

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom at Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 9th September 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

C02/09/01/01

MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on 5th August 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered, agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

C02/09/01/02

BUSINESS ARISING

1. C02/08/01/02(1) – Bemahague Elderly Persons Complex

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The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the proposed visit of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. MacFadyen to the site of the construction of the new elderly persons complex at Bemahague had taken place on 28th August 2002. A letter of thanks had been received, dated 29th August 2002, the content of which was reported. *Noted with pleasure.*

In answer to enquiry from Mr. Quirk, the District Surveyor confirmed that the contract completion date in respect of the construction works was 11th November 2002, although, it was unlikely to be ready for occupation until

the start of 2003. Mr. Quirk then asked about the selection of tenants for the units and was advised that this process would commence shortly.

2. **C02/08/01/12(3) – I.T. – Internet/Website**

Mr. Watterson made reference to the minutes of the previous meeting and to the list of General Account payments that had been circulated for payment. He specifically noted that the account lists referred to a payment for surge protection sockets and sought assurance that this was the best protection that could be afforded.

C02/09/01/03

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. **Friends of Chernobyl's Children (Isle of Man)**

The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Local Co-ordinator of the Friends of Chernobyl's Children (Isle of Man), dated 13th August 2002, thanking the Commissioners for their generous help in the provision of "Passports" for the children from Belarus to use in the Onchan Park. The content of the letter was reported. *Noted with pleasure.*

C02/09/01/04

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:-

1. **Onchan Horticultural Show**

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The Chairman referred to the Onchan Horticultural Show which was to take place the following weekend.

2. **Manx Community Housing Trust**

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The Chairman advised that he had recently attended the opening of another property for use by the Manx Community Housing Trust. He commented that the organisation gave great support to many families at difficult times. He congratulated the Trust on the opening of the additional premises.

C02/09/01/05

QUESTIONS

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The following questions were received and answered:-

1. Mr. Quirk to ask the Chairman of the Board – *“Ref. Abandoned, Commercial Vehicles & Trailers*
 - a) *Why are the abandoned vehicles which have no tax discs not being taken away from Belgravia Road.*
 - b) *Can we as a Local Authority take action against the Department of Transport or the Isle of Man Constabulary because of the none removal of abandoned vehicles which are not taxed”*

The question was answered by the Chairman of the Works and Cleansing Committee, Mr. Parkin, as follows:-

In answer to the first part of the question, Mr. Parkin advised that the Commissioners did not know why the reported vehicles had not been removed. They had been referred to the Police for action.

In answer to the second part of the question, Mr. Parkin confirmed that he was not immediately aware of any procedure under which a Local Authority could take action against the Department of Transport or the Isle of Man Constabulary. He added that any procedure, should one exist, would have to be carefully considered in relation to the particular circumstances.

2. Mr. Quirk to ask the Chairman of the Board – *“Ref. Weeds pavements and footpaths in Onchan*
 - a) *Can you tell me when the weeds in Onchan were sprayed and by who?*
 - b) *Who is responsible for looking after and maintaining footpaths and rights of way in Onchan*
 - c) *Is the Surveyors Department aware of a number of complaints with reference to footpath pavements and potholes in and around Onchan*
 - d) *When are the Commissioners going to meet the Department of Transport and the local police to discuss problems and other issues which are being received and not attended to.*

The question was answered by the Chairman of the Works and Cleansing Committee, Mr. Parkin, as follows:-

In answer to the first part of the question, Mr. Parkin advised that the footpaths were weedsprayed by the Works Division of the Department of Transport at the commencement of the growing season in the current year.

In answer to the second part, Mr. Parkin confirmed that the Department of Transport Works Division were responsible for the maintenance of footpaths and public rights of way.

Mr. Parkin then confirmed that neither the Surveyor's Department nor the Area Manager of the Department of Transport were aware of any outstanding complaints regarding footpath pavements and potholes other than the cleaning of weeds from the footpath between Royal Avenue and Marion Road, an order for the cleaning of which has been given by the Department of Transport Works Division.

Finally, Mr. Parkin confirmed that the next consultation meeting with the Department of Transport and Police had been arranged for Thursday 17th October 2002.

Mr. Norton enquired whether any supplementary questions could be asked for clarification of the answer given, but was advised that Standing Orders precluded this.

C02/09/01/06

HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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The Housing Committee had not met during August, in accordance with the policy of the Board and so there were no Minutes for consideration.

C02/09/01/07

WORKS AND CLEANSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Works and Cleansing Committee had not met during August, in accordance with the policy of the Board and so there were no Minutes for consideration.

Mr. Parkin, however, did make reference to recent difficulties which had been experienced in the collection of refuse. He explained that this was due to both manpower and mechanical difficulties which were beyond the control of the Commissioners. Every effort had been made to correct the situation and it was hoped that the service would be back on time during the following week.

Mr. Parkin apologised for the difficulties that had been experienced.

C02/09/01/08

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Leisure and Amenities Committee had not met during August, in accordance with the policy of the Board and so there were no Minutes for consideration.

C02/09/01/09

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

1. PF02/09/06(1) – Quality of Life Survey Proposal

After noting the detail of the Minute, Mr. Quirk asked whether the Policy and Finance Committee would give further consideration to the issue of a questionnaire, prepared in-house, and the use of the internet in connection therewith. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Killey, confirmed that the Policy and Finance Committee would consider the suggestion.

C02/09/01/10

RECEIVING OF MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2002, be and are hereby received. It was further **RESOLVED** that the resolution contained therein requiring the consent of the Board be approved as follows:-

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

C02/09/01/11

RURAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Rural Committee had not met during August, in accordance with the policy of the Board and so there were no Minutes for consideration.

C02/09/01/12

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
01/1636	Approval In Principle for 12 apartments, land below Majestic Apartments, King Edward Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Planning Decision On Review: Refusal Appeal Inspector recommended rejection, endorsed by Minister – Permission therefore refused.
02/0262	Change of use from workshop to dwelling, Alpine Mews, Strathallan Lane	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Planning Committee confirmed refusal on review.
02/0504	Approval in Principle for dwelling, land forming part of Greenfields, 14 Main Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Refusal Request submitted by the applicant for a review of the decision.
02/0631	Alterations and Extensions, 6 Groudle Road	ODC Recommendation: Refusal Initial Planning Decision: Approval ODC to ask the Planning Committee to review their decision.

