

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7:00 pm

**Present:**

Mr D Crellin	(Chairman)
Mr M Macfarlane	(Vice-Chair & Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
Mr A Allen	(Lead Member for Housing)
Mr C Quirk	(Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
Mr R Turton	
Miss K Williams	

**In Attendance:**

Mrs L Radcliffe	(Chief Executive/Clerk)
Mr R Phillips	(District Surveyor)
Mrs S Johnson	(Finance Manager)
Miss A Crellin	(Executive Officer/Assistant)

**C20/10/01/01**

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

Not necessary.

**C20/10/01/02**

**BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Not necessary.

**C20/10/01/03**

**MINUTES**

**1. Ordinary meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

Amendments:-

Page 2 - Planning Application PA 20/00884 change For to Mr Crellin, Mr Macfarlane, Miss Williams and Mr Quirk and against to Mr Allen and Mr Turton.

Page 5 – Vexatious Complaints, Correspondence and Behaviour amend final paragraph from “The Chairman further advised that if there are any issues of this nature they should be referred to them” to should be referred to him.

Page 7 – Officers Action List – amend “The Vice Chairman commented that the Authority is dealing with a lot of issues” to the Authority is dealing with time consuming matters.

Page 10 – Department of Infrastructure amend third paragraph from “allegations and complaints against the Chief Executive/Clerk to allegations and alleged complaints against the Chief Executive/Clerk.

Page 10 – Department of Infrastructure amend fifth paragraph from “are vexatious and a details log has been prepared” to are vexatious in nature and details are to be logged”.

Subject to the above amendments it was proposed by Mr Allen, and seconded by Mr Quirk and **RESOLVED that the minutes be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.**

*The Chairman did not vote in relation to the subject of Onchan By-Election as he left the meeting whilst this was discussed.*

**C20/10/01/04**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES IF NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES**

None.

**C20/10/01/05**

**BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES**

None.

**C20/10/01/06**

**BUSINESS ARISING NOT REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES CONTINUED**

None.

**C20/10/01/07**

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

None.

**C20/10/01/08**

**BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING**

None.

**C20/10/01/09**

**PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**1. Plans to the Board**

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

**(i) PA 20/00997 Mr & Mrs R Welch – ‘Conister’, Hillberry Road**

Members were advised that the application was for alterations, extension of existing dormer window, rendering works, formation of additional parking and widening of vehicular access.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:-

- No comments had been received;
- The return date for the application is 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020; and
- Correspondence had been issued to neighbouring properties to advise of the planning application.

After Members consideration, it was proposed by Mr Quirk and seconded by Mr Allen and unanimously **RESOLVED that should the planning application PA 20/00997 – “Conister”, Hillberry Road be considered before the appeal of planning application PA 19/01115 the Authority would recommended refusal on the grounds of the increased roof ridge height, and the over intensive car parking for a residential dwelling. If PA 20/00997 – “Conister”, Hillberry Road is approved the Authority would request a planning condition that the use of parking at the residential property is**

incidental with the dwelling and that the parking is not to be used by Cronkville and Weyham.

(ii) PA 20/01035  
& 20/01036

**Mr B S Niski - 21 Governors Road**

Members were advised that the application is for the installation of replacement windows to the front and rear elevation (in association with planning application PA20/01036/CON).

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:-

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Quirk and seconded Mr by Mr Turton and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA 20/01035 & 20/01036 – 21 Governors Road be recommended for approval.**

*Mr Crellin & Mr Allen declared an interest and did not vote.*

*The Vice Chairman took the chair whilst the above planning applications were discussed.*

*The Chairman then took the Chair*

(iii) PA20/01056

**Mr & Mrs D Bass - 13 Eskdale Road**

Members were advised that the application is for the creation of a cable window

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:-

- No comments had been received;
- The return date for the application is 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020; and
- Correspondence had been issued to neighbouring properties to advise of the planning application.

It was agreed that **PA 20/01056 – 13 Eskdale Road be deferred to the next Board Meeting to allow for further information to be provided.**

(iv) PA 20/01066

**Mr S Leach – 44 Whitebridge Road**

Members were advised that the application is for the removal of two chimney stacks, installation of replacement roof tiles and blocking up of a doorway.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:-

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

After Members consideration, it was proposed by Mr Quirk and seconded by Mr Turton and unanimously **RESOLVED that PA20/01066 – 44 Whitebridge Road be recommended for approval.**

**(v) PA20/01074 Mr & Mrs S D J Goodall – 23 Maple Avenue**

Members were advised that the application is for alterations and erection of a single storey extension and conversion of garage into additional living accommodation.

