

4th January 2002

PLEASE NOTE:

The attached Minutes are yet to be confirmed by the Commissioners as a true and correct record of proceedings at the various meetings, and the recommendations of the various committees are yet to be approved by the Commissioners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.E.S. Smith', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**J.E.S. SMITH
CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CLERK**

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Hawthorn Villa,
Main Road,
Onchan.

IN PUBLIC

4th January 2002

Sir/Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend an ORDINARY meeting of the Authority to be held in the boardroom at the offices of the Board to transact the undernoted business at:

7.00 p.m. on Monday, 7th January 2002

which will be followed by a meeting of the Board in Committee.

Yours faithfully,

J.E.S. SMITH
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 4 unless varied by the Chairman at his discretion or by a resolution duly moved and seconded and passed on a motion which shall be moved and put without discussion.

1. To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the:-
 - a) Ordinary meeting held on 26th November 2001 (Minutes - APPENDIX 2)

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2. To dispose of business (if any) remaining or arising from the above said meeting

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3. To dispose of business (if any) remaining or arising from meetings held prior to the last ordinary meeting.

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4. Chairman's Announcements

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5. Questions - As may be asked by members under the provisions of Standing Order No 7(2).
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6. To receive and consider reports, minutes and recommendations of committees. The chairman of the respective committees to report.
- 7.1 Housing Committee
- Meeting held 3rd December 2001 (Minutes – APPENDIX 3)
- 7.2 Works and Cleansing Committee
- Meeting held 10th December 2001 (Minutes – APPENDIX 4)
- 7.3 Leisure and Amenities Committee
- Meeting held 17th December 2001 (Minutes – APPENDIX 5)
- 7.4 Policy and Finance Committee (Minutes – APPENDIX 6)
- Meeting held 20th December 2001
- 7.5 Rural Committee (Minutes – APPENDIX 7)
- Meeting held 19th December 2001
- 7.6 Joint Hackney Carriage Licensing Committee (Minutes – APPENDIX 8)
- Meeting held 28th November 2001
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Note:

Standing Order No 7(1) provides that “A member of the Authority may ask the chairman of a committee any question upon an item of the minutes, report or recommendations of a committee when that item is under consideration by the Authority.”

Other questions may be asked, after due notice in writing under the provisions of Standing Order No 7(2).

- 8 To consider letters, petitions, memorials and other communications.
- 8.1 Planning decisions/communications from the D.L.G.E. Planning Committee (Schedule - APPENDIX 10)
- 8.2 Any Other Communication
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9. To consider any report from the Clerk or the Surveyor.
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10. To consider Motions in the order in which notice has been received. (ref Standing Order No 5)

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom at Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 26th November 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr D.J. Quirk (Chairman)
Mr G.K. Astill
Mr S.T. Black
Mr D. Crellin
Mr M.J. Kennaugh
Mr E.D.R. Killey
Mr A.W.T. Norton
Mr H.L.G. Parkin
Mr J.K. Watterson

In Attendance Mr M.J. Williams (Deputy Clerk)
Mr E.J. Convery (District Surveyor)

C01/11/01/01
MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as considered, agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

C01/11/01/02
BUSINESS ARISING

None.

C01/11/01/03
BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

C01/11/01/04
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

1. **Reception – Island Games 2001**

The Chairman advised that the Commissioners were to host a reception for those Onchan Residents who were recipients of winner's medals at the Island Games 2001. The reception would take place on Wednesday 28th November 2001. Messrs Crellin and Parkin submitted apologies for none attendance.

2. **Torchlight Procession 2001**

The Chairman confirmed that the Commissioners' Torchlight Procession was to take place on Tuesday 11th December 2001. Mr Killey submitted apologies for none attendance as he would be away from the Island.

C01/11/01/05
QUESTIONS

None.

C01/11/01/06
HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee meeting held on Monday 29th October 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated were considered. There were no matters arising therefrom.

C01/11/01/07

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee meeting held on 29th October 2001, be and are hereby received. It was further **RESOLVED** that the following resolution contained therein requiring the consent of the Board, and is hereby approved:-

1. *that the policy of the Department of Local Government and the Environment in relation to child minding activities be adopted by the Onchan District Commissioners as follows:-*
 - (i) *the tenant must be registered as a child minder with the Social Services Division;*
 - (ii) *the tenant must present the certificate of registration to the Onchan District Commissioners, together with appropriate comprehensive insurance;*
 - (iii) *no child minding would be permitted in flats;*
 - (iv) *hours would be limited to the period between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.;*
 - (v) *the maximum number of children permitted would be three, including the tenant's children;*
 - (vi) *any approval would be subject to annual review by the Commissioners;*
 - (vii) *social services must undertake regular vetting checks to determine minimum standards are obtained.*

C01/11/01/08

WORKS AND CLEANSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee meeting held on Monday 5th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated were considered. Arising therefrom:-

1. **WC01/11/08 – Health and Safety Business – Refuse Staff Canteen**

In answer to enquiry from Mr Kennaugh, the District Surveyor confirmed that the painting of the refuse staff canteen had been completed. He further confirmed that the floor was to be cleaned by a professional cleaning company and then the appropriate furniture would then be fitted.

C01/11/01/09

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee meeting held on 5th November 2001 be and are hereby received. It was further **RESOLVED** that the following resolution contained therein requiring the consent of the Board be and is hereby approved:-

1. *To present a petition to DOLGE for borrowing powers in respect of street lighting improvements in Wybourn Drive, Bowness Crescent, Church Avenue and Second Avenue amounting to £34,000 including contingencies*

C01/11/01/10

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 12th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. Arising therefrom:-

1. **LA01/11/07(e) – Photographic Competition**

Mr Killey drew attention to the proposed photographic competition and thanked Safeway for providing the prizes therefor. The Deputy Clerk understood that no further information had been received from Safeway in this regard.