2. **Police Consultative Forum Fourth Annual Report**

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The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter, dated 23rd August 2002, from the Secretary to the Police Consultative Forum. A report was also enclosed, the Fourth Annual Report, entitled "Youth Consultation". The letter confirmed that the aim of the Forum was to seek the views of the people of the Isle of Man on policing and crime prevention and relay those views to the police in order that they may be taken into account when formulating policing plans.

The letter explained that the first series of regional Forums were held in March and May 1999, the second in November 1999 and January 2000, and the third in September 2001. To date, the Forum had published three

reports – November 1999, November 2000 and March 2002. Each report had contained recommendations that had been used by the Isle of Man Constabulary to ensure its plans for each year were adjusted to meet the needs of the Island's population. Each follow up report also provided an update on the progress of each of the previous recommendations to ensure those that were outstanding were the subject of future implementation. It also confirmed that it was an essential part of the Forum's work to ensure that the concerns raised by the public were not only acted upon but were monitored to ensure they were not lost in the midst of time.

It stated that although the Public Forum process had been successful in providing a means by which the public could express their views on Policing, it had not proved to be a method of consultation that provided access to the full breadth of views held within the community. Therefore, the Forum membership had been unanimous in its view that the process needed to be developed further and that the means by which it obtained its views should include a number of alternative methods. This would ensure the recommendations that were made to the Police were soundly based.

The Forum's Fourth Report was based on a programme of youth consultation, which had taken place in the Island's Secondary Schools and at the Isle of Man College in order to obtain the views of the Island's youth on Policing in the Isle of Man.

The Police Consultative Forum membership sought any views on the Report and, in particular, in regard to the recommendations contained within the report.

The content of the letter were noted and it was agreed that copies of the report would be circulated for the information of Members.

3. Modernising the Planning System

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The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter, dated 28th August 2002, from the Director of Planning and Building Control of the Department of Local Government and the Environment. The letter was accompanied by a consultation document that the Department had issued on the review of the planning procedures. The Director's letter stated that the current Planning System on the Island had evolved over fifty years but the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 provided a new planning framework to meet the needs of the 21st Century. It went on to say that the first part of the Act had been introduced and that the Department were well on the way to producing an all Island Strategic Plan and a series of Area Plans.

The introduction of the remaining parts of the Acts, Parts 2 – 5, provided the opportunity to review the way in which planning applications, advertisements, registered buildings and conservation areas were dealt with and how the controls were enforced for the benefit of the wider community.

The Department wished to consult widely on how the current system operated, and what changes could be introduced to improve it. To that end, the document set out a framework for change and identified a number of ways in which it was felt that the system could be improved. The Department would be consulting all Local Authorities and the full range of organisations who were involved with, or had an interest in, the planning process.

It was noted that the consultation process extended to 31st October 2002 and that the views of the Authority were invited for submission prior to that date.

The Director went on to advise that a meeting was being arranged with the Municipal Association toward the end of September at which Mr. R. W. Henderson, MHK, the Member of the Department with responsibility for planning, and the Director would give a presentation on the issues set out in the consultation draft and answer questions. It was hoped that as many authorities as possible would be able to attend.

The Deputy Clerk had circulated the copies of the consultation document. The District Surveyor indicated that, in line with usual practice, he would prepare a report upon the consultation document which would be laid before the Commissioners for consideration ahead of the time for submission of views.

It was noted that the meeting with the Municipal Association was to take place on 26th September 2002, and it was confirmed that most of the Members would be attending. Mr. Killey apologised for non-attendance as he would be off-Island.

An extraordinary meeting of the Board would be held, on a date to be fixed, to consider the document and the report of the District Surveyor in the matter.

4. The Richmond Hill Consultative Committee

The Deputy Clerk advised of the receipt of the Minutes of the meeting of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee which had been held on 18th

July 2002. Copies of the Minutes were to be circulated to Members for information.

5. Manx Motor Racing Club Limited – Willaston and Promenade Sprint 2002

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The Deputy Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 21st August 2002 from the Events Secretary of the Manx Motor Racing Club Limited, which confirmed that the Classic Festival arranged for September 2002 had been cancelled. As a result the road closures, including those affecting Onchan would no longer be required. *Noted.*

6. Reserved Parking Space – Avondale Road

The District Surveyor advised of his understanding that the Department of Transport had agreed that the reserved car parking space on Avondale Road should be re-designated for use by the disabled. *Noted with pleasure.*

C02/09/01/13

CLERK'S REPORT

None.

C02/09/01/14

DISTRICT SURVEYOR'S REPORT

None.

C02/09/01/15

MOTIONS

None.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.45p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the **HOUSING COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 16th September 2002 beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr M.J. Kennaugh (Chairman)
Mr S.T. Black, J.P.
Mr D. Crellin
Mrs E.J.C. Kelly
Mr A.T.W. Norton

In attendance: Mr M.J. Williams (Deputy Clerk)
Mr A.B. Sutherland (Housing Maintenance
Manager)
Mrs S. Dougherty (Administrative Assistant)

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H02/09/01/01
MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 8th July 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered, agreed as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

H02/09/01/02
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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None.

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H02/09/01/03
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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None.

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H02/09/01/04
HOUSING AND OTHER ESTATES BUSINESS

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1. Maintenance Report

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A copy of a report prepared by the Housing Maintenance Manager, dated 11th September 2002, in relation to housing and other estates business, was circulated and the following matters were noted:-

a) Cleaning of Roofs – Hackett Close and Meadow Close

The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed that the roofs to the properties in Hackett Close and Meadow Close, together with two bungalow units in Nursery Avenue, had been successfully completed to a satisfactory standard. He confirmed that it was likely that contingency sums within the contract would be used to cover the cost of additional works including the replacement of broken tiles and protection of garden areas.

b) School Road – Replacement of Fencing

The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed completion of the project of realigning the fences at School Road.

