

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Hawthorn Villa,
Main Road, Onchan.

IN PUBLIC

14th May 2008

Sir/Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY meeting of the Authority (focus: Finance and General Purposes)** 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, 19th 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 12th May 2008 *(Minutes – Appendix 3.1)*
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.**
 - 5.1 Skate Board Park

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

None.

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)

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

8.1 Wembley Arena – *District Surveyor's report to follow*

8.2 Village Fair – *Administrative Officer report circulated* (Appendix 8.2)

9. Consideration of any relevant correspondence

9.1 News Release – Consultation on Financial Regulation of Charities (Appendix 9.1)

9.2 Consultation on Employment Equality Bill (Appendix 9.2)

9.3 Petition - Onchan Library (Appendix 9.3)

9.4 Borrowing Facilities (Appendix 9.4)

10. To consider Motions in the order in which notice has been received.

None.

11. Other Business, as authorised by the Chairman for consideration.

None.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (focus: Properties and Amenities)** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 12th May 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

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| Mr D. Crellin | (Chairman) |
| Mrs J. Kelly | (Lead Member – Properties and Amenities) |
| Mr S.T. Black | |
| Mr B. Stowell | |
| Mr E.J. Thorn | |
| Mr J.K. Watterson | |

In Attendance:

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| Mr P.M. Hulme | (Chief Executive) |
| Mr T.R. Craig | (Deputy Clerk) |
| Ms A.S. Dentith | (Personal Assistant) |

The Chairman gave a warm welcome to the two new Commissioners Mr S.R.J. Babb and Mr E.J. Thorn and to returning colleagues. He gave thanks to the Vice-Chairman and Lead Members for accepting their positions.

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

Not necessary.

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BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE

None.

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MINUTES

1. Ordinary meeting held on 31st March 2008

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on 31st March 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

2. Onchan District Commissioners Annual Meeting held on 6th May 2007

The minutes of the public section of the annual board meeting held on 6th May 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no matters arising from the minutes and were therefore agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Housing Committee meeting held on 7th April 2008

The minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee meeting of 7th 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Housing Committee Meeting held on 7th April 2008 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein which required the consent of the Board.

4. Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 21st April 2008

The minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 21st April 2008, copies of which, having been circulated at the meeting, were considered. The following matters were arising therefrom:-

1. LA/08/04/08(b) – Revamping of Upper Toilets

It was agreed to add to the minutes:-

“The Administrative Officer was asked to assist with the plans for the disabled toilets.”

2. LA/08/04/04(s) – Pennington Hall

The Chairman advised that the public who visited Pennington Hall during the open morning were impressed with the building. The Chairman wished to advise the District Surveyor that there was some ponding at the front door which should be included on the snagging list.

Lead Member, Mrs Kelly, advised that there was a snagging list in place on the premises and the staff at Pennington Hall were adding items to the list as matters were brought to their attention.

The Chairman advised if Members wished to view the contract, health and safety report and snagging list, they could do so through the Chief Executive.

3. LA/08/04/05(b) – Wembley Arena – Further Repairs to Tarmacadam/Ponding

After discussion, the Chairman requested that the District Surveyor submit a detailed report on the outstanding ponding at the Wembley Arena and as to whether an underlying problem is the sub-surface with subsidence.

In answer to question, the Chairman advised that £5,000 had been withheld until satisfactory completion of the contract.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the public section of the Leisure and Amenities Committee meeting held on 21st April 2008 be and are hereby received. There were no resolutions contained therein requiring the consent of the Board.

5. Rural Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2008

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that the Polling Cards and Electoral Roll referred to the rural ward as the Onchan Parish.

It was agreed that Onchan Rural Ward, for historic links, would remain known as the Onchan Parish.

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BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

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BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

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ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

None.

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PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 1.1 **PA08/00779 – 1 Sunnybank Avenue – proposed demolition of existing garage and replacement with bedroom and ensuite, a further extension to the main dwelling of a utility room to the rear. The garage to be re-sited to the rear of the garden with study/office accommodation over with external access**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the planning application as submitted with notification be given to the neighbouring property 3 Highfield Crescent.

- 1.2 **PA08/00790 – The Vicarage, Church Road – Proposed replacement front porch with new stepped and disabled ramp access**

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

- 1.3 **PA08/00798 – 121 Royal Avenue – Proposed replacement of rear window and French doors**

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

- 1.4 **PA08/00802 – 34 Maple Avenue – Proposed conversion of garage into living accommodation**

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to refuse the application on the grounds that “the development results in the loss of car parking behind the building line contrary to the provisions of the Onchan Local Plan 2000”.

The Chairman asked that, in the letter to the Department of Local Government and the Environment, it be made clear that refusal was only on the grounds of interpretation of the Local Plan.