2. **LA01/11/08(c)(ii) – Car Park**

In answer to enquiry from Mr Norton, the District Surveyor confirmed that costing for the proposed marking of the car park at the Youth and Community Centre for use as an informal sports pitch was being costed, and would be presented to the Commissioners for further consideration, as part of the estimate process for the following financial year.

3. **LA01/11/04(a) – Tree Pollarding/Removal**

In answer to enquiry from Mr Kennaugh, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that the cherry tree was not to be removed. The authority from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, permitted the

Commissioners to “crown, thin and reduce” only. Mr Kennaugh echoed the views expressed by Mr Crellin that the tenant of 24 Ashley Park be advised of the circumstances.

4. LA01/11/03(b)(iii) – Stadium Football Pitch

Mr Parkin concurred with the views expressed at the Committee meeting by Mr Quirk, that the F.A. should be contacted to advise that the Onchan Stadium Football Pitch was available for cup finals, etc.

5. LA01/11/03(e)(i) – Groudle Glen

Mr Parkin expressed disappointment that the condition of the water wheel and wheel house at Groudle Glen had not been addressed, pointing out that this matter had been raised prior to April 2001 when he was a member of the Leisure and Amenities Committee. Mr Parkin expressed concern that the matter had not yet been progressed.

C01/11/01/11

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on Monday 12th November 2001 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

C01/11/01/12

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no matters arising therefrom.

C01/11/01/13

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 20th November 2001, be and are hereby received. It was further **RESOLVED** that the resolution contained therein requiring the consent of the Board be and is hereby approved as follows:-

1. *That the said payments from revenue account as detailed on the list attached to the minutes be endorsed.*

C01/11/01/14

RURAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Rural Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The following matters were arising from the minutes:-

1. R01/11/08(d) – Whitebridge

It was agreed that the question of the Onchan sign which had previously been placed on the hill leading from the Whitebridge up towards the Lakeside Gardens junction be referred to the Works and Cleansing Committee for further consideration.

2. R01/11/08(b) – Creg ny Baa Back Road

Mr Parkin referred to the concern expressed at the Rural Committee meeting as to the muddy condition of the Creg ny Baa back road being created by the Department of Transport. Mr Parkin expressed concern that the Department may be operating to a standard which differed from that required of the developer at the North Bank Land.

It was clarified that the site from which the dirt was being created was, in fact, in Lonan, although much of the mud was being trailed in to the Onchan District.

C01/11/01/15

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Rural Committee meeting held on 15th November 2001 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

C01/11/01/16

JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Joint Hackney Carriage Licensing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

C01/11/01/17

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Joint Hackney Carriage Licensing Committee meeting held on 24th October 2001 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**1. Planning Decisions/Communications from the Department of Local Government and the Environment Planning Committee**

PA Number	Description	Comment
01/0680	Extension, 7 Howe Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Planning Decision: On Review – Approval, appeal against decision received by Planning Committee
01/1373	Alterations and Extensions, 75 King Edward Road	ODC Recommendation; Refusal Planning Decision: Refusal, noted.
01/1408	Amendment to Garage Blocks including additional garages and instores, garage blocks B, C and D, Majestic Apartments	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Request of review of decision received by Planning Committee – evidence to be submitted by 5 th December 2001
01/0669	Approval in principle for dwelling, land to rear of Green Fields, 14 Main Road.	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Planning Decision On Review: Refusal, appeal against decision received by Planning Committee.
01/1346	3 Garages, Land behind Green Field Cottages, Main Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Refusal, request for a review of planning decision received by Planning Committee – submitted by ODC
01/1646	Completion of Second Hole and Fairway, King Edward Bay Golf Course	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Planning Decision On Review: Approval Minister endorsed recommendation of Appeals Inspector and application approved – extract of report read.
01/1211	Boundary Wall and creation of car park, 30 Central Drive	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Request for a review of decision received by Planning Committee – reason for refusal read and agreed ODC to continue opposition.
01/0281	42 Dwelling Apartment Block, 1-7 Imperial Terrace and 19 Bay View Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Planning Decision upon Review: Approval Appeal against decision received by Planning Committee – to be heard 6 th December 2001. ODC submitted comments and to attend.
01/1347	2 dwellings, Plots 26 and 27, Land off Groudle Road	ODC Recommendation: Approval Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Request for a review of decision received by Planning Committee – reasons for refusal noted.
01/1348	3 dwellings, Plots 28, 29 and 30, Land off Groudle Road	ODC Recommendation: Approval Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Request for a review of decision received by Planning Committee – reason for refusal noted.

PA Number	Description	Comment
01/0911	Refurbishment of First Floor Flat, 10 to 12 Main Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Approval To refuse application confirmed upon review – ODC to take to appeal
01/1451	Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Motor Body Repair Shop, Barn at Ballig Farm, Little Mill	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Approval Request for a review to be submitted by ODC.
01/1394	2 Self Contained Holiday Cottages, Ballacain House, Little Mill, Onchan	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Approval ODC to seek review of decision

2. Policy and Guidance Notes for the Convention of the Historic Environment of the Isle of Man

The Deputy Clerk had circulated a copy of the letter received from the Conservation Officer at the Department of the Local Government and the Environment, dated 15th November 2001, regarding the launch of a document entitled “The Policy and Guidance Notes for the Convention of the Historic Environment in the Isle of Man”. The letter referred to the formal launch on Wednesday 14th November 2001 and provided additional copies of the document for reference and to enable such information to be available in the Onchan District.

