

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 14th August 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Allen (Chairman)
 Mr J. Cherry (Lead Member for Properties and Amenities)
 Mr D. Crellin (Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
 Mr M. Macfarlane (Vice-Chair and Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
[amended by ODC 04/09/17]
 Mr C. Quirk
 Mr R. Turton (from 6.45 p.m.)
 Miss K. Williams (from 6.50 p.m.)

In Attendance: Mr M.J. Morrison (Chief Executive/Clerk)
 Mr T.R. Craig (Deputy Clerk)
 Mr D. Vincent (Finance Manager)
 Ms A.S. Dentith (Senior Administrator)
 Mr R. Phillips (Property Maintenance Manager) (from 7.00 p.m.)

Apologies: Mr B.T. Price (District Surveyor)

At the commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed those seated in the public gallery.

The Chairman requested that Item 7.2 – Planning Communications, be brought forward from the agenda for consideration.

C17/08/01/01

PLANNING COMMUNICATION

1. PA 16/00859/b – Land adjacent to Onchan School

Correspondence received dated 9th August 2017 from the Director of the Planning and Building Control advising that the planning application had been approved as follows:-

1. The development hereby approved shall be begun before the expiration of four years from the date of this decision notice.

Reason: To comply with article 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) (No2) Order 2013 and to avoid the accumulation of unimplemented planning approvals.

2. The access created off Sandringham Drive must only be used to access the field for maintenance purposes and not for through access into the school.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the street scene.

3. The use of the land must remain as educational outdoor classroom for the study of the natural habitat and will be retained as grass. No permission is given for a change of use or for any structures to be erected on site.

Reason: To protect the amenity of the streetscene and those neighbouring dwellings.

The Chairman referred to the extraordinary meeting held on 17th July to consider the planning application after new information had come to light. At that meeting, the Board revised their decision, and resolved that:-

- the application be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the visual appearance of the perimeter fencing was not in keeping with the streetscape; and
- access from Sandringham Drive is considered inappropriate.

- However, in the submission, it was to be made clear that the Authority had no objection to the use of the land by the school just the detail within the planning application.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that unfortunately, as the start time of the meeting had been brought forward, the professional member of staff required to contribute to the discussion would not be available until 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman indicated he would use his discretion to proceed with the discussion.

The Vice-Chairman commented that it seemed as though the second letter submitted by the Commissioners was not taken in to account in the decision making process.

In response to comment, the Chief Executive advised that the Planning Officer can choose which references they feel are appropriate, and it is possible that the report may have been finalised before receipt of the second submission of the Authority.

A Member questioned the cut-off time for submissions, which will need clarification.

The Chairman gave residents of Sandringham Drive in the public gallery an opportunity to speak.

Residents:-

- Wish to appeal the decision of the Planning Committee.
- Questioned why the second letter issued by Onchan District Commissioners was not included in the planning report.
- Questioned whether the Local Authority are able to appeal against the decision as they have interested party status automatically.
- Concern was expressed that consideration of the matter went ahead without the knowledge of residents issues.

The Lead Member for Environment and Technical Services explained to residents:-

- that the Authority's normal practice is that if people wish to put forward an appeal, they must do so themselves and pay the appropriate fee.
- The Board can make a resolution to support the appeal and piggy back on the lodged appeal.
- It is normal for one party to appeal, and other parties come in to support the appeal.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that it was a political decision whether the Board wish to appeal or not.

The Chairman stated that the next stage in the process would be for the residents to lodge their appeal independently. The Board will be required to take a vote as to whether support will be given.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that when the Planning Committee review the planning application, they also make the decision as to who may be directly affected by the application. If someone is notified as an interested party they are the only ones who can appeal.

The people present in the public gallery left the meeting.

C17/08/01/02
TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT

Not necessary.

C17/08/01/03
BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

C17/08/01/04
MINUTES

1. Ordinary meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

(a) C17/07/03/03(2) - Extraordinary meeting held on 17th July 2017

A Member requested the opportunity to discuss the minutes of the 17th July 2017 as they had not been present at the meeting of 24th July 2017 during the ratification process, and wished their opinion to be heard.

The Vice-Chairman expressed disappointment that the minutes of the 17th July were in the public domain.