The Chief Executive advised that he was not aware of a response having been received from the Department of Local Government and the Environment with regard to their interpretation of the Onchan Local Plan regarding the car parking.

1.5 22 Birch Hill Avenue – Application for approval in principle to demolish existing bungalow and erect two units in its place. The original plot was designed for two units.

Mr Quirk, MHK, advised that residents of the area would be meeting to discuss the planning application for two dormer bungalows.

In answer to enquiry, the Deputy Clerk advised that part 16 of the application states that the plans are indicative only. No correspondence had been received from residents in the area.

On the proposal of Mr Watterson, seconded by Mr Thorn, it was **RESOLVED to accept the approval in principle to the planning application as submitted.**

*For: Messrs Stowell, Watterson, Thorn, Babb and Mrs Kelly
Against: Mr Black*

1.6 16 Manor Park – Proposed extension to form a dining room and ensuite

After discussion, it was unanimously **RESOLVED to accept the planning application as submitted.**

1.7 Planning Recommendations of the Rural Committee

1.7.1 PA 08/579 – approval in principle to erect a dwelling and garage, Ballacashen, Abbeylands.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED that the application be refused as it represents a new dwelling the countryside contrary to planning policies, contrary to the Onchan Local Plan and contrary to the Island's Strategic Plan.**

1.7.2 PA 08/750 – Proposed alterations and extensions to units 15C and 15D Tromode Industrial Estate

For clarification, the District Surveyor was requested to discover what previous permissions had been granted, and if office accommodation had previously been approved, then this application would be approved.

*It was unanimously **RESOLVED that if no previous approval had been given to the conversion of these units to office accommodation then the application should be opposed on the grounds of the introduction of office accommodation in an area intended for industrial and limited retail use. If, however, previous approval had been granted, then no objection be raised to the proposed internal alterations.***

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REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

None.

LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Richmond Hill Consultative Committee**

Minutes of a meeting of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee held on 16th January 2008, having previously been circulated were noted.

2. **Manx National Week**

Letter the President of Tynwald regarding National Week dated 30th April 2008, having previously been circulated was noted.

3. **St Peters Church – Village Fair**

Letter from Reverend Convery, St Peter's Church, dated 17th April 2008, having previously been circulated was discussed.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a Village Fair should be held on the Village Green, to be considered further at the next meeting of the Board:-

- **update from Administrative Officer's mail shot of interested parties for the Fair**
- **Confirm if Onchan Silver Band would also be able to attend**
- **Date to be held**
 - **Possibility of corresponding with the celebrations for Manx National Week**

4. **Island in Bloom Competition**

Letter from the Department of Tourism and Leisure dated 25th April 2008, having previously been circulated was discussed. On the proposal of Mr Watterson, seconded by Mr Thorn, it was **RESOLVED that Onchan District Commissioners enter the competition without allocating any extra resources.**

For: Messrs Watterson, Thorn, Stowell, Babb and Mrs Kelly

Against: Mr Black

5. **IOM Municipal Association – AGM**

Letter of invitation received dated 26th April 2008 inviting Members to attend the annual general meeting on 26th June 2008 at the Glen Mona Hotel, Maughold. It was confirmed that Messrs Watterson, Babb and Thorn to attend.

6. **Office of the Clerk of Tynwald – Tynwald Garden Party**

Letter received from the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald dated 10th April 2008. It was **RESOLVED that the name of the Chairman be forwarded to attend the Tynwald Garden Party on Sunday 6th July 2008 at The Nunnery.**

7. **IOM Scouting Association – St Georges Day Parade**

Letter received from the Scout Association Isle of Man dated 23rd April 2008, having previously been circulated was noted with pleasure.

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MOTIONS

None.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Appointments**

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

- 9th May - Douglas Corporation, Drinks Reception
- 10th May - Onchan Flat Green Bowling Club – rolling of first pin

The Chairman wished to compliment the Onchan Silver Band, Ashley Hill School Choir and Onchan Primary School Choir on their performance at the service he attended at St Peters Church on Sunday 11th May 2008.

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OTHER BUSINESS

1. **C08/03/01/15 – Skateboard Park**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer the decision to the next meeting of the Board in order to accept and consider a petition to be presented to the Commissioners from Onchan residents.

2. **Onchan MHK's and MLC's – Joint Meeting**

Chief Executive to arrange a mutually convenient time for a meeting to discuss parking problems regarding camper vans and commercial vehicles, between:-

- Onchan District Commissioners
- Onchan MHK's
- Onchan MLC's
- IOM Constabulary – Onchan Branch

***There being no further public business
the meeting terminated at 8.14 p.m. and the Board moved into Committee.***