Mr Parkin enquired as to why the Commissioners had not been present at the event. The District Surveyor confirmed that the notice of the launch appeared to have been directed at staff rather than Commissioners, and so doubted that the invitation had been circulated to Members. *Noted.*

C01/11/01/19
CLERK’S REPORT

None.

C01/11/01/20
DISTRICT SURVEYOR’S REPORT

None.

C01/11/01/21
MOTIONS

None.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the **HOUSING COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 3rd December 2001 beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr M.J. Kennaugh (Chairman)
Mr A.T.W. Norton
Mr D.J. Quirk, J.P.
Mr J.K. Watterson

In attendance: Mr M.J. Williams (Deputy Clerk)
Mr N.B. Cowin (Administrative Assistant)

H01/12/01/01
MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 29th October 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered, agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

H01/12/01/02
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. **H01/10/02/14(2)- Lap Top Computer**

The Deputy Clerk reported that the purchase of a suitable laptop for use by the Housing Department could be supported, to be used by the Housing Maintenance Manager.

The cost of a basic lap top computer was estimated to be £1000.00.

2. **H01/10/02/25(1) - Public Housing Consultative Committee**

The Public Housing Consultative Committee agenda was circulated with the agenda and was noted.

H01/12/01/03
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

H01/12/01/04
HOUSING AND OTHER ESTATES BUSINESS

1. **Maintenance Report**

A report prepared by the Housing Maintenance Manager had been circulated with the agenda. Arising therefrom:-

(a)H01/10/02/04(1) - External Painting and Decorating

The Deputy Clerk presented photographic evidence of the very positive effect that the works being undertaken to paint and decorate units in Heywood park was having.

Mr Quirk asked to be advised of the guarantees provided in relation to these works.

2. Deputy Clerk's Report

A report prepared by the Deputy Clerk had been circulated with the agenda. There were no matters arising therefrom.

3. 24 Ashley Park - Tree

The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the tenant of 24 Ashley Park, pointing out that the trees to the front of her property not only affected the light to the unit, but also that, particularly during the summer months, television signals were badly affected. The Deputy Clerk had responded pointing out that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry had licensed works to the cherry tree, to crown, thin and reduce only. No works to the Sycamore tree had been licensed.

H01/12/01/05

SPRINGFIELD COURT MATTERS

1. Maintenance Report - External Passageways, Phase 2

The Deputy Clerk reported that the closing in of the external passageways on phase two had now been completed subject to the fitment of windows.

2. Deputy Clerk's Report - H01/10/02/05(2) - Concessionary Television Licences

The Deputy Clerk reported that there had been no further progress on the renewal of the concessionary television licence.

Mr Norton enquired about the installation of Sky Television at Springfield Court and at the new complex at Bemahague prior to the termination of analogue broadcasts in 2006. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this was under consideration.

The Deputy Clerk reminded members that the reason why a satellite television system had not been installed at Springfield Court was that under the rent calculation system set by the Department of Local Government and the Environment, it would incur an additional 2 rent calculation points, and increase the rent charged by approximately £1.30 per week per flat. The residents had been asked whether they would be content to pay the additional rent, and they had declined the opportunity. He suggested, however, that the Department may wish to consider whether this was still appropriate, given the likely termination of the analogue signal.

It was RESOLVED:-

That the Department of Local Government and the Environment be advised of the anticipated termination of the analogue television signal in 2006, and enquire whether the Department considered that the increase in property points in respect of Satellite television should be reviewed.

H01/12/01/06
GARAGE MATTERS

1. Garage Tenancies

There were currently no vacant garages.

H01/12/01/07
PLANNED HOUSING MAINTENANCE

1. Planned Housing Maintenance Survey Update

The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Department of Local Government and the Environment, confirming that that the planned housing maintenance survey would be completed in January 2002.

2. Replacement of exterior doors and frames to stairwells of Springfield Court, Phase 1

The Deputy Clerk reported the required windows were due to be installed later that week.

H01/12/01/08
HEALTH AND SAFETY BUSINESS

None.

H01/12/01/09
OFFICERS REPORT

1. Housing Policy Review Progress Report - October 2001

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Housing Policy Review Report had been circulated to members. Noted.

2. Quarterly Housing Return - 30th September 2001

The Deputy Clerk had reported the Quarterly Housing Report submissions, in respect of general housing and sheltered housing in the Onchan District, for the information of the Committee. He pointed out that it would be inappropriate for the Department to judge the performance of any authority simply by reference to figures provided in the return.

In respect of the average period that a property is empty, the performance is affected by a number of variables, but primarily by the number of properties which become empty at any one time, and the amount of work that the authority undertake whilst the property is empty. In the case of the latter variable, most properties which fall empty in Onchan were benefiting from a minor refurbishment including, where appropriate, a new fireplace, kitchen units, and bathroom fittings.

In addition, the figures in relation to outstanding rent could be easily affected by the date upon which the figure is calculated to. As different authorities have different rent collection days, payment received on 30th of any month, including monthly standing orders and direct debit payments, may be included in the figures from one authority, but not in another. Noted.

H01/12/01/10
OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

H01/12/01/11
FINANCIAL MATTERS

The report of the Finance Officer comparing actual income and expenditure to for the year to date to 3rd December 2001 with anticipated figures from the original estimates, in respect of general housing and the elderly persons complex was noted.

H01/12/01/12
OUTSTANDING MATTERS

None considered this month.

H01/12/01/13
MATTERS REFERRED BY THE BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

H01/12/01/14
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Commissioners' Surgery would take place on Thursday 10th January 2002 at 6.30 p.m..

The next ordinary meeting of the Housing Committee would take place on Monday 14th January 2002, commencing at 7.00 p.m..

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the **WORKS & CLEANSING COMMITTEE**, held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 10th December 2001 at 7.00pm.