A Member was of the opinion that Standing Orders were not breached. [amended by ODC 04/09/17]

In answer to comment, the Chief Executive clarified that the advice given to the Chairman, is as stated in the minute in reference to C17/07/02/04 – Code of Conduct being contrary to Standing Order 10(1):-

“10. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

(1) *Minutes of proceedings of every meeting of the Authority shall be drawn up and recorded by the Chief Executive/Clerk or some other authorised officer.*”

A Member referred to Standing Order 40:-

“40. INTERPRETATION OF STANDING ORDERS

***The ruling of the Chairman as to the construction or application of any of the standing orders, or as to any proceedings of the Authority, shall not be challenged at any meeting of the Authority.*”**

The Chairman stated the interpretation was different and was challenged. [amended by ODC 04/09/17]

The Vice-Chairman commented that the Board held a staffing meeting in private and officers were asked to leave the room. The Vice-Chairman had taken the minutes in the absence of an officer.

A Member recalled that in the past, under Standing Order 10(1) a lady from an employment agency was used as a minute taker for a short term. Therefore, minutes have been taken from someone who is not an authorised officer, and this was not queried nor disapproved of such, nor did they disapprove of the Vice-Chairman taking the minutes. It is for the Chairman to decide and make the ruling, and they stated [amended by ODC 04/09/17] that Standing Order 40 was exceptionally clear.

The Chairman commented that he did have difficulty with the point being raised and the advice given, and stated that the meeting had been conducted in a proper manner and did

not breach any of the Standing Orders. He felt, in his opinion, that some pressure was brought to bear, which then compromised the decision to carry this matter over. The minute detailed on page 1 of the minutes of the 24th July do not summarise or give the detail of what happened on that occasion. He stated ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] that the minutes should be rewritten to give a proper account of what happened.

In answer to question from the Vice-Chairman, the Chairman stated that he had no warning that the Clerk was concerned prior to the meeting, and also at the time would have hoped he would have received communication ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] if a matter was of great concern to the Clerk.

In answer, the Chief Executive commented that advice had been given to the Chairman that the Board may be in breach of Standing Orders by holding meetings in private without any officers present, this advice was given on a couple of occasions prior to the meeting.

A Member stated that the Chairman's ruling should not be challenged. ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17]

The Chairman said ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] he was in a difficult situation as he was relying on the knowledge that the Clerk provided, in the hope that it was accurate advice. It seemed that the advice given was a ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] interpretation of Standing Orders, going forward it would be hoped that more comprehensive and accurate advice be given.

A Member stated the minutes taken ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] in the private session in consideration of C17/07/02/04 – Code of Conduct was no different than bringing in someone from the outside, to take the minutes as has previously been done. ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17]

The Chairman commented that some ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] minutes of the 17th July were approved at the meeting of the 24th July.

In response to comment, the Deputy Clerk advised that the first half of the minutes had been approved with regard to the planning application PA 16/00859/B - Land adjacent to Onchan School; and that Minute C17/07/02/04 – Code of Conduct was to be held over for consideration at the meeting of the Board on 14th August 2017.

The Chairman said ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] that the specific text needs to be rewritten for the minute C17/07/03/03(2), to accurately reflect what happened at the meeting.

In answer to comment the Chief Executive stated that he was not present at the meetings of 10th or 17th July, but the advice had been given prior to his leave and also at the meeting of the 24th July. This advice was given regarding an officer being present to take the minutes, but it is for the Board to make the decision.

(b) Attendance at Meeting

Mr Turton joined the meeting at 6.45 p.m.
Miss Williams joined the meet at 6.50 p.m.

Comments were made from two members that they were not aware of the meeting commencing at 6.00 p.m.. Senior Administrator advised that notification was issued by email.

An update was given on the business transacted so far.

(c) C17/07/03/03(2) - Extraordinary meeting held on 17th July 2017 continued

The Chairman made it clear that he would like the minute amended to give an accurate and clear account of what happened and what grounds for objection were put forward.

Chairman felt the minute missed that advice which had been given in relation to Standing Orders at the meeting, which resulted in the matter to be brought forward to this meeting. He stated ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] that the advice was incorrect and was selective and did not incorporate other parts of standing orders which may have brought about a different decision at that meeting.

