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Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr R. Turton (Chairman)
 Mr A. Allen
 Mr J. Cherry
 Mr D. Crellin (Vice-Chair and
 Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
 Mr M. Macfarlane (Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
 Mr C. Quirk
 Miss K. Williams (Lead Member for Properties and Amenities)

In Attendance: Mr M.J. Morrison (Chief Executive/Clerk)
 Mr T.R. Craig (Deputy Clerk)
 Mr B.T. Price (District Surveyor)
 Mr T.M.G. Edwin-Reed (Finance Manager) (*until 8.42 p.m.*)
 Ms A.S. Dentith (Senior Administrator)

C17/04/01/01**TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT**

Not necessary.

C17/04/01/02**BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

C17/04/01/03**MINUTES****1. Ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

It was proposed by Mr Cherry, seconded by Mr Allen and unanimously **RESOLVED that subject to the amendments previously approved, that the minutes be signed by the Chairman.**

2. Ordinary meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

(a) **C17/03/02/10(1) – Onchan District Explorer Scout Unit.** In the resolution add in ‘from the Onchan Youth Development Fund’.

Subject to the above amendment, it was proposed by Mr Cherry, seconded by Mr Allen and **RESOLVED that subject to the amendments that the minutes be signed by the Chairman.**

3. Continuation meeting held on Monday 28th March 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 28th March 2017, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Cherry and **RESOLVED that subject to the amendments previously approved, that the minutes be signed by the Chairman.**

*IN PUBLIC*C17/04/01/04BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES1. C17/03/03/17(1) – Staff Matter

In answer to question, a Member advised that they would forward an email to the Chief Executive.

C17/04/01/05BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

None.

C17/04/01/06BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C17/04/01/07PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE1. Plans to the Board

(a) The following plans were considered by the Board.

- (i) PA17/00279 - 19 Howe Road – Proposed Extension

Members noted that a letter of objection had been received.

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Cherry and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA17/00279 19 Howe Road be recommended for approval.**

- (ii) PA 17/00281 - Land to West Boundary, 1 Manor Park – Proposed new vehicular access

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Cherry, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00281 - Land to West Boundary, 1 Manor Park be recommended for approval subject to a condition linking the land to 1 Manor Park as garden space.**

- (iii) PA 17/00282 – 7 Howstrake Drive – Proposed demolition of existing rear extension and garage and replacement with new larger extension.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Quirk, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00282 – 7 Howstrake Drive be recommended for approval.**

- (iv) PA 17/00297 – 57 Governors Road – Proposed demolition of rear outlet and construction of new kitchen/bedroom.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Allen, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00297 – 57 Governors Road be recommended for approval.**

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- (v) PA 17/00298 – 20 Sunningdale Drive – Demolition of conservatory and utility room and replace with flat roofed extension

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Cherry, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00298 – 20 Sunningdale Drive be recommended for approval.**

- (vi) PA 17/00331 – 31 Eskdale Road – Creation of new vehicular access

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Allen, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00331 – 31 Eskdale Road be recommended for approval.**

Members thanked the Officers for putting the plans through the projector, and agreed that this method should be used in future.

2. Planning Communications

None.

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FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MATTERS

1. Management Accounts

The following matter was considered in committee and transferred to the public domain.

The Management Accounts for the eleven month period to 28th February 2017, having previously been circulated were considered.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised on the expenditure for the installation and setup of the new telephone and web based credit card systems. He advised that this would lead to on-going savings.

Clarification was requested with regard to setting a cap going forward on the social housing expenditure. The Chairman requested Members to give some thought as to the controls they would wish to see implemented.

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REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

None.

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LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mrs McLean – Memorial

Correspondence received dated 7th March 2017 from Mrs McLean who has requested permission to use the Onchan Crest in the form of a small plaque to be fixed to the grave of the late Bertram Moore Wasley who was a former Commissioner and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Members agreed that permission be given.

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QUESTIONS

None.

*IN PUBLIC***C17/04/01/12****MOTIONS**

None.

C17/04/01/13**ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS****1. Street Traders Licence**

Chief Executive advised that an application has been received for a Street Traders Licence for the Onchan area.

It was proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mr Crellin, and unanimously **RESOLVED that a street traders licence be issued to Mr Whyman for the purposes of selling ice cream between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. within the Onchan District.**

2. C17/03/02/13(1) – Groudle Glen House

The press release, having previously been circulated was noted. The Chief Executive advised Members that the decision of the Deputy High Bailiff was to find the owner of the Groudle Glen House guilty of failure to comply with a notice issued under the Sewerage Act 1999 to renew, repair or cleanse the private sewerage works in their ownership in order to properly treat all foul water and effluent discharged in to the environment.

In answer to question, the Deputy Clerk advised that as this was a Local Authority prosecution, the fine would be paid to the Local Authority.