Present: Messrs D. Crellin (in the chair until 7.20pm) G.K. Astill, H.L.G. Parkin (from 7.18pm) and D.J. Quirk JP.

In attendance: J.E.S. Smith (Clerk), E.K. Convery (Surveyor) and Peter Kelly (Administration)

WC/01/12/1
MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, was taken as read, confirmed and signed.

WC/01/12/2
MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were arising:-

a) Hedge, Governors Road

The Surveyor commented that the hedge in front of Government House had recently been cut with particular regard to reducing the height. He understood nothing further would happen now until March. The Clerk read letter as received from the Director of Highways and Traffic advising that the height would be reduced to between 9 and 10 feet with any tree boughs/branches overhanging the footway to be removed. The face of the hedge would be trimmed back in March 2002. The letter also requested the cooperation of the commissioners in resiting certain of the lamp columns where there were pinch points. With regard to the lighting it was agreed that this be held in abeyance until the hedge was properly trimmed to establish the exact width and also investigations would take place in the meantime to establish why one light was set back from the kerb so much. The Surveyor suggesting that this may be because of the location of the raw water main.

b) Traffic Calming – Home Zones

Letter as received from the Schemes Engineer advising that the spine roads in Birch Hill were to remain at 20 miles per hour and a number of additional smaller traffic ramps placed at strategic locations, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that other intermediate ramps were also to be located in the Lakeside Gardens and Ballachurry Park estates. Future Home Zones were to include Banks Howe, Howe Road, Turnberry Avenue and Majestic Drive. Noted.

c) 30 Central Drive

The Clerk reported correspondence, of which copies had been received, between Commissioner Norton and DoT in respect of the planning application to erect a boundary wall and create parking area at 30 Central Drive. Part of this correspondence was read to the meeting. The Surveyor confirmed that the planning committee had refused the application on the grounds that the location of the wall would be such as to impede vehicular access to adjoining properties and that the commissioners had objected to the application primarily on the grounds that it would result in parking in front of the building line which was contrary to their own policy. The Review decision was awaited. After discussion it was agreed that

Commissioner Norton should be advised that any question of legal remedy was a matter for the residents and not the commissioners.

WC/01/12/3

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil.

WC/01/12/4

REFUSE COLLECTION AND OTHER CLEANSING BUSINESS

a) **Officer's Report**

Copies of the Building Control Officer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matter being discussed further

Pavement Sweeper

The Surveyor advised that it was possible to purchase a special wheelie bin container for the pavement sweeper which makes provision for wet conditions such as snow whereby liquid can drain through the lower end of the container.

b) Access to Tip

Letter had been circulated as received from the Waste Operations Manager concerning traffic calming measures at Bride. The Surveyor reported that there had been no complaints from the refuse staff as a result of the restrictions which had been placed. Noted.

c) **Canteen**

The Surveyor reported that the new furniture for the operatives' canteen was due to arrive that week. Noted.

WC/01/12/5

STREET LIGHTING/SIGNS/SEATS AND OTHER STREET FURNITURE

a) **Officer's Report**

Copies of the officer's report as prepared by the District Surveyor had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matter being discussed further:-

Main Road Street Furniture Scheme

The Surveyor reported that a meeting had been held between himself, the Clerk and Mr Niall McGarrigle in respect of the street furniture scheme. As a result Mr Garigle was to produce a further alternative scheme based on the War Memorial Area for consideration.

b) **Capital Improvement Schemes**

The Surveyor reported that everything was now on the move in respect of lighting schemes. Noted.

c) **Malfunctions**

Mr Quirk enquired as to the number of street lights that were currently out. The Surveyor replied very few and that when they were reported as being out they were fixed within a week. Noted.

WC/01/12/6

DRAINAGE FUNCTION

a) Officer's Report

Copies of the Surveyor's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matter being discussed further

Sewer Rehabilitation Contract

In answer to question, the Surveyor advised that he was not aware of an complaints received from the public regarding the rehabilitation work which had now commenced. Noted.

WC/01/12/7

PLANNING MATTERS

a) Planning Communications

There was only one application where the decision of the Planning Committee and the recommendation of the commissioners differed.

PA00/0061 Extension and conservatory 6 Howe Road

The commissioners had objected to this application on the grounds that the conservatory was to be built over a public sewer. The Planning Committee had approved part of the application and refused the balance. The problem over the sewer had been rectified but the applicant was now taking the matter to Appeal for which views had to be submitted by 19th December 2001. Noted.

b) New Applications

The following applications were considered by the committee:-

PA01/1796 Lounge extension, 11 The Fairway for Mr & Mrs Bodey – *Recommend approval.*

PA01/1828 Alterations and extensions, 75 King Edward Road, for Mr & Mrs T. Yau – *Object on the same grounds as to the previous application.*

PA01/1830 Extensions The Beeches, Hillberry for Mr R. Smith- *Refer to Rural Committee, request deferment.*

PA01/1831 Approval in principle for dwelling and garage land adjoining 87 Royal Avenue for Mr S. Bradshaw – *Recommend approval subject to the existing building line and architectural style of the terrace being followed.*

PA01/1832 Extension Croit Ashlish, Summerhill Road for Mr & Mrs I. Hand – *Recommend approval. Neighbours to be notified.*

PA01/1836 Change of use from shop to delicatessen, shop, Royal Terrace for Reality Bites Limited – Recommend approval subject to notifying the owners of 1A, 1 & 2 Royal Terrace.

PA01/1852 Garden shed, 5 Howstrake Drive for Mr A.G. Whell – Recommend approval subject to notifying the owner of No 3.

WC/01/12/8

HEALTH AND SAFETY BUSINESS

Copies of the Building Control Officer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted without further comment.