In answer to how the minute should be amended, the Chairman thought it was more a statement and should include "that a facility for taking the minutes by a Member was prepared".

A Member stated that they would not be able to vote on the minute as they were not present at the meeting of 24th July 2017.

It was agreed that this matter would be discussed further later in the meeting.

C17/08/01/05

PLANNING COMMUNICATION continued

1. PA 16/00859/b – Land adjacent to Onchan School

Residents of Sandringham Drive returned to the meeting at 7.00 p.m..

The Property Maintenance Manager joined the meeting at 7.00 p.m.

In answer to question, the Property Maintenance Manager stated that he was unaware of a planning decision being made ahead of the second submission of the Authority. However, if Members wished to appeal as a Board of Commissioners, they can do so.

Lead Member for Environment and Technical Services stated that the grounds to oppose the application was that the planning application was not in keeping with the area and there was already an entrance on School Road, and it was unnecessary to have a secondary entrance on Sandringham Drive.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that the submission recommending refusal of the application had been issued by the District Surveyor at 2.01 p.m. on the day of 17th July.

The Residents and Chairman requested clarification on the cut off time for submissions regarding Planning Applications, as they felt it would be close of business.

The Residents:-

- Not yet had access to the minutes of the Planning Committee.
- They have had sight of the Planning Report.
- They questioned why the access on School Road was not sufficient.
- The width of the gate on Sandringham Drive seemed quite substantial for the reasons for which the gate is needed (lawn mower).
- They felt there had been a number of mistruths with a lack of information to the residents from the start.

In answer to question, the Property Maintenance Manager advised that correspondence had been received from the Planning Committee, which gives 21 days for an appeal to be lodged.

The Chairman queried if ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] a decision had been made without being in possession of the change in the decision from the Authority. Standing Orders had been suspended in order to reconsider the original decision due to new information which had come to light.

The Chairman expressed sympathy for the Property Maintenance Manager as he was acting on behalf of the District Surveyor and did not have the full knowledge of this case.

The Chairman clarified to residents that the Authority would not be offering any legal advice.

The Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services reiterated that the residents would be the principle objectors, and be liable for £175 fee.

The residents stated that they were in full support of the school using the area, it was just the issues regarding gated access on to Sandringham Drive and the height and style of fencing in a residential area.

It was proposed by Mr Allen, seconded by Mr Quirk, and **RESOLVED that Onchan District Commissioners maintain their ongoing support for the residents of Sandringham Drive in lodging their appeal, and would give them every practical advice in this matter as required.**

For: Messrs Allen, Crellin, Quirk, Macfarlane and Miss Williams
Against: Messrs Turton and Cherry

The residents of Sandringham Drive left the meeting.

C17/08/01/06
MINUTES continued

The Chief Executive advised that the minutes should be marked as unapproved and be brought back to the next meeting of the Board.

It was agreed by the Board that the minutes should be withdrawn and rewritten to include the amendments as requested to C17/07/03/03(2) – Extraordinary meeting held on 17th July 2017 and also to include the missed section regarding the suspension of standing orders and consideration of the road sweeper.

It was further agreed that the Chairman to view the amended minutes and that these be reissued to Members for consideration.

Regarding the discussion with regard to the road sweeper, the Vice-Chairman wished note of his disappointment on the conduct of the debate of the matter, being cited as micro-managing and being interrupted during debate by the Clerk ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] as he had responsibilities to the Board as Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes.

In answer to comment, the Chief Executive clarified that the officers did not come to the Board requesting a suspension of Standing Orders. However, the purchase could not have been made by the District Surveyor, without giving him authority to purchase. ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17]

The Vice-Chairman also stated that under Standing Order 11(2) on the Making of Contracts, there were insufficient members present.

“Suspension of Standing Orders

11(2) *Standing Orders shall not be suspended without notice unless at least two-thirds of the whole number of the members of the Authority support such suspension.*

In answer to comment, the Clerk ^[amended by ODC 04/09/17] advised that no formal complaint had been made on the action of his behaviour.

A Member commented that there will only be a maximum of 4 Members who can vote on the minutes as others were not present at the meeting of 24th July 2017.

C17/08/01/07BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES1. C17/07/03/09(1) – Kenyon’s Café

Mr Macfarlane declared an interest.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that the fire certificate was for 260 persons for the whole building and not broken down room by room.

