

# ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Hawthorn Villa,  
Main Road, Onchan.

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**7<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

Sir/Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY meeting of the Authority (focus: *Properties and Amenities*)** to be held in the Boardroom, at Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, to transact the undernoted business at:

**7.00 p.m. on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

which will be followed by a meeting of the Board sitting *In Committee*.

Yours faithfully,

**P.M. HULME**  
**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 13 unless varied by the Chairman at his discretion (with the exception of items 1, 2, 4 or 4 which cannot be varied) or by a resolution duly moved and seconded and passed on a motion which shall be moved and put without discussion.*

1. **To choose a person to preside if the Chairman and vice-chairman be absent**
2. **To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business**
3. **To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the:-**
  - 3.1 Ordinary meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 **(Minutes – Appendix 3.1)**
  - 3.2 Board Annual Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 **(Minutes – Appendix 3.2)**
  - 3.3 Housing Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008 **(Minutes – Appendix 3.3)**
  - 3.4 Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 **(Minutes – Appendix 3.4)**
  - 3.5 Rural Committee meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 **(Minutes – Appendix 3.5)**
4. **To dispose of any relevant business arising from such minutes if not referred to in the minutes of any Special Committee.**

None.

**5. To dispose of any relevant business adjourned from a previous meeting.**

None.

**6. To deal with any business expressly required by statute to be done.**

**7. To consider any planning decisions/communications from the Department of Local Government and the Environment Planning Committee.**

7.1 Plans for consideration (Appendix 7.1)

7.2 Planning recommendations of the Rural Committee (Appendix 7.2)

**8. Consideration of any report from the Clerk or other officer**

**9. Consideration of any relevant correspondence**

9.1 Richmond Hill Consultative Committee – *minutes circulated* (Appendix 9.1)

9.2 Manx National Week – *letter circulated* (Appendix 9.2)

9.3 Island in Bloom – Competition - *letter circulated* (Appendix 9.3)

9.4 IOM Municipal Association – AGM – *letter circulated* (Appendix 9.4)

9.5 St Peters Church - Village Fair – *letter circulated* (Appendix 9.5)

9.6 Office of the Clerk of Tynwald - Tynwald Garden Party (Appendix 9.6)

9.7 Isle of Man Scouting Association – St Georges Day Parade (Appendix 9.7)

**10. To consider Motions in the order in which notice has been received. (Note: See Standing Order No14, 15, 16 and 17 attached)**

**11. Other Business, as authorized by the Chairman for consideration.**

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr A.T.W. Norton (Chairman)  
Mr G.K. Astill  
Mr S.T. Black  
Mr D. Crellin  
Mrs J. Kelly  
Mr M.J. Kennaugh  
Mrs W. Megson  
Mr B. Stowell  
Mr J.K. Watterson

**Apologies:** Mr E.D.R. Killey

**In Attendance:** Mr P.M. Hulme (Chief Executive)  
Mr T.R. Craig (Deputy Clerk)  
Mr B. T. Price (District Surveyor)  
Ms A.S. Dentith (Personal Assistant)

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**C08/03/01/01**

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

Not necessary.

**C08/03/01/02**

**BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE**

None.

**C08/03/01/03**

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**C08/03/01/04**

**BUSINESS ARISING**

**1. C08/02/02/04(1) – Extraordinary Public Meeting – Rate Setting**

Mr Kennaugh praised the excellent presentation given by the officers of the Authority. He enquired if any Commissioners or Chief Executive had received any complaints about the setting of the Onchan Rate.

Members discussed the issues and had advised they had received very few complaints regarding the increase of the rate setting. It was suggested by a Member that the apathy of the ratepayers showed that they did not concern themselves with the politics of the Authority. Surprise was also expressed that candidates standing for the forthcoming election had not attended the public board meeting.

In answer to enquiry, the Chairman of the Board, advised that the Captain of the Parish called the requisition meeting and had requested that the Chairmen of Committees sit on the panel, this did not include their deputies. He further advised that between 80 to 100 ratepayers attended the requisition meeting which represented approximately 1% of the Onchan householders.

Some Members expressed disappointment with the handling of the rate setting and lack of public awareness. Further discussion ensued.

Clarification was given that if the rate had been set at lower than the 262p in the pound would have left a deficit. Unfortunately the rate could not be predicted for the forthcoming year.

It was further clarified that if the Commissioners did not act on the good financial advice provided, it could be argued that they would be acting ultra vires if the advice was ignored.

The Board were advised that, as a policy previously set, the Rural rates were being phased to come up to the same level as the whole district over a period of years, and for this year their rate has been set at 80% Of the Urban Ward

It was noted that the majority of enquirers have been satisfied with the explanation of the rate setting, and how Onchan compares with other Authorities on the Island with the facilities that they provide.