WC/01/12/9

CAPITAL AND REVENUE PROJECTS

a) Officer's Report

Copies of the report prepared by the Clerk had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

b) Bemahague Sheltered Housing Complex

The Surveyor reported that the scheme was now approximately two weeks ahead of schedule. The roofs were currently going on. Mr Quirk enquired as to whether the doors were sufficiently wide for electric wheel chairs to which the Surveyor replied that the specification called for doors of suitable width for wheel chairs.

c) Main Road Public Toilets Project

The Surveyor reported that the architect had met with the Crime Prevention Officer who recommended some minor changes in respect of lighting. Planning and building regulation applications had now been made.

d) Office Alterations

The Clerk reported that the appointment of the architects and quantity surveyor had been approved by DOLGE with fees to be negotiated with the department. The scheme was now proceeding to stages 2/3. The Surveyor added that it was hoped that work would commence during the summer 2002. Noted.

e) Pennington Hall

Mr Quirk made an enquiry about Pennington Hall but was advised that this was a matter for the Leisure and Amenities Committee.

WC/01/12/10

BUILDING CONTROL

There were no matters for consideration.

WC/01/12/11

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

a) North Bank Development

The Chairman requested clarification in respect of access to phase 2 of the North Bank Development. The Surveyor reported that there had been a gentleman's agreement at the commencement of works that construction traffic would use Groudle Road and exit via King Edward Road. The planning approval laid down conditions in respect that all landscaping to phase 1 should be carried out prior to commencement of phase 2. The contractor had put in a temporary road to bypass phase 1 and gain access to phase 2 without interfering with the new dwellings or the existing estate roads. There has subsequently been an objection from a neighbour in respect of the non-compliance with the planning conditions. As a result of discussions the Department of Transport and the planners have agreed to a four-week period when the contractor could use Windermere Drive for access to phase 2. This four week period commenced on 26th November but todate had not been utilised. Noted.

b) Joint Meeting

Mr Crellin made reference to the joint meeting and the fact that DoT were going to look into the traffic priority in Furman Road/Furman Close and also parking in Furman Road and the fallen gate pillar in Royal Avenue. The Surveyor reported that he had no further communications from the department. The Administrative Officer reported that there had been a telephone call to the office that day from a resident in the area complaining that those cars which had had fixed penalty notices attached to them had not moved since that time. The resident also complained about the gate pillar and was advised that this had been reported to the police. The police had in fact now placed cones on top of the pillar to highlight its presence and were endeavouring to contact the property owner to have it removed. Noted.

WC/01/12/12

FURTHER REPORTS FROM CLERK/SURVEYOR

There were no further reports.

WC/01/12/13

ANY OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

WC/01/12/14

ESTIMATES

Copies of the draft departmental estimates had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted. The Clerk drew to the attention of the committee certain items. Mr Crellin made reference to payments in the past for storm damage/vandalism to street lighting and enquired as to the split on that amount. The Surveyor reported that the department did not normally split this item as it was not reclaimable from the insurance company in any event. If a split was required it would be possible to do so.

WC/01/12/15

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Copies of the list of outstanding matters had been circulated prior to the meeting and noted without further comment.

WC/01/12/16

MATTERS REFERRED BY BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil.

WC/01/12/17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Hawthorn Close

Mr Quirk enquired whether the street lighting had been adopted as yet in Hawthorn Close to which the Surveyor replied that it had not. Mr Quirk pointed out that there was a street light

missing from the top of the cul-de-sac. Members were aware of the position. He further enquired whether there was to be a top coating on the road and pavement to which the Surveyor explained the on going dispute between the present and previous developers.

b) Membership

The Chairman advised that it was his intention at the next meeting of the Board to request that the vacancy on the committee caused by the disqualification of Mr Earnshaw, following his election to the House of Keys, be filled.

c) Road Surfaces

Mr Astill made reference to the road surface at “The Park” and potholes in Main Road. These were to be referred to the Department of Transport.

d) Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was due to be held on 21st January 2002. The Chairman advised that he would like the meeting to be swapped with the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee which would be held the following week. Matter to be subject to confirmation following a discussion between the Chairman and his counterpart with the L&A Committee.

e) Seasons Greetings

The Chairman extended the compliments of the season to the members and officers who in return thanked him and Mrs Parkin the mince pies.

Meeting terminated 9.06pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the **LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 17th December 2001 at 7.00pm.

Present: Messrs E.D.R. Killey (in the chair), G.K. Astill, D. Crellin, D.J. Quirk JP and J.K. Watterson (from 7.01pm)

In attendance: Peter Kelly (Administration) & R.C. Quane (Amenities Officer)

LA/01/12/1 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

LA/01/12/2 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.

LA/01/12/3 **PLAYGROUNDS/PARKS**

a) Playground Log Books

The Chairman advised that he had visited the office earlier that day and had signed the log books.

b) Amenities Officer's Report

Copies of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matters being discussed further:-

i) Petrol Handling

Members noted that a letter was to be forwarded by the Trading Standards Office advising that the method of storage and transfer of petrol was now proposed was acceptable.

ii) Stadium Dressing Rooms

In answer to question, the Amenities Officer advised that when the walls to the dressing rooms were washed down they were not painted as they were regarded as being presentable.

iii) Tools – Health and Safety

The Amenities Officer reported that new mechanically operated tools had now been received and that the boatman/mechanic had removed his personal tools as instructed. In answer to question from Mr Watterson, the Amenities Officer confirmed that this still left hand tools such as spanners, hammer etc which were the property of the operative and for which an annual tool allowance was given as with the other tradesmen.

iv) Ballachurry Play Area

The additional seating was to be installed the following day. Noted.

v) Bemahague Kick About Area

In answer to question from the Chairman, the Amenities Officer advised that the new goalposts had not been set up and the grass had neither been cut nor the pitch marked out. The Chairman directed that this work be complete by the end of the second week in January.

c) Jubilee Playground

The Administrative Officer reported that correspondence had been received from the commissioners' advocates regarding their appointment in connection with the land transfer from the developers. The advocates had been advised that as the developers were to cover the commissioners' legal costs then contact should be made direct with them in that regard. Noted.