2. Tenancy Report

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None.

3. H02/07/01/02(1) – Tour of the Commissioners Housing Estates

The Deputy Clerk reminded members that the tour of the Onchan District Commissioners housing estates had taken place on Thursday 25th July 2002, when Nursery Avenue, Ashley Park, School Road, Barrule Drive and Ballachrink Drive areas had been visited. Among the items which had been noted for attention were:-

- a) Abandoned cars, rear of Nursery Avenue – this was being attended by the Building Control Officer in the usual manner;
- b) Overgrowth and rubbish in the lane between the Housing units and the site of the former Nursery Hotel – to be addressed;
- c) The general condition of the footpaths in the area of Ashley Park – to be raised with the Department of Transport at the forthcoming meeting;
- d) Street Light, cul-de-sac, Ashley Park – to ask the Works and Cleansing Committee to consider fitting an extension arm to the light situated in the cul-de-sac among the trees, so as to improve visibility;
- e) Trees, rear of Ashley Park bungalows;
- f) Tree, Springfield Court phase 1;
- g) Condition of certain gardens, School Road;
- h) Car parking, School Road
- i) Car Parking, lane between Barrule Drive and Ballachrink Drive;

- j) Concrete apron, Ballachrink Drive flats area – to be raised with the Department of Transport at the forthcoming meeting.

4. **H02/07/01/04(3) – Ashley Park – Trees**

The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed that the works in the area had now been completed. He commented that the area was relatively wild but drew attention to the amount of waste, including garden waste, disposed of in the area. It was agreed that a notice should be erected to confirm that no waste was to be disposed in the area.

5. **Onchan District Housing Byelaws 2000 – Garden Maintenance**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that letters were regularly issued by the Housing Maintenance Manager, to various tenants who were not tending their gardens, reminding them of their obligation to maintain both the front and rear gardens of the properties that they occupied. No formal action had been taken in the current year, under the terms of the Onchan District Housing Byelaws 2000.

6. **Secured By Design – Seminar**

The Deputy Clerk advised that he and the Housing Maintenance Manager had attended a seminar on 12th July 2002, to hear about an initiative in relation to “Designing Out Crime”. The Department of Local Government and the Environment hosted the Seminar and the Initiative was a partnership between that Department and the Isle of Man Constabulary. The aim was to try to encourage the assessment of criminal possibility in respect of a development and to take steps to ensure that the design of any development was such as to minimise such opportunities.

The Deputy Clerk advised that a standard had evolved in the UK against which developers and the Police could judge designs, and this was known as the “Secured by Design” standard. It had been adopted by a number of police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland “to achieve higher standards of security in the interests of reducing crime”.

The attendees at the seminar included most of the major developers on the Island, Architectural firms and so on. It included a presentation by an Officer of the Douglas Corporation, who showed the impact that the “Secured By Design” standard had had upon the design of the latest phase of the Pulrose Refurbishment Scheme. *Noted.*

7. **Nursery Avenue Lane – Hedge**

It was reported that the tenant of 73 Nursery Avenue had expressed concern about the overgrowth of the hedge to the rear of the property. To be investigated and, if necessary, addressed.

H02/09/01/05

SPRINGFIELD COURT MATTERS

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1. Maintenance Report

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A report had been prepared in relation to maintenance matters at Springfield Court by the Housing Maintenance Manager dated 11th September 2002, such report having been circulated to the Members with the agenda. The report was noted.

2. H02/07/01/05(2) – Fire Extinguishers

The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed that the report of the engineer had been acted upon, and that 8 fire extinguishers within Springfield Court had been replaced. *Noted.*

3. H02/07/01/05(3) – Tree

The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed that he had consulted with the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, with regard to the tree at the topside of Springfield Court phase 1, at Second Avenue. The view of the Forester had been that the tree was a good specimen and should be retained.

The Housing Maintenance Manager had already consulted with the resident who had raised the issue, and the difficulty appeared to be that the tree movement was setting off the movement sensor attached to the exterior lighting in the area, and that as a result, the lighting was being frequently activated. Whilst the Forester had recognised this, he did not recommend any limbing of the tree. *Noted.*

H02/09/01/06

GARAGE MATTERS

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1. Garage Tenancies

In answer to the enquiry from the previous meeting of the Committee, the Deputy Clerk confirmed that the number of garages occupied by the

Commissioners Housing Tenants was 95, whereas only 36 were occupied by non-tenants.

H02/09/01/07

PLANNED HOUSING MAINTENANCE

None.

H02/09/01/08

HEALTH AND SAFETY BUSINESS

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The Housing Maintenance Manager confirmed that there had been no accidents or incidents in relation to the Housing Committee activities since the last meeting of that Committee. He also advised that the time was approaching when the annual appliance inspection programme would be implemented. *Noted.*

H02/09/01/09

OFFICERS REPORT

None.

H02/09/01/10

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

H02/09/01/11

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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The Deputy Clerk advised that there was no financial report in respect of the activities of the Housing Committee for the current financial year to date.

H02/09/01/12

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

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None considered this month.

H02/09/01/13

MATTERS REFERRED BY THE BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

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H02/09/01/14

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Commissioners' Surgery**

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It was noted that the next Commissioners' Surgery would take place on Monday 21st October 2002 commencing at 6.30 p.m.

2. **Date of Next Meeting**

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It was noted that the next ordinary meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday 24th October 2002, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

Minutes of a meeting of the **WORKS & CLEANSING COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 30th September 2002 at 6.59pm.

