

ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Hawthorn Villa,
Main Road, Onchan.

IN PUBLIC

9th July 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, 14th July 2008

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

Yours faithfully,

T.R. CRAIG
DEPUTY 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 8th July 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.**

None.

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

(see attached list)

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

None.

9. Consideration of any relevant correspondence

None.

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: Environmental and Technical Services)** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 8th July 2008 at 7.05 p.m.

Present: Mr D. Crellin (Chairman)
Mr J.K. Watterson (Lead Member – Environmental & Technical Services)
Mr S.R.J. Babb
Mr S.T. Black
Mrs J. Kelly
Mr E.J. Thorn
Mr J.K. Watterson

In Attendance: Mr B.T. Price (District Surveyor)
Ms A.S. Dentith (Personal Assistant)

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr Tom Houghton, who ran Onchan Post Office from 1969 until his retirement in 1986. He served as an Onchan Village Commissioner from November 1973 to 1978 and again in May 1984 to April 1987. His last year of service was as an Onchan District Commissioner. Mr Houghton passed away on 25th June and his funeral took place 2nd July at St Peter's Church. Current and Past Members of the Board attended and the Chairman extended his condolences to his family.

As a mark of respect, the Board stood for 1 minutes silence .

C08/07/01/01
TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT

Not necessary.

C08/07/01/02
BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE

None.

C08/07/01/03
MINUTES

1. **Ordinary meeting held on 16th June 2008**

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on 2nd June 2008, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. Agreed.

C08/07/01/04
BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

C08/07/01/05
BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

None.

1. Plans to the Board

PA08/00543 12 Governors Road – amended plans now identifying some garden area being retained to the front of the property. Previous submission was recommended for approval.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED to approve the application as submitted.**

PA 08/01119 4 Groudle View – Proposed first floor extension over existing garage and rear sunroom. Similar proposals to those already completed in the area.

After a brief discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED to approve the application as submitted and notify the neighbour.**

PA08/01124 4 Birch Hill Gardens – Proposed extensions and alterations creating a lounge at ground floor and a dormer and additional roof lights to the existing first floor accommodation.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED to approve the application as submitted.**

PA08/01134 Ballakaighen Farm, Whitebridge Road, - Fun Barn – proposed erection of a marquee and portable cabins containing toilet accommodation to provide accommodation/facilities for leisure purposes. There is no indication of time period for which this accommodation is to be on site.

After a brief discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED to approve the application subject to a time period being specified of 30th September 2008 for the siting of the facility after which the facilities should be removed from site.**

PA08/01141 31 Laurel Avenue – proposed extension to the rear to form a dining room.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED to approve the application as submitted.**

2. Planning Communications

PA08/00102/B 34 Maple Avenue – conversion of garage to provide additional living accommodation

The District Surveyor reported that if the Authority wished to proceed to appeal against the decision, it was unlikely that the appeal would be successful. The objection being that there was no car parking space behind the building line, however there is no space on site to comply with that condition. He further advised that the Appeals Inspector, at a previous hearing, identified the properties in that part of Maple Avenue and had made allowances for such applications previously.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED not to pursue an appeal.**

3. Creg-na-Baa – Additional Car Park

After discussion, it was proposed by Mr Watterson, seconded by Mr Stowell and unanimously **RESOLVED that the District Surveyor write to the Department of Local Government and the Environment advising that the additional car park appeared to be in contravention of the planning application which had been given provisional approval subject to plans being submitted showing the planting, screening and drainage before proceeding and that it appeared the car park was being used even though no planning application had been submitted.**

C08/07/01/08

REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

None.

C08/07/01/09

LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Peel Town Commissioners – Civic Sunday, 13th July 2008

Invitation received dated 19th June 2008 to attend Peel Town Commissioners Civic Sunday in the St Germans Cathedral, Peel on Sunday 13th July at 11.00 a.m.. The Chairman, Mr Crellin, Commissioners Mrs Kelly and Mr Black will be in attendance. Commissioners, Messrs Stowell and Watterson submitted their apologies

2. Laxey Village Commissioners

Invitation received dated 27th June 2008 to attend Laxey Village Commissioners Civic Sunday in Christ Church, Laxey on Sunday 20th July at 11.15 a.m.. The Chairman, Mr Crellin, Commissioners Mrs Kelly and Messrs Babb and Watterson will be in attendance.

3. IOM Fire Rescue – Official Handover of Four Firefighting Vehicles

The official handover of four firefighting vehicles for Douglas, Ramsey, Peel and Castletown, took place at Douglas Fire Station on Wednesday 2nd July 2008. Mr Watterson advised that himself and Mr Black attended the very informative and entertaining evening and was presented in a first class manner by the Department of Home Affairs.

C08/07/01/10

MOTIONS

None.

C08/07/01/11

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Appointments

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

- Tynwald Garden Party – Sunday 6th July 2008
- Beating the Retreat – Sunday 6th July 2008
- Tynwald Day – Monday 7th July 2008

The Chairman advised of the following events which will be taking place:-

- Duck race – Port Jack Glen – Friday 11th July 2008 at 7.00 p.m.
- As part of National Week, an Onchan Village Walk will take place on Saturday 12th July starting at the Onchan Youth and Community Centre at 2.30 p.m..

C08/07/01/12

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Eastern Civic Amenity Site

After discussion it was agreed that the District Surveyor would establish that the telephone number of the new operator would be available in the forthcoming new edition of the telephone book.

2. Lane Adjacent Shoprite

Mr Watterson proposed, seconded by Mr Stowell, and **RESOLVED that the subject of trench digging and laying of pipes within the Onchan District be brought in to the public domain.**

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

The District Surveyor wished to advise the Board that whilst work was being carried out on the lane adjacent to Shoprite, members from the Gas Company arrived on site and advised that they would be digging up the lane, going along Stoney Road and on to the gas kiosk at The Rec.

The District Surveyor wished to express his exasperation to Members that he was not made aware of any digging up works which were being programmed in the area.

He felt the Commissioners had gone to the expense of ensuring the lane had been surfaced to an excellent standard. Although the Utility Company were obliged to return the surface like for like, the surface would not be the same.

Discussion ensued with regard to the existence of a liaison group between the Utility Services to limit the digging works and that the Department of Transport gave permission for the works to commence.

Members wished to express their disbelief that knowledge of digging works only came to light the day the tarmac was being laid. It was felt that it was not just the cost and inconvenience of such works but the concern over the look of patched works in certain areas and also the environmental impact.

It was proposed by Mr Babb, seconded by Mr Stowell, and **RESOLVED that the Authority write to all the Utility Services and the Department of Transport and ask for details of any trench digging and laying of pipes which would be undertaken in the area.**

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

***There being no further public business
the meeting terminated at 7.35 p.m. and the Board moved into Committee.***