LA/01/12/4
OPEN SPACES

a) Amenities Officer's Report

Copies of the Amenities Officer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted with the following matters being discussed further:-

i) Port Jack Shelter

Members were pleased with the Christmas lighting decoration to the Port Jack Glen shelter. There had been comment received from the public that the roof was not finished because the light rope did not descend down the hip to complete the circuit. There had been other comments that the lights flashed too quickly. The Chairman commented that it should be noted the lighting was adequate for the present year but could be improved for next year. The Amenities Officer reported that children had attempted to tamper with the lighting.

ii) Small Christmas Trees

Mr Watterson advised that he had received a number of compliments regarding the appearance of the village once again with the small Christmas trees. He suggested that thanks should go to the staff who were involved. Thanks were also to be sent to Commissioner Black who assisted with the electrical wiring.

b) Port Jack Glen – Water Feature

The Administrative Officer reported correspondence to and from the Rotary Club of Onchan regarding their assistance in connection with the proposed water feature in Port Jack Glen. Members were delighted that the club were prepared to offer manual assistance and consequently it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Messrs Vickers and Berry of the club to invite them to attend the next meeting of the committee to discuss matters further.

c) Groudle Glen – Water Wheel

The Administrative Officer reported correspondence to and from DAFF regarding the redecoration of the water wheel at Groudle. It was noted that the water wheel and building had been placed on the list of works to be undertaken following the previous contact from the commissioners. It was planned to be undertaken during the spring of 2002 and this work would include the installation of a new shingle roof to the building. Noted.

d) Centenary Park

The Administrative Officer reported in respect of recent developments at Centenary Park. The contract for conveyance of the drive to the Water Authority had been returned to the advocates for correction. Four hundred hawthorn bushes had been delivered and were planted by Mr J. Lawson of St Johns who completed the task single handed within one working day. Mr Perns of Rainbow Borders was offering free of charge oak trees for planting which would be placed in the corner of the lower field. Oxford Brooks University were hoping to centre one of their projects in April on carrying out a measured survey of Centenary Park as it now stood. This was subject to confirmation but, should it take place, would be beneficial in the long run once the park was up and running.

e) Centenary Stone

The Chairman enquired whether the Onchan Centenary Stone was in position. The Administrative Officer reported that this was put in place in December 2000 but from February 2001 access has not been available due to foot and mouth restrictions. The stone could be visited using the Coanrhennee Road as some of the other

footpaths around the reservoir were currently closed due to construction work taking place. The Chairman then made reference to the aerial photographs which were to be available for inspection by the board members at the next meeting of the board.

LA/01/12/5

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

a) Amenities Officer's Report

Copies of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matter being discussed further

Locking of Toilets

Mr Crellin had a series of questions regarding the trial run which took place some time previous, of locking the toilets at 9pm of an evening. Such task being undertaken by the police officers at Onchan. Members were given a resumé by the Administrative Officer and Amenities Officer and after discussion it was agreed that having reverted back to not locking the toilets the present status quo should remain until such time as the new toilets were constructed and a new policy could be established.

LA/01/12/6

PUBLIC LIBRARY

a) Librarian's Report

Copies of the Librarian's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted with the following items being discussed further.

i) **Statistics**

Members noted that the library subscriptions compared to November the previous year were up and that issues under fiction, non-fiction, junior, audio, video and computer use were all up on the same month in 2000. The Chairman commented that he would like to see total figures for the year. The Administrative Officer reported that these would be prepared by the Librarian following the end of the calendar year.

ii) **Internet Charges**

Members noted that other libraries and internet cafes were charging their internet at £1 per quarter of an hour. At Onchan the charges were £1 for a short enquiry and then £2.50 for half an hour. On the recommendation of the Librarian it was agreed to fall in line with the other libraries and therefore the internet would be charged out at £1 per quarter of an hour and multiples thereof. The new charges to take effect from 1st January 2002.

iii) **Exhibitions**

Members noted the current Lord of the Rings exhibition which had received a lot of praise from the public. The Administrative Officer made reference to proposals for exhibition and competitions which were planned for the year 2002 which were to be included on the library section of the Onchan Commissioners Website.

iv) **Internet Connection**

Mr Watterson made reference to the present ISDN line and advantages that would be available using an ADSL line. After he had gone into this in great detail it was agreed that Mr Watterson should speak with the librarian.

LA/01/12/7

PROMOTIONS/ADVERTISING/PUBLIC INFORMATION

a) Island Games

Members were of the opinion that the reception went down well and was well received. The Administrative Officer read letter of thanks from Mr & Mrs Peter Gage and the Amenities Officer advised that verbal thanks

had been received from the mother of one of the Special Olympics medal winners who was present at the event. Members noted that in addition to the photograph which appeared in the local press there was also a mention in the cycling column of the Manx Independent.

b) Photographic Competition

Members noted that the proposed sponsor had not been back in touch and as time was passing it was now not really practicable to have a Christmas photographic competition and therefore arrangements should be made for it to take place at Easter.

c) Torchlight Procession

Again members were of the opinion that the event went well and Mr Watterson requested that the committee's thanks be recorded to the Administrative Officer and to his secretary Mrs Charmer.

d) Queen's Golden Jubilee

The Administrative Officer reported letter as sent to the Government Committee enquiring about dates for celebration to which no reply had yet been received. The matter was discussed at some length and it was agreed that rather than holding a May Day Fair an event be held on the Village Green and in The Butt to correspond with the UK celebration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee as opposed to holding an event in July on the public holiday. This was on the basis that there would be several events taking place at that time and this would give Onchan the opportunity to celebrate the event without distraction and at the correct time.