Present: Messrs H.L.G. Parkin (in the chair) S.T. Black JP, and D.J. Quirk

Apologises: D.Crellin and J.K. Watterson

In attendance: J.E.S. Smith (Clerk), B.T. Price (Building Control Officer) and Peter Kelly (Administration)

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WC/02/9/1

MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, was taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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WC/02/9/2

MATTERS ARISING

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a) **Extraordinary Meeting with DoT and the Police**

Copies of a draft agenda had been circulated and was noted. As the meeting progressed additional items were added. Mr Quirk made reference to a article in the Isle of Man Examiner that day of a meeting held between Braddan Commissioners and the Police in what he described as a joint effort to solve problems such as abandoned vehicles, road problems etc. He suggested that an agenda item be a proposed public meeting to discuss such matters as he felt the people of Onchan were frustrated. There was no further comment other than to note there were some Rural matters to be added to the list.

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WC/02/9/3

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proposed New Secondary School, Bemahague

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Copies of correspondence between Dalrymple Associates Limited and the Surveyor had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that Dalrymple's letter was an advanced enquiry as to whether the area currently utilised by McArds for access to the Manx Blind Welfare site could be utilised in due course for the construction of a school. When the school is finished then the site would be reinstated. The Surveyor in his reply pointed out that the land in question belonged to DOLGE from whom permission should be sought. He also suggested that the commissioners would like an early presentation of the initial proposals for the school and that in due course a display could be mounted in the Onchan Public Library for the general public to view the proposals and submit comments thereon. Noted.

WC/02/9/4

REFUSE COLLECTION AND OTHER CLEANSING BUSINESS

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a) **Officer's Report**

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

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i) **Staff Vacancy**

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The Building Control Officer reported that there had been several applications for the post refuse driver/collector.

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ii) Delays

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The Building Control Officer reported that there had been great progress during the previous week and he expected everything to be back on course the following week. There were still minor occurrences with the vehicles particularly regarding hydraulic pipelines which are in inconvenient locations. Mr Quirk commented that the vehicles were not that old on account of the commissioners' renewal policy. The Building Control Officer replied that whilst that may be the case with one particular vehicle the wiring was breaking up causing intermittent problems. The Building Control Officer further sought permission from the committee that once the new vehicle arrived that there was not an immediate disposal of the old vehicle so as to provide additional cover whilst some of the other vehicles were serviced.

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iii) New Vehicle

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The Clerk advised that the DAF chassis arrived at Fauns on 16th September, one month later than promised but they hoped to regain some of the time and expected to have the vehicle ready for shipment by the end of October. Noted.

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b) Civic Amenity Site

The Clerk reported that there was a joint committee meeting on the coming Friday. A copy of the draft agreement for the Middle River site had gone to the Department. Planning approval had been received for the amended layout but there was a planning condition which needed to be resolved. There were further problems with the Department and their refuse policy with a particular regard to the present tipping facilities at the Ayres due to the fact that the incinerator would be behind time in its commissioning.

It was noted that the Civic Amenity Site was no longer accepting tyres which were the subject of collection by a private company at a charge of £2 per tyre. Equally fridges and freezers were no longer being accepted at the Civic Amenity Site as there was a £10 charge for these. After a general discussion on the proposal of Mr Quirk, seconded by the Chairman it was ***RESOLVED**

“that Onchan District Commissioners should no longer collect tyres, fridges and freezers either as part of their domestic/business collection service or their special collection service”.

c) **Marion Road**

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Mr Quirk commented that during the recent parks inspection by members of the Leisure and Amenities Committee it was noted that two of the large galvanised wheelie bins had been left outside Pennington Hall over the weekend. Noted.

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WC/02/9/5

STREET LIGHTING

a) **Officer’s Report**

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Copies of the District Surveyor’s report in respect of street lighting, had been circulated prior to the meeting, and was noted with the following point being discussed further

King Edward Road Lights

In answer to question from Mr Quirk, the Building Control Officer advised that work on the replacement lights in King Edward Road was likely to take place in late October. Noted.

b) **Other Lighting Matters**

Mr Quirk made reference to the pedestrian crossing in Hillberry Road stating that since DoT had changed the type of pole for the pelican beacon there was now less light on the crossing and he wondered if the officers could have a look to see if there were any ways of improving visibility.

WC/02/9/6

DRAINAGE FUNCTION

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a) **Officer’s Report**

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

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Manhole Cover Refurbishment/Sewer Rehabilitation

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Mr Quirk enquired whether the Surveyor's Department had been in correspondence with DoT over manhole covers as he had personally recently been in a confrontation situation with one of the officers from the Department. He made reference to the fact that manhole covers at Victoria Avenue, Avondale Road and one at a site which slipped his mind required to be raised. The Building Control Officer replied that these sites were known both to the Surveyor's Department and DoT and it had been agreed that they would be added to the list to be carried out during the next sewer rehabilitation contract as referred to in the report circulated. Noted.

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WC/02/9/7

PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Planning Communications**

There were two planning applications where the decision of the Planning Committee differed from the recommendation of the commissioners viz:-

PA 02/696 Flat roofed extension to side and rear with balconies, 2 King Edward Road -

The commissioners had recommended approval but the Planning Committee had refused the application on the grounds that the proposals would be over looking and therefore un-neighbourly.

PA 02/631 Alterations and extensions 6 Groudle Road

The commissioners had requested refusal but the Planning Committee had approved the application. Consequently a request for a Review had been submitted.

b) **Central Stores**

The Chairman of the Board commented that he had received a letter from Peter Karran MHK regarding the application for the erection of a wall around Central Stores. Mr Quirk was of the opinion that in recommending approval the inspector gave the commissioners the opportunity to negotiate the outline of the wall with particular regard to trimming off the

corner for access to the lane. The view of the degree of uncertainty the Building Control Officer to investigate.

c) **New Application**

- PA 02/1239 Proposed conservatory 31 Harbour Road for Mr & Mrs Corkish –
Approved – adjoining owners to be notified.

d) **Carpet House**

The Building Control Officer reported receipt of a letter from the Carpet House referring to the roof of their premises which was currently corrugated asbestos sheeting. They were experiencing water ingress through the roof and intended to replace it with plastic coated performed metal sheeting. This was not an application but taken to be a letter of intent. Agreed that the writer should be advised that as these premises fall within the Onchan Conservation Area it would be necessary to obtain planning permission for this work.