#### **C08/03/01/05**

#### **ANY BUSINESS REMAINING OR ARISING FROM MEETINGS HELD PRIOR TO THE LAST ORDINARY MEETING**

None.

#### **C08/03/01/06**

#### **ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE**

None.

#### **C08/03/01/07**

#### **HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

##### **1. H08/03/01/10(2) – Quality Assurance**

The Chairman of Housing Committee, wished to thank the Personal Assistant for her work on the Welcome to Your New Home Packs. He praised the professional presentation and advised that the packs were well received by the new tenants.

#### **C08/03/01/08**

#### **RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein which required the consent of the Board.

#### **C08/03/01/09**

#### **WORKS AND CLEANSING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

##### **1. WC/08/03/02 – Planning Matters – Building Control Function**

The Board were advised that no information had been received from the Department of Local Government and the Environment over the possible loss of the building control services. It was noted that a large number of planning applications were being processed by the Authority and now may be an appropriate time to put a case for retention of services forward to the Department.

##### **2. WC08/03/06 – Street Lighting**

In answer to question, the Chairman of the Works and Cleansing Committee advised that the District Surveyor was in discussion with the contractor regarding lunar clock training for his operatives. These lunar clocks are located in the street lights.

##### **3. WC/08/03/10 – Governors Bridge Road Closure**

In answer to question, the Chairman of the Works and Cleansing Committee advised that there was a number of communications outstanding to the Department of Transport and the Committee were looking forward to receiving their replies.

**C08/03/01/10**  
**RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

**C08/03/01/11**  
**WORKS AND CLEANSING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee extraordinary meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no questions arising therefrom.

**C08/03/01/12**  
**RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Works and Cleansing Committee extraordinary meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

**C08/03/01/13**  
**LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies of which, having been circulated at the meeting, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

1. **Onchan Park Café**

In answer to enquiry, the Deputy Clerk advised:-

- Café has a formal cessation served on it which acts as a termination of the lease
- Meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – cancelled by tenant
- Café was open over the Easter period

In answer to further enquiry, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee advised that opening times of the Onchan Park Café are actively being monitored.

2. **LA08/03/04(c) – Sensory Garden**

In answer to enquiry, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee advised that a sensory garden is to be located at the rose area by the Park Bungalows. *Noted with pleasure.*

3. **LA08/03/04(g) – Skateboard Park**

In answer to enquiry, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee advised that this matter is listed on the agenda for consideration later in the meeting.

4. **LA08/01/10 – Outstanding Matters**

In answer to enquiry, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee advised that urgent essential repairs had been undertaken.

After discussion, regarding maintenance costs of all facilities within the Authority, the District Surveyor was asked to investigate the refurbishment of the Bowling Green Hut and submit a report for consideration.

5. **LA08/03/05(e) – Feasibility Study**

In answer to enquiry, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee advised that the first stage of the feasibility study was to issue a questionnaire asking for residents views, this would be issued with the rate demands.

Discussion ensued and it was the feeling of the Board that the quaint facilities at the park should be retained, however the facilities should be improved and expanded upon.

**6. LA08/01/10 – Bowling Green Hut**

Discussion ensued regarding the repairs at the Bowling Green Hut, the weather was not conducive for carrying out some of the repairs. It was questioned as to the return of income against the costs for the facility and as to whether such charges be increased.

**7. Village Fair**

In answer to question, the Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee, Mrs Megson advised that she would refer the matter back to the Committee, but did advise that the fair being organised by St Peters was in celebration of its 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary any fair proposed by the Committee would require the sanction of the full Board. The Board were advised that that further details were awaited from St Peter's Church.

Discussion ensued with regard to the health and safety issues and clarification was given that if it was to be advertised as a Commissioners' event then it should be left to the officers of the Authority to organise.

The general feeling being that one village fair in the summertime is enough, as the same members of the public would support both events but that the Commissioners should offer their support no matter which organisation would be arranging the fair.

**C08/03/01/14**

**RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008 be and are hereby received. It was further unanimously **RESOLVED that the following recommendation contained therein requiring the consent of the Board be approved:-**

- ***to recommend that Onchan park opens on the afternoon of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April to coincide with the holding of the St George's Day Parade in Nivison Stadium.***
- ***To permit the newly formed Onchan tennis club the free use of all five tennis courts on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the purpose of holding an open day/launch of the club.***
- ***To endorse the proposal of the librarian in respect of loans from the British Library in so much that the borrower shall pay the sum of £10 per book together with all postage and parking***

The Chairman of Leisure and Amenities Committee, Mrs Megson, wished to give her vote of thanks to the officers and members of the Committee during her term of office.