Discussion ensued with regard to conditions for leasing of the premises at the Onchan Hub.

Chairman advised that the matter be moved to In Committee for further discussion.

2. C17/07/03/03(2) – Code of Conduct

Matter to be dealt with In Committee.

C17/08/01/08BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

None.

C17/08/01/09BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C17/08/01/10PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE1. Plans to the Board

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

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Turton, and **RESOLVED** that the following planning applications be recommended for approval:-

- (i) PA 17/00740 – 27 Church Road – Proposed replacement of rear conservatory with a flat roofed extension.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Cherry, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00740 – 27 Church Road be recommended for approval.**

- (ii) PA 17/00752 – 64 Royal Avenue – To make lawful the replacement of an existing window with a door to the rear of the property.

It was proposed by Mr Cherry, seconded by Miss Williams, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00752 – 64 Royal Avenue be recommended for approval.**

- (iii) PA 17/00754 – 9 Main Road – Proposed single storey extension to rear

It was proposed by Mr Cherry, seconded by Miss Williams, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00754 – 9 Main Road be recommended for approval.**

- (iv) PA 17/00771 – 11 Beech Avenue – Proposed conversion of garage to bedroom.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Turton, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00771 – 11 Beech Avenue be recommended for refusal on the grounds of loss of parking provision within the curtilage of the property. Note that there would be no objection to proposals if the driveway is altered to make provision for additional parking space.**

- (v) PA 17/00784 – Unit 12A Tromode Estate, Carrs Lane, Tromode – Change of use from retail use to performing arts studio.

In answer to question, the Property Maintenance Manager advised that accessibility issues would be addressed under the building regulations.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Cherry, and **RESOLVED that PA 17/00784 – Unit 12A Tromode Estate, Carrs Lane, Tromode be recommended for approval.**

For: Messrs Allen, Macfarlane, Quirk, Cherry, Turton, and Crellin
Against: Miss Williams

- (vi) PA 17/00797 – 8 Snaefell Crescent – Replacement of existing conservatory roof

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Cherry, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00797 – 8 Snaefell Crescent be recommended for approval.**

- (vii) PA 17/00803 – Begoade Moar Farm, Begoade Road – Erection of an agricultural storage and machinery building, and erection of a boiler house.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Quirk, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 17/00803 – Begoade Moar Farm, Begoade Road be recommended for approval.**

2. Planning Communications

(a) PA 16/00859/b – Land adjacent to Onchan School

Matter dealt with earlier in the meeting.

C17/08/01/11 REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER

1. Tender for legal services

Transferred to the In Committee section of the meeting.

Property Maintenance Manager left the meeting 8.25 p.m.

C17/08/01/12 LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Consultation on High Level Means Testing Policy

Report of the Deputy Clerk dated 7th August 2017, having previously been circulated was considered.

The Deputy Clerk was thanked for his clear report.

In answer to comment, the Deputy Clerk advised that he did not include the reference to private properties as the particular interest of this Authority was as a landlord of social sector housing. He further explained that as the Authority were facing increased costs under the existing means testing policy, those on low incomes do not contribute to the cost of the adaptation recommended for their property by Occupational Therapists, and think that the Authority are going to automatically provide for their needs.

The Deputy Clerk also stated that the focus of the response is for the service that the Authority provides, if we broaden the context there is a policy to come forward for rent capping, and on the social housing side that there is a policy to implement a variable rent depending on the tenants ability to pay.

After minor amendment, it was agreed that the report of the Deputy Clerk be submitted to the Cabinet Office as the formal response on behalf of the Board.

2. Action List

The Action List dated 4th August 2017, having previously been circulated was considered. Members requested updates as follows:-

- (i) Groudle Glen Water Wheel – no response to date.
- (ii) Surface Water Flooding – A technical meeting to take place on 15th August.
- (iii) Index of Policies – Will be made available.

3. Onchan Park Strategic View – Consultation Report.

Report of the STEP student to the Board, having previously been circulated was considered.

A Member wished to thank Mr Isherwood for his comprehensive report.

The Vice-Chairman was disappointed that the report was available in the public domain. The Members have not had enough time to digest the report. A STEP student to come in to the Authority and have privileged rights to information which is not accessible to the public, and he felt it would have been courteous to let Members consider the result prior to the document being placed in the public domain.