- **WC/02/97/8**

HEALTH AND SAFETY BUSINESS

- a) **Officer's Report**

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

- i) **Landfill Sites**

- **Mr Quirk enquired whether copies of the new rules in respect of tipping at the Ayres site had been circulated to all drivers. The Building Control Officer replied that this was the case with the exception of one driver who was currently not at work.**

- ii) **Mount Murray Collection**

- **In answer to question from Mr Quirk, the Building Control Officer advised that there was no sign over Braddan Commissioners responding in respect of the proposals put forward by Onchan District Commissioners to alleviate the problems experienced with collecting at Mount Murray due to**

the narrowness of roads. The matter was discussed and finally agreed that a further letter be sent to Braddan Commissioners giving them until the next meeting of the Works and Cleansing Committee in order to respond.

WC/02/9/9

CAPITAL AND REVENUE PROJECTS

a) Officer's Report

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

i) Willow House

The current situation regarding air conditioning to Willow House was not known. Matter to be investigated.

ii) Port Jack Railings - Refurbishment

The Building Control Officer advised that the Surveyor intended to inspect the railings with the Housing Maintenance Manager in order to prepare a schedule of works.
Noted.

WC/02/9/10

BUILDING CONTROL

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There were no matters for discussion or consideration.

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WC/02/9/11

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC MATTERS

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a) Disabled Parking Spaces

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The Building Control Officer reported that a disabled persons parking space was now created in Stoney Road and a further one in Elm Tree Road.

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b) Traffic Church Road

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The Clerk reported on correspondence received from a resident in Church Road enclosing a petition signed by residents in that area and sent to the Department of Transport requesting traffic calming measures. Copy of reply as sent by the Director of Highways and Traffic to the resident advising that the department has to date only installed traffic calming measures in residential estates and not on through roads. Arrangements had been made however for a speed survey to be undertaken in Church Road and for discussions to take place with the commissioners and police. Noted.

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WC/02/9/12

FURTHER REPORTS

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There were no further reports from the Clerk or Surveyor.

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WC/02/9/13

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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Nil.

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WC/02/9/14

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

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

W99/07/03(a) Groudle Road – One Way Traffic Review –Traffic Count details. – Delete as the one-way system was to remain and only to be reviewed once constructional work was complete on the North Bank Land.

W98/7/14(a) Adoption of roads and lane – Marion Road. Mr Quirk suggested that the commissioners should take up with DoT the question of the lane running in front of Pennington Hall. The Clerk reminded members that this was adopted as a public footpath but there was additional land which had been surfaced by the commissioners and was part of that area awaiting formal adoption.

WC/02/9/15

MATTERS REFERRED BY BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

Tree Felling Licences

Letter reported as received from the Senior Forester advising that a permit has been issued in respect of the monkey puzzle tree standing at 4 Howstrake Drive. The forester regretted that the licence was issued but this attractive tree was becoming a major problem to the property which it stood alongside. In responding to the question put in a letter to him by the District Surveyor he advised that there was no legal right of objection under the Tree Preservation Act 1993 but the department can consult (at its own discretion) where it is thought that any tree work would seriously affect the amenities of an area. Noted.

WC/02/9/16

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) **Next Meeting**

- Monday 28th October 2002 at 7pm

- **Meeting terminated 10.02pm.**

Minutes of a meeting of the LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 23rd September 2002 at 6.58pm.

- **Present:** Mr G.K. Astill (in the chair) Messrs S.T. Black JP, A.T.W. Norton, D.J. Quirk and J.K. Watterson.

- **In attendance:** Peter Kelly (Administration)

LA/02/9/1

MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

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LA/02/9/2

MATTERS ARISING

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

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LA/02/9/3

PLAYGROUNDS/PARKS

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a) **Playground Log Books**

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The Administrative Officer advised members that as the Amenities Officer's mother had passed away during the previous week he had been absent on compassionate leave and therefore the log books had not been available for inspection by the Committee Chairman. Noted. Mr Watterson requested that the condolences of the committee be conveyed to Mr Quane and his family.

b) **Amenities Officer's Report**

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

Tennis Court - Nets

Members noted that the Amenities Officer felt that three of the tennis court nets needed to be replaced at £95 each. Agreed that these should be purchased.

c) **Stadium Football Pitch**

The Administrative Officer reported that the drainage work was carried out on the pitch using the "Vertidrain" principle. By co-operation with the go-kart concessionaire early access was granted to the pitch to commence play. The ground staff however were not too happy with the early commencement as re-turfing had not been fully carried out. Mr Black commented that he understood the club were in the process of painting the room which had been made available under the grandstand for the purpose of tea making etc.

d) **Pennington Hall**

The Administrative Officer reminded members that at the previous meeting there was no recommendation in respect of the future of Pennington Hall and the matter was referred to the Board. At the Board meeting members agreed that the present building should be demolished and a new one erected in its place. Mr Quirk commented that the Surveyor should be asked to produce a progress report for the next meeting advising as to what arrangements had been made for the drawing of plans, obtaining of estimates etc so that there could be an early start. The Administrative Officer reported that any start should coincide with when the motorboats are placed in the pool for the 2003 season and that the duration of contract for the erection of the building should equally coincide with the length of the season. Mr Watterson commented that whilst the Board made the decision to demolish and rebuild he was concerned that the facts were not before them in respect of estimated prices for refurbishment compared to rebuild. He accepted that these figures were made available to the Leisure and Amenities Committee on a previous occasion but he was still concerned that they were not brought forward at the Board meeting and the members made a decision without that knowledge. He added that he personally felt that the present building was sound enough to be refurbished. He then commented that the committee needed to have an input into the proposals but obviously talks needed to be held at officer level to establish the requirements of those members of staff who would be using the building.

e) **STRI Report**

The Administrative Officer reported that to the best of his knowledge work commenced on the crown green on 20th September as intended. He was unaware of progress to date.

f) **Jubilee Playground**

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The Administrative Officer reported that more schemes had been received but he had held back on putting them before the committee that evening as he felt that the Amenities Officer should be present. He suggested therefore that an extraordinary meeting be called one evening for 5.30pm when the whole meeting would be devoted to the various schemes for the playground which should be installed during the Spring ready for Easter 2003.

g) School Road Recreation Ground

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The Administrative Officer reported petition received as signed by 28 young people requesting goalpost and nets to be erected on the playing area in School Road Recreation Ground. Reply read as sent to the first named youth on the petition informing him as to the difficulties the commissioners had experienced with providing goalposts with crossbars as children have in the past swung on them causing damage to themselves and others. Consequently he had arranged for round wooden posts to be erected and painted white. This work had now been undertaken. Mr Watterson thanked the Administrative Officer for his initiative and prompt action in this regard.

