

*Castletown Town Commissioners
Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes*

June 26, 2017

Present Mr Leather (Chairman), Mr Ludford Brooks (Vice Chairman), Messrs. Barrow, Cubbon, McAleer, Parnell and Miss Quine.

Also in attendance, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie

AB/11.17 Approval of minutes from last meeting

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 2nd May 2017 be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr Ludford-Brooks with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

AB/12.17 Business out of the same

Mr Leather apologised for the delay in the meeting, the result of the Clerk being taken ill whilst on annual leave.

AB/13.17 Approval of Accounts

Mr Parnell proposed that the accounts be approved as presented. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour.

AB/14.17 Chairman's Report

Mr Leather gave a precis of his engagements since his appointment. He congratulated the Chamber of commerce on their enthusiasm and stated that whilst he appreciated that the square was polarising opinions, he had personally received very positive feedback.

Feedback from the TT day was also positive, particularly in regard to the Station Garage Trials Team. Mr Leather offered his personal thanks to Mr Wylie, and stated that the town should be proud to have him as an employee. Mr Cubbon echoed these sentiments and felt that the TT Event was a firm footing to be built upon.

AB/15.17 Correspondence

The Clerk presented members with the following items of correspondence:

i, Prom Run – A letter was received from Mr Cale regarding his intention to hold a 5km event in the town.

ii, Castletown Festival – A letter of thanks was received from the festival chairman for assistance received from the town.

iii, A letter was received from Inspector Kneen regarding various staff moves. This was noted and the Clerk was asked to write to Inspector Kneen expressing the boards gratitude for his service in recent times.

iv, A letter of complaint was received from a Mr Watterson of Malew Street. As this related to highway matters, it had been referred to the DOI.

AB/16.17 Planning

The Following Planning applications were considered with no objections being raised:

17/00571/GB & 17/00572/CON - George Hotel alterations

17/00599/B – Alterations and rear extension, 3 Albert Terrace

17/00651/B – Replacement Windows, 84 Malew Street

A discussion took place surrounding the conditioned opening hours of the morgue.

Any other Business

AB/17.17 Feedback from chamber of commerce

The Clerk advised members of a number of points raised by the chamber, all of which were accepted as having merit, although some matters were best placed with DOI Highways.

Mr Parnell proposed that the Board agree to refund up to 1hrs parking charges (50p) to anyone visiting the town, on production of the voucher within 24hrs of issue. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour.

Mr Leather also felt that the idea of parent and child parking in the commissioner's car parks had merit.

AB/18.17 Poppy Appeal

A letter was received from the Poppy Appeal outlining collection dates for future years. This was duly noted.

AB/19.17 MUA Contract

It was agreed by members that the MUA would continue as the towns street lighting agents.

AB/20.17 Ice Cream van

A letter was received from Mr Charmer objecting to the Ice Cream parking near to the Castle. The contents of the letter were noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the trader clarifying that the van must leave the square at the end of each day.

AB/21.17 Mrs Watts

An email was received from Mrs Watts of Arbory St expressing her frustration with the lack of enforcement of traffic regulations on Arbory Street, particularly in the evenings. A discussion took place and it was noted that the police were aware and the Clerk would raise the matter again.

AB/22.17 Balley Cashtel Beg

Mr Leather offered his congratulation to all those involved with the project. It appeared to have been very well supported.

AB/23.17 IOM Farmers Markets

Details of an anniversary farmers market and event at the Villa Marina were noted

AB/24.17 Safe Cycling Sign

A request for the town to adopt signage indicating safe passing distances for cyclists was table was received from Mr & Mrs cottier. Members were supportive but queried if there was sufficient width to erect the signage on some of the roads. It was agreed that if possible signage could initially be erected on the bypass.

AB/25.17 Relocation of Lighting Column

A request had been received from a resident requesting that a lighting column be relocated as it was inconveniently located close to a driveway. The clerk had advised the resident that it could be located, however any costs must be borne by the applicant. Members were in agreement that this was the correct position.

AB/26.17 JACS Distribution

Mr Barrow declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the discussion.

A letter was received from Mr Blatcher of JACS Homestores, demanding that the seasonal closure of the square be reversed.

Mr Cubbon stated that he remained unhappy with the rationale for the closure and proposed that standing orders be suspended in order that the matter be revisited.

This was seconded by Mr Parnell, however no other members voted in support and the motion failed to carry.

The Chairman highlighted that the property had off street parking that could easily be promoted to customers.

AB/27.17 Swimming Pool

Mr Parnell gave a brief update regarding the position of the Southern Swimming Pool. Board members offered their full support to the aspirations of the pools redevelopment.

AB/28.17 Central Government

Mr Cubbon expressed his frustrations that there has been no apparent progress with the Castletown Housing land Review. He also queried why there had be no action with regard to the request that the Regeneration Zone "Red line" be redrawn.

AB/29.17 WW1 Commemoration Boards

Mr Ludford Brooks asked that the commemoration boards be removed as they were in a poor state of repair. The Clerk confirmed that this had already been discussed with Mr Buchannan of KWC.

The Meeting Closed at 20.17