**C08/03/01/15**

**SKATEBOARD PARK**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED to take the matter of the Skateboard Park out of sequence.**

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the young representatives present at the meeting and acknowledged receipt of the petition.

The Chief Executive read a letter which had been submitted from Ms K. Teare. She explained that in the collation of the petition she had only encountered two adults who were against the proposals, but once the scheme had been explained became fervent supporters.

Members reiterated the comments of the Chairman and thanked the young people for attending the meeting, showing great initiative.

On the proposal of Mr Stowell, seconded by Mrs Megson, Standing Orders were suspended to enable discussion to be undertaken.

Mr Stowell proposed, seconded by Mr Norton, that if the young people would like to make any verbal comments that they be allowed to do so.

Mr D.J. Quirk, MHK, advised that debate would need to take place from both sides.

*For: Messrs Watterson, Kennaugh, Norton, Stowell, Mrs Megson*  
*Against: Messrs Astill, Black, Crellin, Mrs Kelly*

Mr Stowell advised that he felt it was now board policy to go ahead and build the skateboard park. If Members wished to rescind the decision, this would require a further suspension of standing orders to rescind the original decision. In his opinion, the construction of the skateboard park would not affect this years rate. The removal of the skateboard park would not move the Authority away from the already agreed 9% increase. In subsequent years the skateboard park would have to be paid for, as it would be capitalised over approximately 20 years, which would increase the rates for the period by ½ p for each of the 20 years.

The Chief Executive advised that the rates had been set at 2.62p in the pound, and the budget had already been catered for within the estimates. He clarified that even if the rates increase at RPI in future years, the cost has already been placed in the budgets. If the project was not carried out the money would be placed in reserves, however, this would not affect the rate in future years, maintaining the level of growth is always included in the figures. i.e.,

- cost of skateboard £5,000 a year
- equates to 5 sevenths of a penny rate
- the rate would not change if skateboard park proceeded
- as far as he was aware, no maintenance costs budgeted
- due to construction the facility would have low maintenance costs

District Surveyor advised that the last tender amounted to £53,000.

Mr Crellin advised that although need to be conscious of the costing and that it would have permanent use, he did believe in encouraging children to play sport.

Mrs Kelly pointed out that many parents are used to travelling around from area to area with their children to utilise facilities and felt that £53,000 was a large expenditure when there were facilities in neighbouring districts at Nobles Park and Laxey.

Mr Watterson advised that the Board had generally been supportive of the scheme and he still supported the venture. Capital costs had been identified and budgeted, ongoing maintenance would not be a heavy cost in the short term. Skateboarding is enjoyed by generation after generation and should be a proper facility on a new site where children can play safely.

Mr Black felt the scheme should be delayed to the following rateable year.

Mr Kennaugh advised that many of the children who presented a petition to the Board in the past are now driving their own cars. The argument of the skateboard park is about money not about the children. Let the children enjoy it, it is not a fad and he believed it was now a discipline within the Olympics. The children were probably scared to death coming in to the Board meeting, so let the Authority give the people something back, instead of taking everything away.

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that planning permission had been received for the skateboard park.

Mrs Megson indicated her support to the children, who have proved that they want the facility by taking the time to gather a petition and come along to the Board meeting. She confirmed that children want their independence and use the facilities without having to ask for parents assistance for transport.

Mr Quirk, MHK, advised the Board that he felt there would be ratepayers within the district who may be concerned about the matter and that perhaps a separate meeting should be called.

The children present advised that they go to the pirate ship, but there are no facilities in the lower part of Onchan for them.

The Chairman and Members of the Board thanked the young people for attending the Board meeting and explained the next step to them.

On the proposal of Mr Stowell, seconded by Mr Crellin, that the progression of the Skateboard Park be discussed at the next meeting of the Board, and an update on the cost of the tender be submitted.

Mr Kennaugh counter proposed, seconded by Mr Watterson, that the scheme goes ahead as it stood and the decision should be made now.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the longer the matter is deferred the higher the cost implication.

A vote was taken on the counter proposal:-

*For: Messrs Watterson, Kennaugh, Norton and Mrs Megson*  
*Against: Messrs Astill, Black, Crellin, Stowell and Mrs Kelly*

The counter proposal fell.