Enquiries still to be made as to the availability of a military band which could perform in Onchan Park. The Chairman advised that he had details of Golden Jubilee mugs which could be purchased and presented to every primary school child in Onchan.

e) Web Site

The Administrative Officer reported that further information had now been received from the majority of the clubs and societies giving further details on themselves for inclusion in the web site. A large amount of detail had been provided by the librarian to cover the library.

f) Meeting with Tenants

The Administrative Officer reported having written to the tenants of the various concessions in Onchan Park to try and set up a meeting in January to discuss joint promotion etc. A reply had been received from two but not from the others.

g) Advertising

Contact had been made with Mr Cowsill who was offering to provide art work free of charge for the commissioners' advertisement in his publication but as yet he had not delivered the photographs which he had taken in Onchan Park. Noted.

h) Christmas Lights

The Chairman commented on the number of private properties in Onchan which were providing decorative lighting over the Christmas period and suggested that perhaps the commissioners should offer an annual trophy for presentation for the best decorated property in Onchan. After a brief discussion members concurred and were of the opinion that the only way to judge this was for the committee to drive around and observe every property as opposed to requesting people to make formal application to be judged.

LA/01/12/8

YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

a) Amenities Officer's Report

Copies of the Amenities Officer's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted with the following matters being discussed further.

i) Lock Change

Members noted that the annual change of locks had been brought forward due to the fact that the front door had been tampered with by persons unknown. Mr Crellin enquired whether such incidents were reported to the police. The Amenities Officer responded that he was not aware whether it was in this case as this had occurred whilst he was on vacation.

ii) Vent to Snooker Room

Mr Crellin enquired as to where this was to be vented to which the amenities Officer replied that it was now to be vented to the external air within the soffit space.

iii) Radiators

In answer to question from Mr Quirk it was noted that provision had been made in the draft estimates to allow for replacement of certain radiators on a phased basis.

LA/01/12/9

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

Copies of the list of outstanding matters had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted with the following amendment

LA00/10/14 (a) Pennington Hall – Future development – await tenders for provision of portacabin for staff mess room – *Amend to read “await installation”*.

LA/01/12/10

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

a) Onchan Centenary Twirlers

Letter reported as received from Onchan Centenary Twirlers on behalf of the Manx Baton Twirling Sports Association requesting permission to use Port Jack Glen for a duck race on Sunday 2nd February 2002. After brief discussion it was agreed that permission be granted subject to the organisers holding public liability insurance and that everything is left as found.

b) Isle of Man Constabulary

Letter reported as received from the Training Department requesting that the commissioners fill the pool in Onchan Park during the month of January and also requesting that they then have the use of the pool in early February for training purposes. The Administrative Officer had sent an acknowledgment in which he pointed out that the pool was kept drained of water during the winter period as the park was not generally attended and for reasons of health and safety it reduced the likelihood of accident. The pool would not be filled in fact until the period immediately prior to Easter and would be available, if they so wished, for their training purposes between Easter and 1st May. Further reply awaited. Members endorsed the content of the letter. The Chairman commented that the police should also be advised that the empty pool was hopefully to be used for skateboard purposes.

c) Department of Tourism

Letter reported as received from the Department of Tourism requesting permission to use the cliff face at Port Jack and the rocks and grass land below the footpath at White City for the FIM World Trials Championship – British Round in 2002. No actual date was given for the event. The Administrative Officer reported reply as he had sent which, because this was a repeat request, he was empowered to accept. Such acceptance was subject to the usual conditions regarding insurance, making good surfaces and also negotiation in respect of any advertising fees. After a brief discussion members agreed that a fee of £50 per site should be requested.

LA/01/12/11

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 21st January 2002 at 7pm. This was a week earlier than usual but the Chairman of the Works and Cleansing Committee had requested a swop.

b) **Festive Season**

The Chairman wished members the compliments of the season which he also extended to the Amenities Officer and Administrative Officer. In reply, Mr Watterson thanked the Chairman for the provision of mince pies at the meeting.

Meeting terminated 10.15pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom at Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Thursday 20th December 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr S.T. Black (Chairman)
Mr M.J. Kennaugh
Mr E.D.R. Killey
Mr H.L.G. Parkin
Mr D.J. Quirk, J.P.

In Attendance Mr J.E.S. Smith (Chief Executive/Clerk)
Mr A.S. Booth, F.C.A. (Finance Officer)

PF01/12/01
MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting held on 20th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

PF01/12/02
BUSINESS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting other than those dealt with in the Clerk's and Finance Officer's reports and those matters listed separately on the agenda paper.

PF01/12/03
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from the minutes of previous meetings other than those dealt with in the Clerk's and Finance Officer's reports and those matters listed separately on the agenda paper.

PF01/12/04
FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Finance Officer's report, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered and arising therefrom:-

1. **Onchan Website**

Finance Officer confirmed that the new Onchan Website was online and was being expanded as information came to hand. After discussion, the Committee complimented the Finance Officer on progressing the website and expressed the hope that the Administration Officer would provide the information required from him as detailed by the Finance Officer. It was further agreed that if the photographs of members required for the website had not been provided by the next Board meeting, that digital photographs would be taken at that meeting for the website.