The Chief Executive explained the formulation of the report and the many stakeholders who had been interviewed to provide their views. He stated that the report was to the Board rather than for the Board, and all stakeholders should have had the opportunity to comment on their contribution before the Board considered it. It was then for Members to do with as they saw fit.

The Chief Executive advised that a presentation will take place with other STEP students and the media will be present.

The Chairman felt that if the document was in the public domain then the Board are indicating approval of the document and tied into its contents. He felt that Members had not had an opportunity to review the content.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive stated that the report had been issued to Members prior to the release in the public domain, and appreciated that Members did not agree with its release.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive confirmed that he had attended a private meeting as an invited guest of the Onchan Rotary Club to speak on the Future of Onchan Park. The Rotary Club are voluntary organisation within Onchan and they contributed their thoughts. A Member commented that none of the Board were aware of any of the other meetings that had been undertaken in the compilation of the report.

The Chief Executive advised that the Rotary Club met as a private organisation and were asked their views, the fact that they made the decision to publicise the meeting is not the fault of Chief Executive.

A Member referred to talks of the past where it had been good practice to advise the Board beforehand of the officers' attendance.

C17/08/01/13
QUESTIONS

None.

C17/08/01/14
MOTIONS

None.

C17/08/01/15
ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS

1. Planning Committee - Composition

Correspondence circulated regarding the composition of the Planning Committee.

Members were advised that the Planning Committee are appointed through the Appointments Commission but, in the correspondence from the Minister for Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, he felt that people should be on the Committee that were publicly elected.

It was requested that Members submit their points of view to the Chief Executive for compilation of a response to the Minister for Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture with a copy being issued to the IOM Municipal Association.

2. Royal Air Forces Association

Letter of invitation received dated 17th July 2017 to attend the Battle of Britain Concert on Friday 15th September and the Church Service on 17th September at St George's Church.

Members were requested to advise the Senior Administrator if they wish to attend.

3. Parking – Royal Drive

Correspondence circulated dated 3rd August 2017, having previously been circulated was considered.

It was agreed that the concerns of the residents be submitted to the Central Traffic Liaison Committee and the Central Neighbourhood Police Team Level 1 meeting.

C17/08/01/16
PROPERTIES AND AMENITIES MATTERS

1. Centenary Park

Correspondence dated 30th July 2017 from IOM Woodland Trust, having previously been circulated was considered.

In answer to question, the Chief Executive advised that the Memorial Woodland has an initial registration number but has not been registered as a war memorial. When it is to be considered as a War Memorial, the Authority are statutorily required to be involved in that process.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Turton and **RESOLVED** that:-

- **Onchan District Commissioners do not accept the progression to register any area within Centenary Park as a war memorial within the meaning of the War Memorials Act.**
- **It is the understanding of Onchan District Commissioners that the ground is licensed to the Isle of Man Woodland Trust for purposes of creating an informal woodland.**
- **At no time was it contemplated that Onchan District Commissioners would take on any costs of further maintenance.**
- **Onchan District Commissioners will not be budgeting for any maintenance costs.**

For: Messrs Allen, Crellin, Turton, Cherry, Macfarlane, Miss Williams.

Against: Mr Quirk

2. Ashley Park – Community Engagement

The Deputy Clerk gave an update as follows:-

- Explored ownership issues of the former gas plant with Manx Gas Ltd.
 - They have offered to clear any old pipework that may be left in the shrubbery and in the concrete base, with no burden to the rate payer.
- Parking issue – Referred to the Department of Infrastructure to reinstate line painting.
- Football posts on the pitch – Waiting response from Department of Education and Children
- An update meeting with residents to be held on Wednesday 20th September at Onchan Hub.

In answer to question, the Deputy Clerk advised that the cost, if any would be from the housing budget with no burden to the rate payer.

4. Commissioners Surgery – 1st August 2017

(a) Afternoon Surgery – Heywood Court

Correspondence circulated dated 9th August 2017, having previously been circulated was considered and noted.

The Chairman was disappointed that no Commissioner was present.

(b) Evening Surgery – Onchan Hub

No attendees.