In answer to questions the District Surveyor advised that:-

- No comments had been received; and
- The return date for the application is the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

It was agreed that **PA 20/01074 – 23 Maple Avenue be deferred to the next Board Meeting to allow for further information to be provided.**

7.2 **Planning Communication – Peveril Rifle Club, The Sileau Lhost Range, A18 Mount Road**

A copy of the correspondence received from the Peveril Rifle Club dated 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having previously been circulated was considered.

The District Surveyor advised the Board that the applicant is looking for pre-application advice and the District Surveyors comments were noted.

*The District Surveyor declared an interest.*

**C20/10/01/10**  
**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES**

None.

**C20/10/01/11**  
**REPORT FROM THE CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER**

1. **Cyber Security**

None.

2. **Equality**

None.

3 **Conflicts of Interest Policy**

A copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy, a copy of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Vice Chairman advised the Board, that the Conflicts of Interest Policy is centred around the Members and Officers.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Conflicts of Interest Policy be reviewed when the process for complaints about Members has been resolved.

**4. Onchan Public Play Areas**

A copy of the Report of the District Surveyor dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having previously been circulated was considered.

The District Surveyor advised the Board, that himself along with Mr Allen, Mr Crellin and Mr Quirk and a Property Maintenance Officer had met on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and had carried out site visits around the 5 play areas administered by the Authority.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the District Surveyor prepare a plan of works and estimate of costs in relation to improvements to Onchan public play areas which are administered by the Authority.

It was noted that additional play equipment may be added to the public play areas and it would be discussed at budget setting time.

**5. Commissioners Surgery**

A copy of the Report of the Housing Manager dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020, having previously been circulated was considered.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Commissioners Surgery be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021, and that Mr Allen and Mr Macfarlane would attend the Commissioners Surgery.

**6. Onchan Christmas Community Event**

The Report of the Events Committee dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, having previously been circulated was considered and discussed.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Macfarlane and seconded by Mr Quirk that the preferred route for the Onchan Christmas Community Event be Port Jack Glen subject to the Events Committee making enquiries regarding accessibility. If the accessibility is not suitable a more simplified torchlight procession route be found with the event ending at The Hub.

*For: Mr Crellin, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Quirk  
Against: Mr Allen, Mr Turton and Miss Williams*

*The Chairman used his casting vote.*

A counter proposal was received by Mr Turton that the torchlight procession route starting at either Onchan Park or at Shoprite Car Park subject to permission being received and ending at The Hub. No seconder received.

**C20/10/01/12****LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS****1. The Ocean Views**

To be considered In Committee.

**C20/0201/12****QUESTIONS**

None.

**C20/10/01/13****MOTIONS**

None.

**C20/10/01/14****ENVIRONMENTAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MATTERS****1. Christmas Trees**

The District Surveyor advised the Board that notification had been received advising that orders for Christmas trees need to be placed now. The District Surveyor advised the Board that on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019, the Board resolved that Christmas trees along the torchlight procession route and along Main Road would be provided free of charge.

After a discussion, it was agreed that Christmas trees would be provided free of charge.

**C20/10/01/15****HOUSING MATTERS**

None.

**C20/10/01/16****CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS****1. Attendances**

The Chairman advised that he had attended the following:-

- (a) The Public Meeting held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at the Hub;
- (b) The Commissioners Surgery on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at the Hub

**2. Dates for the Diary**

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
6 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	Commissioners Surgery – Heywood Court	2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Beach Buddies	Lanterns on the Lake	6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	By-Election	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	Commissioners Surgery – Heywood Court	2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Onchan District Commissioners	Commissioners Surgery – The Hub	11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**C20/10/01/17****ANY OTHER BUSINESS****1. Recycling Bring Banks – Sea Cliff Road**

The Chairman advised the Board that having had time to consider the matter and spoken with the Vice Chairman and Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services. The Chairman is satisfied the criteria has been met as there is a Resolution in place and the Board agreed at the Board Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to return the bins which in his opinion satisfies the requirements for urgent business as the recycling bring banks had not been returned and recycling is in the public interest.

An Onchan Resident through an MHK made an enquiry when they are to be returned.

The Chairman further advised that for the recycling bins to be permanently removed a new resolution will need to be passed and it is for a Member to bring a Motion to the Board if they so wish.

It was therefore unanimously agreed that the agreement made at the Board Meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 <sup>[ODC 20/10/2020]</sup> be implemented and the board be advised at the next Board Meeting of the date for when the recycling bins will be installed at Sea Cliff Road.

***The Public session of the Meeting ended at 20:45 pm***

**C20/10/01/18**

**LETTERS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. The Ocean Views**

The following matter was considered In Committee and transferred to the Public domain.

A copy of the correspondence received from the Ocean Views Limited, having previously been circulated was considered.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive/Clerk would contact the Ocean Views to advise them that in light of the many issues in the park, the Board decided that at this time there was no appetite to support allowing the use of space in the public grounds of the park.

***There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:18 pm***