LA/02/9/4

OPEN SPACES

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a)

Amenities Officer's Report

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

i) Heywood Park

Mr Watterson commented that he thought 5 – 6 weeks seemed a long time for bush cutting in the landscaped areas at Heywood Park.

ii) School Road Recreation Ground

Mr Quirk expressed concern that there had been further discharge of storm water from the manhole cover in the Rec and requested that the Surveyor's Department arrange for a camera survey of the pipe run.

b) Port Jack Glen

Mr Quirk reported that the Onchan Rotary Club were going to carry out work in the spring. He further added that Mr Ellison was prepared to plant the trees and bushes that he recommended if the commissioners were prepared to provide them. He then added that sections of the path were getting rough at the edges and perhaps the Surveyor could have a look at

them with the possibility of having the cable laid at the same time as the paths are repaired. Noted.

c) **Memorial Seats**

The Administrative Officer reported that the seat in memory of Peter Jackson in the Taverners Playground had been completed. The memorial seat for Mr Pollard had been put in position in front of the office. Wording had been provided by the secretary of the Onchan branch of the Royal British Legion but was too long for the plaque and therefore revised wording was awaited. The seat to be placed in Port Jack Glen in memory of Mr Leslie Holt was in hand. The Housing Maintenance Manager had arranged for the timbers to be cut and varnished and at the same time to have the concrete ends collected from Rural Industries. It was anticipated that this seat would be put in position in one week's time. Mr Quirk made reference to the fact that whilst the staff had placed Mr Pollard's seat in front of the office they had neglected to deal with the weeds beneath it.

d) **Port Jack Glen**

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Mr Norton commented that Port Jack Glen did not have a name board at either entrance. With regard to the upper entrance the Administrative Officer suggested that perhaps white lettering on a clear background could be applied to the base line of the half timbering within the gable.

With regard to the lower entrance Mr Norton felt that something a bit more impressive than what is currently there would be better. He suggested that perhaps a galvanized arch similar to those used on the School Road Recreation Ground could be placed between the pillars.

The Administrative Officer reminded members that previously it had been suggested that a "super loo" could be built there with parking for the disabled immediately outside. This would have provided a modern self cleaning unisex toilet to replace the old block at Port Jack and could have been incorporated into a new entrance.

Matter to be referred to the Surveyor's Department for action in respect of the upper entrance and a costing in respect of the lower entrance.

e) **Jubilee Playground**

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The Administrative Officer reported that work in the constructing of new paths on the land adjoining the Jubilee Playground had been carried out

by Heritage Homes. Consequently he had written to the advocates for the commissioners pressing for an early completion of the land hand over.

A site visit had revealed over growing bushes and a tree in respect of the footpath that runs along the top side of Jubilee Playground connecting with Birch Hill Crescent. Letter sent to the owner of the property.

Mr Quirk queried fencing to which the Administrative Officer replied that instructions had been issued to the Amenities Officer to have board fencing to match the existing placed at the upper end of the new section of land where lengths of hedge had been removed. This fence would incorporate a pair of gates to assist the grass cutting equipment and also a self closing pedestrian gate to ensure a dog free playground. Mr Quirk added that the dog bin on the Heritage Homes' land was in the wrong position. Neither members nor staff were aware as to who had placed this bin on this land as it was not owned by the commissioners.

f) **Centenary Park**

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The Administrative Officer reported having met Mr Perns from Rainbow Borders on site and he had confirmed his offer to supply free of charge oak trees for planting in the lower triangle. The Administrative Officer further added that as it would be necessary to engage a contractor to plant the trees owing to the apparent work load of the park staff then he had instructed Mr Perns so to do. All equipment in respect of stakes and tree guards would be purchased by the commissioners.

Mr Quirk expressed concern over an adjoining land owner and requested that a check be made to ensure that they were not trying to extend their property over the boundary.

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LA/02/9/5

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

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a) **Amenities Officer's Report**

Copies of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted without further comment.

b) **Toilet Refurbishment – Main Road**

The Administrative Officer reminded members that the tender of Ryzak and Cockroft Ltd had been accepted at the recent meeting of the Board. The petition for borrowing powers was now being submitted. Noted.

LA/02/9/6

PUBLIC LIBRARY

a) Librarian's Report

- Copies of the Librarian's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. The Board Chairman reported having presented the prizes at the Reading Planet presentation the previous Thursday evening.

b) Amenities Officer's Report

Copies of the Amenities Officer's report were noted. Members commented that there appeared to have been trouble with the same fire exit light in the past. Mr Quirk stated that there should be a log book kept which should show up repetitive problems and the Amenities Officer to report at the next meeting on the light in question.

LA/02/9/7

PROMOTIONS/ADVERTISING/PUBLIC INFORMATION

a) Advertising

The Administrative Officer reported that the Manx Radio advertising commenced with the break up of the schools for their summer holidays and finished just prior to them going back. The package reached with Manx Radio this year provided more spots for the same amount of money and several of these were in the day time.