3. C17/03/01/013(2) – Area Plan for the East

Papers circulated for Members for perusal prior to the meeting of the Board to be held on 18th April.

The District Surveyor advised that this matter was due for full consideration at the next meeting of the Board. He requested Members to look on line for areas zoned for development and this will be for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Street Lighting Report

The Street Lighting Report of September, October, November and December 2016 having previously been circulated were considered.

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the contractor visited the District twice a week to undertake repairs. However, some faults fall under the jurisdiction of the Manx Utilities Authority and may cause a delay in the fault being rectified.

5. C17/03/02/13(2) - LED Street Lights

Report of the District Surveyor dated 28th March 2017, having previously been circulated was considered.

After a discussion, Members requested a review of priority areas be carried out. This should include areas such as school routes, school bus stops, road junctions, and zebra crossings. Members can then give consideration as to whether replacement should be carried out as a phased programme or as a full scheme.

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In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the current policy of the Board was to change to LED lamps as and when there is a call for a replacement light as part of the ongoing maintenance works.

The Chairman requested that if Members were aware of any specific areas of concern to contact the District Surveyor direct.

6. C17/03/02/16(2) – Surface Water Flooding, Laurel Avenue, Hackett Close and Ashley Park

Correspondence received dated 28th February 2017 from the Director of Highway Services. Noted.

7. Kerbside Recycling

The Chief Executive advised that an approach had been made to use a kerbside recycling vehicle from another local authority.

A discussion ensued with regard to the added cost on the ratepayer, and the Board agreed that the status quo remain.

The Chairman requested that an update on the statistics on the bring banks be circulated. A Member added that it would be interesting to note whether the use had increased, decreased or remained the same.

8. Pennington Hall Land

Correspondence received 24th March 2017 requesting the purchase of a plot of land at Pennington Hall.

After discussion, it was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Crellin, and unanimously **RESOLVED that the approach to sell a plot of land at the rear of Pennington Hall be declined.**

It was further agreed that a review of the Parks Department be undertaken, including information about winter work carried out by staff

In answer to question, the Deputy Clerk advised that the member of staff on long term sick leave was still receiving treatment and could not be referred to Occupational Health until that treatment had been completed.

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PROPERTIES AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. Skate Park

Presentation given to the Board of Commissioners by Mrs J. Edge MHK and Members of the Isle of Man Skateboard.

Members advised that consideration of a skate park would be included in the Onchan Park Consultation which was currently being undertaken.

Further consideration for a skate park would be considered at future Board meeting.

2. Onchan Youth and Community Centre/Kenyon's Café

Discussion ensued with regard to use of the Onchan Youth and Community Centre by Kenyon's Café youth club.

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In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that interest had been shown for other groups to use the club room in the Centre.

A Member enquired if there was an option to grant an extension for Kenyon's to stay in their current accommodation. The Chairman advised that the running costs to the property were high and that the current licence expires on 30th June 2017.

The Chief Executive commented that there was an expectation that the sale of the property occupied by Kenyon's would be used to offset the loan used for the refurbishment of the Onchan Youth and Community Centre.

Members felt that the standard rent should be paid by Kenyon's for use of the Centre if it met their requirements.

The Chief Executive advised the Board that Kenyon's should be treated in the same way as any other prospective tenant and they should not seek to impose any additional conditions on the tenancy

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Turton, and unanimously **RESOLVED that representatives from Kenyon's Café be invited to meet with the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 6.30 p.m.**

3. Naming of Onchan Youth and Community Centre

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Mr Turton, seconded Mr Cherry, and **RESOLVED that the Onchan Youth and Community Centre be renamed as 'The Hub'.**

For: Messrs Turton, Allen, Macfarlane, and Cherry

Against: Messrs Crellin, Quirk and Miss Williams.

The Chief Executive was requested to invite the head boys and head girls from the three Onchan schools.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dates for Diary

- 11th April - Isle of Man Arts Society – Art Exhibition
- 22nd April – Isle of Man Flat Green Bowling Club

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OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. IOM Municipal Association Meeting

It was agreed to offer the meeting room at the Hub for the IOM Municipal Association meeting to be held on 19th September 2017.

2. Centenary Park

It was agreed that the Chief Executive arrange a meeting with representatives from the Isle of Man Woodland Trust and Members of the Board without undue delay.

3. Ashley Park

It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would issue a letter to residents highlighting the nuisance behaviour of the children in the area.

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In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the parts had arrived and work had recommenced.

5. Kaighen's Lane – Street lighting

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the malfunction had been rectified.

6. Commissioners' Surgery

2.30 p.m. - Springfield Court Surgery. Messrs Turton and Miss Williams to attend.

6.30 p.m. - Onchan Hub, Messrs Allen and Quirk to attend.

7. Meeting

The Chief Executive advised that he was holding a meeting with Mr Rob Callister MHK on 12th April 2017, the Vice-Chairman agreed to attend the meeting

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