4. Shared Housing Waiting List

Correspondence received dated 9th August 2017 from the Department of Infrastructure, Member for Housing, having previously been circulated was considered.

Lead Member for Environment and Technical Services stated that the Board had already decided that the Deputy Clerk should be included in any meetings.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that the Member for Housing be invited to meet with the Chairman, the Lead Member for Properties and Amenities, and any other Member who may wish to attend. Either prior to the programmed meeting of 21st September or another mutually convenient date.

The Lead Member for Properties and Amenities is drafting a letter in response and will circulate to the Board for their consideration.

C17/08/01/17

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Dates for the Diary

17th September – Onchan District Commissioners' Civic Sunday
21st September – Joint Board Meeting.
25th September – Quarterly MHKs meeting.

2. Attendances

Bowling Green, Onchan Park – Presentation of Chairman's Cup.

3. Sandringham Drive

Matter dealt with earlier in the meeting.

C17/08/01/18

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. Signpost Corner

A member requested that the dog bin be moved temporary away from the area during the Festival of Motorcycling.

The meeting moved to In Committee for consideration of the following items at 9.45 p.m.

C17/08/01/19

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

1. C17/07/03/09(1) – Kenyon's Café

Mr Macfarlane restated his declaration of interest and took no part in voting.

In answer to comment, the Chief Executive clarified that subletting is prohibited in the normal Commissioners' lease.

It was agreed that an offer be made to Kenyon's Café for the use of the Club Room at Onchan Hub as follows:-

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Cherry and unanimously **RESOLVED that the exclusive use be offered to the Trustees of Kenyon's Café and that other related agencies be allowed to use the premises provided there is no financial gain.**

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Turton, and unanimously **RESOLVED that a five year licence be offered to the Trustees of Kenyon's Cafe, with the rent being set at £1,000 for the first year, increasing by compound interest of 10% each year.**

It was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Cherry, that the Trustees of Kenyon's Café be given permission to the use the Onchan Hub facilities on a Friday night after the Junior Youth Club have vacated the premises until 10.00 p.m. A vote was taken and the proposal failed.

For: Messrs Quirk and Cherry

Against: Messrs Allen, Crellin, Turton and Miss Williams

C17/08/01/20**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was proposed by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Cherry, and **RESOLVED** that **Standing Orders be suspended till 10.30 p.m., to allow the remaining business on the agenda to be transacted.**

For: Messrs Allen, Macfarlane, Cherry, Quirk, Turton and Crellin

Against: Miss Williams.

C17/08/01/21**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MATTERS****1. Housing Expenditure**

The following matter was discussed In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Finance Manager of Housing Expenditure to 31st July 2017, having previously been circulated was considered and noted.

The Finance Manager advised that the Authority were in a reasonable position and were slightly ahead from the same period the previous year.

In answer to question, the Finance Manager advised that the Housing Expenditure was in deficit, this will reduce as the voids are released back to tenants.

Members requested that the Finance and General Purposes items be placed earlier in the agenda.

Finance Manager left the meeting at 10.05 p.m.

C17/08/01/22**PROPERTIES AND AMENITIES MATTERS****1. Inter-Authority Transfer**

The following matter was discussed In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

After a brief discussion, it was proposed by Mr Cherry, seconded by Miss Williams that subject to the usual due diligence checks that the tenant at 10/46 be given permission to carry out an inter-authority transfer with the resident from Douglas Corporation located in Willaston.

2. Tender for Legal Services

The following matter was discussed In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

Senior Administrator left the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

The Chief Executive advised that the legal services had not been tendered for some time, and sought the Board's views on whether a new tender should be issued.

Members noted that there had been high legal costs in the previous financial years, but were aware of the reasons behind these, none of which were matters instigated by the then Boards. Following discussion, it was proposed by Mr Quirk, seconded by Mr Crellin, and **RESOLVED** that **no tender be issued for legal services at present but the matter be reviewed in 12 months.**

For: Messrs Allen, Macfarlane, Quirk, Turton and Crellin

Against: Mr Cherry and Miss Williams

C17/08/01/23

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

1. Staffing Matter

The following matter was discussed In Committee.

Members asked Officers to leave the meeting while a staffing matter was discussed in private. Minutes of this discussion are held in the Staff Minute Book.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.35 p.m.