A vote was taken on the proposal:-

*For: Messrs Crellin, Stowell, Astill, Black and Mrs Kelly*  
*Against: Messrs Watterson, Kennaugh, Norton and Mrs Megson*

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the progression of the Skateboard Park be deferred until the next meeting of the new Board and that the District Surveyor submit an update on the tender for consideration.

#### **C08/03/01/16**

#### **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no questions arising therefrom.

#### **C08/03/01/17**

#### **RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008, be and are hereby received.

#### **C08/03/01/18**

#### **RURAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Members noted that the minutes of the Rural Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

1. **R/08/03/02(c) – PA 08/0463 Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on dwelling, The Mines House, Field 534245, Middle Ballacashin, Abbeylands**

In answer to question, the Chairman of the Rural Committee, expanded on the minutes and advised that Mr Stowell had declared an interest in the matter, therefore abstained from the discussion and voting.

2. **R/08/03/02(c) – PA 08/0268 Addition of 2 antennas to radio mast together with control cabinets, Manx Telecom Radio Station, Creg-na-Baa for Manx Telecom**

In answer to question, the Chairman of the Rural Committee advised that Manx Telecom is the site owner and the antennae would be installed to the current guidelines and regulations, and that planning application would always be required. This application fell within such criteria. However, Members felt that the application should be viewed in the same manner as the debate over the antennae within the centre of the village, therefore the decision was to view the application after receipt of the Director of Public Health's report.

**C08/03/01/19**  
**RECEIVING OF MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Rural Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008, be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

**C08/03/01/20**  
**LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Planning Decisions/Communications From The Department Of Local Government And The Environment Planning Committee**

1.1.1 **PA08/00445 – 23 Furman Close – Alterations, installation of windows and dormer windows**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the planning application as submitted.

1.1.2 **PA 08/00480 - 17 King Edward Close – Erection of Conservatory**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the planning application as submitted provided no objection from neighbours at number 18 and 20.

1.1.3 **PA 08/00484 – 21 Victoria Avenue – Installation of Windows**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the planning application provided the windows are replaced as sash style

1.1.4 **PA 08/00487 – 10 Howe Road – Alterations and Erection of Extensions**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the planning application as submitted

### **1.3 Planning Recommendations of the Rural Committee**

The planning recommendations had all previously been discussed in the Rural Committee section of the meeting and had been agreed.

### **2. CCTV – System at Manx Arms**

The Chief Executive read a letter received from Colebourn Security dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008. He advised that this should be referred to the Police, who would then write to the Authority advising of their decision.

In answer to enquiry, the District Surveyor advised that the equipment would be positioned on the street lighting owned by the Authority and on the signpost for the public toilets, hence the request for permission from the Authority. He further advised that the equipment would be powered directly from the public house.

After discussion, it was proposed by Mr Stowell, seconded by Mr Astill, and unanimously **RESOLVED that subject to Colebourn Security complying with the requirements laid down by the Clerk to the Authority that the Commissioners permit erection of surveillance equipment on the street furniture and signage.**

#### **C08/03/01/21** **CLERKS REPORT**

None.

#### **C08/03/01/22** **DISTRICT SURVEYORS REPORT**

None.

#### **C08/03/01/23** **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **1. Appointments**

The Chairman advised Members that he had attended the following functions in an official capacity:-

- **29<sup>th</sup> February 2008 – Commissioners Annual Dinner Dance** in the Masonic Hall, Douglas. £450 was raised and would be split between The Onchan Live at Home Scheme and Kenyon's Café.
- **20<sup>th</sup> March 2008 – Requisition Meeting** which had been called by the Captain of the Parish, Mr Harvey Briggs, to discuss the recently announced increase in the rates. The Chairman advised that the meeting was fairly well attended, and a full and frank sharing of opinions took place.
- **24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – General Election** - 12 nominations had been received, these included 9 existing Commissioners and three newcomers, Steve Babb, Ernie Thorn and Robin Turton.

The Chairman thanked the board for the service they had given to the community over the years, and in particular during this last year whilst he had been chairman and wished Mr Maurice Kennaugh and his wife well in his "retirement" from office.

The Chairman wished all the candidates well in their campaigns and trusted the campaigns would be hard fought but fair. Likewise, that everyone be respectful of their colleagues.

#### **C08/03/01/24** **QUESTIONS**

None

#### **C08/03/01/25** **MOTIONS**

None.

C08/03/01/26  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

*There being no further public business  
the meeting terminated at 9.00 p.m. and the Board moved into Committee.*

Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Onchan District Commissioners held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.00 pm.

