

*Castletown Town Commissioners  
Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes*

July 3, 2017

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

Also in attendance, the Town Clerk, Mr Mackenzie and Mr Begley of SMP Partners

**AB/30.17            Presentation of Accounts**

Mr Begley gave a presentation of the draft accounts for the 2016/17 financial year.

Mr Parnell noted that it had been agreed to write off the chains of office as the value was inconsequential.

Mr Ludford-Brooks requested clarification of with regard to provisions for doubtful debts.

The Clerk asked members to be mindful that that a number of projects had been committed to, but not completed during the financial year. Most notable the Police Station Work and repaving of the Barracks Square.

A brief discussion followed with regard to expenditure priorities for the forthcoming year. Mr Leather thanked Mr Begley for attending.

**AB/31.17            Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Miss Quine proposed that the minutes of the meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 be approved as read. This was seconded by Mr McAleer with all in favour. The minutes were duly approved.

**AB/32.17            Business out of the same**

With regard to 28.17 (Central Government) Mr Cubbon reiterated his frustration with the lack of progress in key areas affecting the town, particularly the CHLR and Rates. A discussion took place regarding inequities in the rateable values of properties in the town.

Mr Cubbon proposed that the Board write to the Treasury and request that a rate review take place of Castletown in isolation of the all Island rates review. This was seconded by Mr Parnell with all in favour.

With regard to 27.17 Mr Parnell requested that consideration be given to showing support for the success of local athletes following the Island Games. Members were in agreement and Mr Parnell was to liaise with CRHS.

### **AB/33.17 Approval of Accounts**

In view of the short time since the last meeting no accounts were brought forward.

### **AB/34.17 Correspondence**

The Clerk presented members with the following items of correspondence:

i, S100 – A letter was received from the S100 committee inviting the Chairman to attend as a guest. In view of Mr Leathers involvement, it was agreed that Mr Ludford-Brooks would attend.

ii, Petition – A Petition was received from a number of businesses in the town requesting the reinstatement of parking in the Market Square. Mr Leather read out the covering letter in connection to the petition and proposed that it be noted. This was seconded by Miss Quine.

A discussion took place regarding events in the town, Mr Leather read out a the positive feedback in the local press in connection to an article from Tracey Bell's dental practice. He stated that Castletown needs to offer visitors a product or unique brand and all interested parties must be involved in the efforts. Once a town identity is established, he would like to roll out a "bag strategy".

### **AB/35.17 Planning**

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

Appeal – 31 Scarlett Road – Noted, no additional comments.

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

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

## **Any other Business**

### **AB/36.17          Regeneration Issues**

Mr Ludford-Brooks queried what the position was with the "Roundel" artwork. He was also concerned that the lights outside Barclays were not working yet again. The Clerk would raise accordingly.

### **AB/37.17          Notice of Casual vacancy**

Mr Leather informed members that under current legislation, a notice of casual vacancy had been issued. He was personally sorry to see Mr Barrow go and wished to place on record the boards thanks, particularly in respect of his efforts in Housing.

### **AB/38.17          3 Wheeling**

Mr Leather informed members that Miss De backer of The Castle Community had managed to bring screenings of the "3 Wheeling" film to the Town Hall to coincide with the S100. This was a fantastic achievement and he was hopeful that the screenings would be well supported.

### **AB/39.17          Public Statements**

Mr Cubbon wished to clarify what public statements he could make in a personal capacity. It as reiterated that he was able to offer his own opinion on any matter, provided it was clear that it was not on behalf of, or by resolution of the board.

The Meeting Closed at 20.14