IN PUBLIC

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS (focus group Environmental and Technical Services) held in the Boardroom, Willow House, Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 14th January 2013 at 7.00 p.m. [amended by ODC 21/01/13]

Present: Mr R.C. Turton (Chairman)
Mrs J. Kelly (Vice-Chairman)
Mr R. Callister (Lead Member for Properties and Amenities)
Mr D. Crellin (Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
Mr J.F.J. Quaye (Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
Mr D. Scambler
Miss K. Williams

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

C13/01/02/01
TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT

Not necessary.

C13/01/02/02
BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

C13/01/02/03
MINUTES

1. Ordinary meeting held on 7th January 2013

The minutes of the public section of the ordinary meeting held on 7th January 2013, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered. It was proposed by Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mr Quaye, and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a correct record of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman.

C13/01/02/04
BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF ANY SPECIAL COMMITTEES

1. C13/01/01/08(1) – Revised Waste Disposal Charges

A Member asked that thanks be forwarded to the Chief Executive for the excellent press statement that had been issued.

2. C13/01/01/04(1) – Playground Equipment, Onchan Park

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that:-
- the defective equipment had been removed
- some repairs were completed, with the remaining being completed within the next few weeks.
- Two companies had been to view the area, and suggested schemes and prices should be shortly.
3. **C13/01/01/08(1) – Revised Waste Disposal Charges**

   After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk write to the Chairman of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee to bring forward the Commissioners concerns as detailed in the press release and minutes of the previous week.

4. **C13/01/01/13(1) – Post Box, Wybourn Drive**

   In answer to question, the Deputy Clerk informed Members that the IOM Post Office had ordered a replacement post box, and they were looking to reposition the box in a more convenient location.

**C13/01/02/05**

**BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

None.

**C13/01/02/06**

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

None.

**C13/01/02/07**

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

1. **Plans to the Board**

   The following plans were considered by the Board.

   (a) It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mrs Kelly and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the following plans be recommended for approval as submitted:-

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<td>48 Wybourn Drive</td>
<td>Amended plans indicating bamboo screen fence to the balcony adjoining neighbours property.</td>
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<td>PA 12/01630</td>
<td>15 Queens Road</td>
<td>Single storey flat roof extension to the rear to form a dining room.</td>
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<td>PA 12/01635</td>
<td>Summerville, 62 King Edward Road</td>
<td>Small flat roof extension to the rear to form larger kitchen</td>
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<td>PA 12/01642</td>
<td>52 Maple Avenue</td>
<td>Proposed conversion of garage to living accommodation by replacing garage door with glazed screen/door.</td>
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<td>PA 12/01644</td>
<td>Plot 7, Bay View Road</td>
<td>Proposed dwelling on vacant plot. This is a re-submission of application approved in December 2008.</td>
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<td>PA 12/01649</td>
<td>1 Manor Park</td>
<td>Proposed alterations and extensions to form an</td>
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additional double garage and four dormer windows, two at the front and two at the back. There is already first floor accommodation.

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<td>Land adjacent to Ballacottier House, Slegaby Ride</td>
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<td>112 Summerhill Road</td>
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(b) **PA 12/01660 - 2 Glen View Road**

The District Surveyor advised that:
- The planning application was for a proposed conversion of this dormer bungalow into a two storey house.
- The properties around this site vary in style, but none exceed a dormer bungalow.
- Such a change in style would not sit comfortably within the streetscape.
- Objection received from neighbours.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Scambler, and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 12/01660 - 2 Glen View Road be recommended for refusal on the grounds that the proposals would be detrimental to the streetscape.**

(c) **PA 12/01670 - 112 Summerhill Road**

The District Surveyor advised:
- That the application was for a proposed detached garage with ancillary accommodation over.
- The application provides no evidence as to the need for this ancillary accommodation.
- It was visible from the rear lane.
- There were no objections from neighbours.
- The precedent has already been set in this instance.

Members expressed concern over parking, privacy issues, and that the original permission was for a garage/office facility.

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the only grounds for objection could be the over intensive use of the site, however, the actual footprint was the same.

It was proposed by Mr Turton, seconded by Mr Scambler that **PA 12/01670, 112 Summerhill Road for a proposed detached garage with ancillary accommodation over be approved.**
It was proposed by Mr Callister, seconded by Mr Quaye and RESOLVED that PA 12/01670, 112 Summerhill Road for a proposed detached garage with ancillary accommodation over be approved, subject to the alterations be legally attached to the house.

For: Messrs Quaye, Callister, Scambler, Crellin, Mrs Kelly and Miss Williams
Against: Mr Turton

2. **Planning Communications**

(a) **PA No. 12/01357, 46 Sea Cliff Road** (amended plans), alterations, erection of extension and installation of replacement windows

Commissioners recommendation - refusal
Planning Committee recommendation – approval.

The District Surveyor advised that the residents in King Edward Park had lodged a Planning Appeal.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Scambler, and unanimously RESOLVED that the Authority wished to continue their objections to PA 12/01357 – 46 Sea Cliff Road as being detrimental to the streetscape.