The Church Leader advertising also finished in August and this appeared to have had results from enquiries in the initial stage for group bookings. With regard to the advertisement taken out in a guide book, it was not felt that this had produced much in the way of business but it was difficult to assess. Members were of the opinion that they were unlikely to advertise in that medium again.

b) Queen's Golden Jubilee

- The Administrative Officer reported that all the Onchan souvenir mugs had been sold. The small supply of mugs which had arrived without the

Onchan crest were now on sale at a reduced rate. There had been some sales since the last meeting with the silver plated Millennium spoons.

c) Web Site

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The Administrative Officer reported on the additional items placed on the website including further pictures of recent events. It was his intention to have the mugs, spoons and the "Onchan Story" book added to the website. The Administrative Officer reported that he understood the person with whom the commissioners had contracted to set up the website was leaving the Island. Mr Quirk responded that understood the Finance Officer was making alternative arrangements. Mr Norton made reference to the Manx Radio website and suggested that there could be a link. Mr Quirk suggested there could be further links with other clubs and societies but there was no support for this. He then added that the information in the Housing Section on the web now needed updating since the changes brought in by the DOLGE.

d) Enquiries

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The Administrative Officer reported on letter received from a lady in Wandsworth enquiring about accommodation in Douglas during September. Further e-mail enquiry regarding whether Onchan Park was open at the end of September. A letter from a gentleman in Prestwich, Manchester enquiring about the Lourdes Grotto of which he had obtained a booklet in a second hand bookshop in Manchester. Other general enquiries were not reported.

e) Tours

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The Administrative Officer reminded members that he had spoken to the Brownies in June giving them an insight into the history of Onchan. The previous Monday to the meeting he had taken the same group into Molly Carrooin's Cottage and given a guided tour thereof.

f) Coach Map

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The Administrative Officer reported on the visit by Mr John LeSaint of Profile (Advertising Agents) in respect of a simple map of the Isle of Man which was handed out to patrons on Tours (Isle of Man) coaches. This map had advertising space around the edges. The Administrative Officer reported that despite a request to be provided with numbers of coach

patrons using The Crescent stand during the period May to September nothing had been forthcoming. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the likelihood of patrons on a coach tour subsequently coming to Onchan Park when the coaches themselves did not come was unlikely. Therefore it was agreed that the advertising space offered should not be taken up.

g) Gardens Competition

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The Administrative Officer reported that the marks had now been received from the two judges and had been aggregated. After further discussion it was agreed that the prize presentation should take place on the evening of Friday 11th October at 6pm.

h) Scooters

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The Administrative Officer reported letter he had sent to Mr Paul Moylan in connection with the forthcoming Lambretta Club of Great Britain Rally to the Isle of Man in 2003. He reminded members that a letter had been sent to the Department of Tourism approximately 2 years earlier enquiring if they would be prepared to promote the revival of scooter rallies and in which case Onchan Stadium could be made available for various events. The Lambretta Club were coming to the Island the following weekend for a trial run with approximately 250 scooters. Letter was sent to the organiser offering Onchan Stadium for 2003 and suggesting that several of the scooter riders coming at that time might care to stay at the Glen Dhoo Camp Site which is located in Onchan. Mr Quirk commented that if this took place then the commissioners could provide trophies for the various events.

j) Flags

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Mr Quirk commented that he was disappointed that the Surveyor's Department couldn't keep on top of the damaged flags during the summer which let the side down. He had spoken to somebody of recent who suggested that perhaps the flags could be waterproofed which would make them more resilient. He then made reference to a trial which had been carried out during the year of one flag which a local person had adapted so as to prevent the flag from wrapping round the flagpole. This he understood the person in question was contemplating patenting. Mr Watterson commented that the batch of flags used this year seemed to deteriorate quicker than in previous years. The Administrative Officer poised the question to members whether they wished to reduce the number of flags on display to a more central area of Onchan and to avoid Port Jack where the flags were affected by the weather more than in any other location. Members were adamant in their opinion that the number of

flags should not be reduced. They did however agree that there was no necessity to increase the number of flags. A suggestion was made that if the commissioners had their own hoist then access for repairs to damaged flags would be a lot easier rather than relying on a minimum of four hour hire for a hoist. Mr Quirk suggested that there were several hoist firms in existence and that perhaps one of them would be prepared to see to the repair of flags as a favour. Mr Watterson doubted that this was practical and suggested that the Surveyor's Department obtain details of the various hoists available. Mr Quirk then added that he understood there was now a perfectly acceptable system of an adaptation to a standard ladder to gain access to a lamppost.

k) **Maps of the District**

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Mr Norton enquired as to the position regarding the information map to be placed in Onchan Park. The Administrative Officer replied that he had heard nothing further from the firm in question and anticipated it would now be the 2003 season when they wished to erect the map. Equally nothing further had been heard from them in respect of providing a disc so that the commissioners could run off copies of the Onchan map.

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LA/02/9/8

YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

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a) **Amenities Officer's Report**

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

i) **Radiators**

Mr Quirk enquired as to what was happening over the radiators in the sports hall as he understood the Surveyor's Department were going to obtain a report on them.

ii) **Fascia Board**

Mr Quirk pointed out that the fascia board running round the outside of the building was in poor condition and suggested that quotations should be received for its redecoration and or replacement in uPVC.

LA/02/9/9

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

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The list of outstanding matters had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with particular regard to the long list of additional items placed on the list. The Administrative Officer reported that these were items arising from the previous meeting which were not covered in the Amenities Officer's report and therefore were placed on the list to ensure that they were not forgotten. Mr Quirk made reference to the previous agreement that the cylinder in the changing rooms under the stadium should be boxed in. He suggested that perhaps prices should be obtained for installing a mega flow shower system.

With regard to the item to allow for the purchase of a flail mower in 2003/04 Mr Quirk commented that he understood the gang mowers recently purchased wouldn't cut and he required further information on them.

