The Clerk will contact owners of the old nurseries to arrange ditch clearance of this site to help alleviate any flooding on Bride Road. (Edit – the clerk has also arranged for ditches to be cleared at entrance to Little Meddow. MUA has agreed to clear ditches at Little Meddow balancing pond)
- b)** The Clerk reported that a resident has requested sweeping of Leodest Road due to closure of Kiondroghad Rd. The Board agreed that this would not be a good use of public funds as all country roads are dirty at this time of year. DOI has been contacted to ask if verges will be reinstated at the removal of the diversion
- c)** The Clerk reported that an application has been submitted to DEFA to remove a dangerous tree from Ballalough estate green space.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

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