(b) **PA No. 12/01513, 45 Sea Cliff Road, Alterations and extensions.**

Commissioners recommendation - refusal
Planning Committee recommendation – approval.

The District Surveyor advised that the residents in King Edward Park had lodged a Planning Appeal. After a brief discussion, Members agreed that they wished to continue their objections to the planning application as being detrimental to the streetscape.

It was proposed by Mr Crellin, seconded by Mr Scambler, and unanimously RESOLVED that the Authority wished to continue their objections to PA 12/01513 – 45 Sea Cliff Road as being detrimental to the streetscape.

**C13/01/02/08**
**REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER**

1. **Street Lighting Report**

The Street Lighting Report for the four month period of September, October, November and December, having previously been circulated was considered. In answer to question, the District Surveyor gave a brief résumé of items detailed in the report.

The District Surveyor explained that there is a delay in some repairs as the contractor has to order parts in some cases.

2. **Recycling**

(a) **Ballachrink Bring Bank Site**

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the recycling bins were due to be located at Ballachrink the next day and works to create a dropped kerb had been programmed.
(b) Port Jack Glen – Bring Bank Site

The District Surveyor advised that the cost of creating a bring bank site at the bottom of Port Jack Glen would be £2,100. Works included excavation of earth, installation of a base and screen fencing.

After a brief discussion Members made the following comments:-

- Make people in the area aware, place posters at the entrance
  - to Port Jack Glen
  - Port Jack Notice Board
  - Port Jack Post Office
  - Millennium Shelter
- Assessment be made as to whether the extra workload can be accommodated before installing further bring banks.
- That more recycle bins for plastics should be investigated.

The District Surveyor advised that there had been an increase in recycling at the Bring Banks:-

- November 2011 – 8,000 kg
- November 2012 – 13,000 kg

In response to comment from the District Surveyor, the Board requested that a letter of thanks be issued to the two Members of Staff who took the initiative to empty the overflowing bring banks during the Christmas Period.

In answer to comments, Members expressed their understanding in the difficulty in trying to keep a tidy site over bank holiday periods.

In answer to question, the District Surveyor advised that the recyclates were taken to a licensed waste disposal site, no gate fee was charged, nor did the Authority receive any income from the bring banks.

The District Surveyor advised that waste disposal, the various options and their feasibility to offset the increases coming from the Energy from Waste Plant were being considered.

It was proposed by Mrs Kelly, seconded by Mr Callister, and unanimously RESOLVED that a press statement be released as soon as possible with regard to the figures reported on the increase in recycling at the bring banks, and this shows that the sites are doing well.
C13/01/02/09
LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

1. Road Transport Licensing Committee
   Bus Vannin

Correspondence received from the Road Transport Licensing Committee dated 2\textsuperscript{nd} January 2013 which advised:

"Given the evidence presented at the meeting, the Committee saw no reason to reject the applications or defer making the decision. It is their belief that the Variations in service are a result of a political decision to reduce budget costs at the Department of Community, Culture and Leisure. This is something that the Committee has no control over.

The Committee were not satisfied with the consultation process regarding the Variations and felt that it was inadequate. The notice period was not long enough and the information provided was poor. Apart from the 2 local authorities and several MHKs, the Committee was contacted by only 8 other members of the public regarding the Variations. It would appear, from evidence given at the Committee meeting, that Bus Vannin was contacted by approximately 24 people as a result of the consultation. This seems to be quite a low number of comments or complaints on such an important issue."

Members felt that the whole issue had been dealt with badly and they felt that some residents were being penalised.

Members noted receipt of a petition from residents of Lower Onchan regarding the alterations to the bus timetable.

Members requested that a letter be issued to the Road Transport Licensing Committee, with copies to the Minister for Department of Culture and Leisure, the three Onchan MHK’s and a copy to the author of the petition advising:

- A large area of Onchan were potentially being isolated through the changes
- The public feeling is that they would like the bus routes reviewed as a matter of urgency
- Express the disappointment with the inadequate consultation with residents and the Local Authority

It was also agreed to forward a copy of the Road Transport Licensing Committee’s letter to the author of the petition.

C13/01/02/10
QUESTIONS

None.

C13/01/02/11
MOTIONS

None.

C13/01/02/12
CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.
C13/01/02/13

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Boundary Review Committee**

   Members expressed surprise that the Boundary Review Committee were proposing to split the Onchan District, and felt that Onchan had come out the worst in the review.

   The Chairman advised that this matter would be placed on the agenda for the first meeting in February.

   After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the maps of the Boundary Review Committee be displayed on the public notice boards throughout the District, the two post offices and in Onchan Library. Explanatory information to state that a public meeting will be called.

2. **Story Time Nursery**

   Members agreed that permission be granted to erect a name sign of 3ft square detailing the name of the nursery, their logo and contact details.

   

   *There being no further public business the meeting terminated at 8.16 p.m. and the Board moved into Committee.*