**Present:** Mr S.R.J. Babb  
Mr S.T. Black  
Mr D. Crellin  
Mrs J. Kelly  
Mr B. Stowell  
Mr E.J. Thorn  
Mr J.K. Watterson

**In Attendance:** Mr P.M. Hulme (Chief Executive/Clerk)  
Mr T. Craig (Deputy Clerk)  
Mr B.T. Price (District Surveyor)  
Ms A.S. Dentith (Personal Assistant)

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The Chief Executive, Mr Hulme, took chair for the commencement of the meeting and welcomed the public for attending the Annual General Meeting.

**C08/05/01/01**  
**APOLOGIES**

None.

**C08/05/01/02**  
**OATHS OF OFFICE**

All Members were invited to make their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and sign the Declarations accordingly.

**C08/05/01/03**  
**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 2008/09**

The Chief Executive invited nominations for the election of Chairman of Onchan District Commissioners for the municipal year 2008/09.

On the proposal of Mr Stowell, seconded by Mr Black it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Mr D. Crellin be elected Chairman of the Onchan District Commissioners for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

The outgoing Chairman, Mr A.T.W. Norton stated that he had enjoyed 7 years as a commissioner for Onchan and had enjoyed being Chairman for the last 12 months. He wished to place his thanks on record to all the staff and fellow Members, with a special mention to Mr E.D.R. Killey, Mrs W. Megson, Mr G.K. Astill and Mr M. Kennaugh who had all served the community extremely well for several years. Mr Norton further thanked his wife for her support during his term of office.

Mr Norton wished sincere congratulations to the new Board and wished the new Commissioners, Mr E. Thorn and Mr S. Babb well in their role.

The incoming Chairman, Mr Derek Crellin, expressed pleasure to see so many people attending the Annual General Meeting. He wished to thank the electorate for their support at the recent election and expressed commiserations to the retiring Commissioners. He wished to express a warm welcome to Mr Steve Babb and Mr Ernie Thorn. Each member had been given a role to play and work together as an excellent team for the good of the district. Mr Crellin also believed that the Authority had an excellent administration team under the management of the Chief Executive, Mr Hulme and looked forward to working with them along with the new Board and developing a good working relationship.

Mr Crellin thanked his colleagues for the honour of appointing him to the office of Chairman of the Commissioners for the forthcoming year. He wished to express thanks to his wife for her continuing support.

The Chain of Office of the Chairman was presented to the incoming Chairman.

Mr Derek Crellin took the Chair.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board thanked Mr Norton for his hard work and dedication to the Authority during the last 12 months and particularly the effort he had put in to the Authority during his term of office. He further expressed thanks to Mrs Norton for her support and wished them both well for their future.

The Chain of the Chairman's Lady was presented to Mrs Norton by Mrs Crellin.

Mr Crellin presented a commemorative plaque to Mr Norton. Mrs Crellin presented Mrs Norton with a bouquet of flowers.

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**C08/05/01/03**

**APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2008/09**

The Chairman invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman to the Board. On the proposal of Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mr Watterson it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Mr B. Stowell be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Onchan District Commissioners for the year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008.

The outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mr E.D.R. Killey, wished to congratulate those who had been elected, and congratulated Derek on his appointment of Chairman. He expressed thanks to his fellow colleagues.

The Vice-Chairman's Chain of Office was presented to Mr Stowell.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr Stowell, gave thanks to his colleagues for appointing him as Vice-Chairman.

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**C08/05/01/04**

**ELECTION OF LEAD MEMBERS 2008/09**

1. **Environmental and Technical Services**

On the proposal of Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mr Babb, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that **Mr J.K. Watterson be appointed lead member for Environmental and Technical Services.**

2. **Properties and Amenities**

On the proposal of Mr Babb, seconded by Mr Stowell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that **Mrs J. Kelly be appointed lead member for Properties and Amenities.**

3. **Finance and General Purposes**

On the proposal of Mr Black, seconded by Mr Stowell, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that **Mr E.J. Thorn be appointed lead member for Finance and General Purposes.**

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**C08/05/01/05**

**REPRESENTATIVES 2008/09**

1. **Richmond Hill Consultative Committee**

On the proposal of Mr Thorn, seconded by Mr Babb, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that **Mr Stowell be appointed Onchan District Commissioners' representative for the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee.**

2. **IOM Municipal Association**

On the proposal of Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mr Thorn, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that **Mr Babb be appointed Onchan District Commissioners' representative for the IOM Municipal Association.**

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**C08/05/01/06**

**VOTE OF THANKS**

The Chairman advised that he had enjoyed working with the outgoing Board Members and that they would be missed around the boardroom table. He wished them well for the future. He presented Mr Killey and Mr Astill with a commemorative plaque.

Both Mr Killey and Mr Astill expressed good wishes for the new Board.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.**