2. **Rates Collected**

It was noted that the total estimated collectable rates and cash received in the current financial year to 12th December 2001 compared with the previous financial year were as follows:-

2001/02 estimated amount collectable including arrears brought forward	1,017,752
2001/02 collected to 12 th December 2001 less refunds	1,002,724 (98.52%)

Comparative figures

2000/01 estimated amount collectable including arrears brought forward	999,794
2000/01 collected to 12 th December 2000 less refunds	968,411 (96.86%)

3. **Revenue Account Payments**

The list of payments from revenue account during the month of November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered and arising therefrom:-

3.1 Reference was made to the payment to Island Photographics for aerial photo prints of Onchan District. Mr Killey stated that the Members had still not had sight of the photographs and it was agreed that the same be made available for the Commissioners to view prior to the next meeting of the Board.

3.2 It was **RESOLVED***:-

That the said payments from revenue account as detailed on the list attached to the minutes be endorsed.

PF01/12/05

CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items of correspondence for consideration in public.

PF01/12/06

MATTERS REFERRED BY COMMISSIONERS/OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no matters which had been referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration in public.

PF01/12/07

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH POLICY OR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

It was **RESOLVED** that the following recommendation from the Housing Committee meeting held 3rd December 2001 be endorsed:-

1. *that the Committee would not object to a portion of the £3,000.00 previously set aside for the purchase of mobile scaffolding being used for necessary health and safety awareness courses.*

PF01/12/08

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PF01/12/09

MEETING DATES

1. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the Committee to which all Members of the Board would be invited be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd January 2002 for the purpose of considering the draft estimates.
2. It was further agreed that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee be held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 4th February 2002.

PF01/12/10

SEASONS GREETINGS

The Chairman extended seasons greetings to the Members and Officers of the Committee which were reciprocated.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the **RURAL COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Wednesday 19th December 2001 at 5.23pm.

Present: Messrs J.K. Watterson (in the Chair), J.M. Bulley, D.Crellin, B.H. Moore and A.T.W. Norton

In attendance: Peter Kelly (Administration) & B.T. Price (Building Control Officer)

R/01/12/1
MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2001, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

R/01/12/2
MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were arising from the minutes:-

a) **Begoade Road Flooding**

Letter read as sent on behalf of the committee to thank Mr Orry Mitchell and his staff at DoT for attending to the problem in Begoade Road by installing double gullies at the head of the drain run.

b) **Creg-na-Baa Back Road – Debris**

Letter reported as sent to DoT drawing to their attention the debris which had occurred on the Creg-na-Baa Back Road as a result of DAFF taking trees out of the plantation. Reply received which indicated that a copy of the commissioners' letter had been forwarded to DAFF. Mr Bulley advised that the road had been cleaned up and that such trees that are continuing to be removed are now taken out through the entrance rather than lifted over the hedge.

c) **Creg-na-Baa Back Road – Ponding**

Letter reported as sent to DoT drawing their attention to water ponding on the road in a location identified by being on the Creg-na-Baa side of the Honey Hill Road junction. Reply received which advised that the matter had been passed to Mr Corkish who was responsible for that area. Noted.

d) **Amal Road - Sign**

The Administrative Officer reported letter as sent to the Onchan Police Station enquiring as to any progress made in finding the person or persons responsible for removing the Amal Road sign. Telephone message received from Onchan Police Station indicated that enquiries had been made of residents in the area but nothing had come to light. Noted.

R/01/12/3
OUTSTANDING MATTERS

The list of outstanding matters had been circulated prior to the meeting but there was nothing for further discussions.

R/01/12/4
MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Footpath Ballakaighen House to Liverpool Arms

Letter reported as received from DoT advising that the contract for the resurfacing of the footpath had now been let to a contractor. Noted.

R/01/12/5

MATTERS REFERRED BY BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil.

R/01/12/6

PLANNING MATTERS

The Building Control Officer reported on the receipt of the following decisions from the Planning Committee:-

PA 01/1425 Approval in principle for conversion of part stables to create two tourist units, Ballakaighen, Laxey Road for Mr & Mrs P. Simpson – Refused on the basis that the Planning Committee did not regard the buildings as necessarily being redundant nor that the buildings were of architectural, historical or social interest to contribute sufficiently to public amenity to warrant their conversion under circular 3/89. Concern was expressed over the effect of such conversion on the neighbouring property and the fact that the converted units would be in the middle of a stable block.

Mr Crellin commented that he just didn't understand planning when some applications were approved and others which seemed the same were refused. General concern was expressed with regard to the recent application to convert a farm building into a motor body workshop which was recently approved by the Planning Committee yet in that instance there was no evidence that the building, which had only been erected for a maximum of three years, was redundant.

PA 01/1465 Approval in principle for rebuilding of Glenside Cottage, conversion of the Tuck Mill and the stone barn to living accommodation and refurbishment of Ballacottier Farmhouse and the Begger's House, Slegaby and Ballacottier, Hillberry for Clypse Farms Limited – Approved with conditions relating to the size of the replacement for Glenside Cottage and the percentage increase in size of Ballacottier Farmhouse.

PA 01/1465 (part of application) Approval in principle for refurbishment of the Piggeries at Ballacottier and the farmhouse at Slegaby, Hillberry for Clypse Farms Limited – Refused on the grounds of lack of architectural merit in respect of the Piggeries which therefore would not comply with circular 3/89 and insufficiency in respect of information regarding "white collar industry". The farmhouse by virtue of abandonment and its present condition having lost habitable and residential status and the redevelopment of such was contrary to the Onchan Local Plan. Noted.

R/01/12/7

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Time and Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 30th January 2002 at 5.15pm.

b) **Festive Season**

The Chairman extended the compliments of the season to the members and staff who in turn thanked the Chairman and Mrs Watterson for the provision of mince pies.

Meeting terminated 6.20pm.