LA/02/9/10

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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a) **Manx Model Boat Club**

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The Administrative Officer reported on the receipt of a framed thank you certificate to the commissioners for their involvement in the Mannanan Festival. Mr Black reported on having attended the Venetian Evening when he was requested to judge the best boat. He said that the spectacle of the illuminated boats on the pool at night was a marvelous one.

b) **IOM Football Association**

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The Administrative Officer reported receipt of a copy of the Isle of Man Football Association Development Plan 2002 – 2004. Mr Quirk made reference to the presentation made early in the year when those present were advised that the Association was going to do an audit of all pitches and facilities on the Island. He suggested that enquiries be made as to whether this had been carried out and what their findings were in respect of Onchan Stadium.

c) **Groudle Glen**

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Letter reported as received from Groudle Glen Railway Volunteers drawing the attention of the commissioners to the wheelhouse in the glen which appeared to be somewhat neglected. A copy letter was also provided as sent to DAFF regarding the state of the footpaths in the glen and requesting that these be remedied as it was putting off visitors to the

railway. The Administrative Officer reported that to the best of his knowledge the responsibility for the wheelhouse lay with DAFF as part of their overall 99 year lease of the glen from the commissioners.

d) **Commissioner Kelly**

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The Administrative Officer reported receipt of an e-mail from Commissioner Kelly suggesting that the tennis courts be left unlocked during the winter months as in the past vandals were the only persons who could gain entry and locking the courts did not keep them out. In view of the fact that the committee were putting forward a recommendation in respect of the tennis courts it was agreed to hold over this suggestion for the time being. Mrs Kelly's e-mail further suggested that the area beneath the swings in the School Road Recreation Ground be used for the purpose of a skateboard park. Members were unable to follow the suggestion as this would appear to apply to either the office car park or the grass verge alongside.

LA/02/9/11

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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a) **Date of Next Meeting**

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Monday 4th November 2002 at 7pm.

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b) **Christmas Trees**

Mr Quirk enquired as to what date the small Christmas trees were to be erected. The Administrative Officer advised that he was not aware as to any arrangements made at present but he was aware that the Amenities Officer had ordered the large Christmas trees for the various locations in the village.

c) **Lakeside Development**

Mr Quirk commented that todate the committee had not visited the North Bank Land to view the area to be donated to the commissioners as public open space. Arrangements to be made for such a visit.

d) **Armistice Day**

Mr Quirk requested that the area round the war memorial be cleaned and tidy in time for Armistice Sunday. It was noted that this is usually carried out in any event.

e) **Park Inspection**

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The Chairman made reference to the fact that it had been previously agreed that the committee would view Onchan Park at the end of the season. After a further discussion it was agreed that they should meet outside the café at 4.15pm on Friday 27th September 2002.

Meeting terminated 10.30pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the **RURAL COMMITTEE** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Wednesday 2nd October 2002 at 5.58pm.

Present: J.K. Watterson (in the Chair), Mrs E.J.C. Kelly, Messrs B.H. Moore and A.T.W. Norton

Apologise: Mr J. M. Bulley

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

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R/02/10/1
MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th July 2002, copies of which having previously been circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

R/02/10/2
MATTERS ARISING

The following matters were arising from the minutes:-

a) **Beating of the Bounds**

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Copies of the list of items observed during Beating the Bounds had been circulated in July and the Building Control Officer advised that most of the matters had been attended. He was not aware however, as to whether the Honey Hill Road sign had been located.

Mr Norton enquired about the Beating of the Bounds the previous year with particular regard to a storage building which was noticed as having been erected alongside the Scollag Road. The building Control officer thought there had been a subsequent planning application for this building but would check and advise at the next meeting.

b) **Shooting Range – Slieu Lhost**

The Building Control Officer advised that to the best of his knowledge the planting scheme had not yet been resolved primarily due to the fact that nothing was likely to grow in this area. Planning approval was granted retrospectively for the club house which took the form of a portacabin. Noted.

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

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Reply reported as received from the Department of Transport that the commissioners' letter regarding surface break up at the edges of the road had been referred to the local inspector Mr D. Corkish. Noted.

d) **Verge at Bibaloe Beg Road**

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Reply read as received from the Area Maintenance Engineer advising that it was the policy of the department in rural areas to leave cut grass lying on the verges. Mr Moore confirmed that after the recent cut that was the practice carried out as opposed to previously when it was thrown over into the field alongside. Noted.

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R/02/10/3

OUTSTANDING MATTERS

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The list of outstanding matters had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted with the following matters being discussed further:-

a) **Planting at the Pinfold**

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Agreed this item should be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of DoT and the Police.

b) **Amal Road Sign**

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The Administrative Officer reported that the sign was erected during the summer months. The Chairman confirmed that the sign was still in place. Agreed that the item be deleted from the list of matters to be concluded.

R/02/10/4

MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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Nil.

R/02/10/5

MATTERS REFERRED BY BOARD/OTHER COMMITTEES

Nil.

R/02/10/6

PLANNING MATTERS

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a) **Planning Decisions**

The Building Control Officer reported on the following planning decisions at the initial stage:-

PA 02/313 Creation of footpath from Cedar Walk to Carrs Lane, Tromode for the Department of Transport –

Approved

PA 02/539 Extension to dwelling over garage to provide additional living accommodation

1 Larch Hill Grove for Mr & Mrs Tang – ***Approved subject to the external finishes matching the existing house.***

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b)

Reviews

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The Building Control Officer reported on the following decision at Review:-

PA 01/2571 Additional use of part of farm for storage of building equipment, Ballig Farm for Mr J. Callow – **Refused on the grounds that the Planning Committee was not persuaded that the additional traffic generated by the proposal was warranted or acceptable in an area where the existing road network is not considered suitable for use by additional traffic.**

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c)

Appeals

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The Building Control Officer reported that an Appeal had been sought in respect of

PA 01/2571 Additional use of part of farm for storage of building equipment, Ballig Farm for Mr J. Callow.

Submissions had to be made by Friday 27th September 2002. This had been undertaken on a basis of reiterating the previous objections made by the commissioners. Noted.

PA 02/292 Conversion and extension of industrial unit into two holiday cottages with ancillary facilities, Ballacain House, Little Mill Road, for Mr & Mrs R. Corkill.

Notification that an Appeal has been sought was given but no date for submissions had yet been received. Noted.

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R/02/10/7

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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a)

Time and Date of next meeting

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Wednesday 6th November 2002 at 5.15pm.

Meeting terminated 7.24pm.