

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association,
held at the Meadows Pavilion, Douglas Golf Club, on Thursday 26 May 2016
at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm**

Attendance:

There were 48 attendees (although 53 people had booked to attend)

Archdeacon the Venerable Andrew Brown attended as Guest Speaker

Apologies for Absence were received from:

**Arbory Commissioners, Christine and Martyn Faid of German Commissioners,
Bob Pilling of Malew Commissioners, Roy Sloane of Marown Commissioners,
and Andy Phair and Alec Merchant of Port St Mary Commissioners**

Introduction

Mr Peter Jones, on behalf of the Douglas Golf Pavilion Restaurant, welcomed the Isle of Man Municipal Association. Mr Jones introduced the venue and gave safety and other information for the benefit of guests, then wished everyone a very enjoyable evening.

Welcome

Chairman Mrs Vivian Quane welcomed members and guests to the meeting, saying how lovely it was to see so many members and guests here this evening; she particularly welcomed all the new members, saying how pleasing it was to see young commissioners taking such an interest and she hoped they would enjoy their forthcoming years as much as the long-standing members had done.

Mrs Quane then introduced new Secretary of the Municipal Association, Mr Graham Connor, now taking over from Mrs Barbara Dunworth who officially retires this evening, and wished both of them well for the future.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 May 2015 had been circulated. It was proposed by Mr Alan Jones seconded by Mr Terry Miles and **resolved** that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

Treasurer's Report

Presenting his report, which is attached, and accounts which have been circulated, Mr Peter Hill outlined the main points and referred to the satisfactory financial position shown which enabled his recommendation that the annual subscription for Member Authorities should remain at £255.00 for Municipal Year 2016-2017. Mr Hill pointed out that with Laxey, Lonan and Maughold combining now as Garff District Commissioners, two subscriptions had been lost but this had been partly offset by welcoming German Commissioners into our Membership and hopefully others in the near future.. Expenditure is likely to exceed income by a small amount but this will be covered by reserves.

Mr Hill thanked the retiring Secretary for her invaluable assistance over the past nine years. He also thanked Mr Ian Lowey for his invaluable assistance in auditing the accounts for many years and his willingness to continue doing so which is greatly appreciated.

Mr Hill concluded by thanking the Membership for their kindness and support over the thirteen years he has had the pleasure and privilege of being Treasurer and said he hoped to continue a little longer.

Acceptance of Accounts and Vote of Thanks

Members gave a resounding vote of thanks to Mr Hill in recognition of his longstanding and unfailingly conscientious assistance to the Municipal Association. It was **unanimously resolved** that his report and the accounts be accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President

It was **unanimously resolved** that Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel of Douglas Borough Council be appointed president for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Retiring President Mr Kevin Weir of Castletown Commissioners passed the Chain of Office to Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel; he wished her as happy and fulfilling a time as President as he had himself experienced, adding that it had been a great privilege to serve in this capacity.

Incoming President, Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel, thanked the Chairman and the Members, saying how very pleased she was to be chosen for the honour of being President for the coming year.

As newly elected President, Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel took the chair for election of the Chairman:

Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Rob Callister, seconded by Mrs Alison Lynch and **unanimously resolved** that Mrs Vivian Quane of Lezayre Commissioners be appointed Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Mrs Quane thanked the Members for their confidence in her and said that she hoped to carry on doing a good job as she hoped had been the case with the support of previous Vice-President Mr David Talbot and the Secretary.

Election of Vice-Chairman

A nomination had been received for Vice-Chairman following the retirement of Mr David Talbot, who will be greatly missed. It was proposed by Mrs Alison Lynch, seconded by Mr Alan Jones and **unanimously resolved** that Mr Rob Callister be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Election of Treasurer

It was proposed by Mrs Alison Lynch, Seconded by Mr Terry Miles and **unanimously resolved** that Mr Peter Hill be appointed Treasurer of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2016-2017. The Chairman and Members expressed sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Mr Hill for being such a good Treasurer and for all his valued work over many years.

Election of Secretary

It was proposed by Mrs Alison Lynch, Seconded by Mr Steve Hamer and **resolved** that Mr Graham Connor be appointed Secretary of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Election of Auditor

It was **unanimously resolved** that Mr Ian Lowey be appointed Auditor to the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2016-2017. Members recorded a resounding vote of thanks to Mr Lowey for his much valued long-term commitment to the Association and were very pleased to know that he was happy to carry on as Auditor.

Subscription Rate for 2016-2017

The Treasurer recommended that the subscription rate, having been reduced last year in view of increased membership, remain at £255.00. It was therefore **unanimously resolved** that the subscription rate should be set at £255.00 for the Municipal Year 2016-2017.

Presentation to Chairman

On behalf of the Membership retired President Mr Kevin Weir presented a bouquet of flowers to the Chairman in appreciation of her commitment as Chairman for the past two years and previously as Vice-Chairman.

Presentation to Retiring Secretary

The Chairman made a presentation of flowers and a gift to the retiring Secretary, saying she had known Barbara for about five years and would have been quite lost without her support, experience and store of knowledge gained over the past nine years. It had been a privilege and a pleasure to work with Barbara who will be greatly missed by everyone in the Municipal Association and wished her every happiness in her retirement.

Barbara thanked the Chairman and Members for the stunning flowers and lovely gift, which were greatly appreciated. She said how much she would miss all the lovely people she had met through this work and wished the Municipal Association ever increasing success in the future.

Photograph

A group photograph was taken for publication with a press release, together with photos of the top table and groups around the room during the evening. Copies may be obtained on request.

Meal and Raffle

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned for the meal, following which a successful raffle was drawn by the President, Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel, with excellent prizes kindly donated by members raising £218.00 for Municipal Association funds. Sincere thanks were due to Mrs Alison Lynch who once again had kindly prepared, sold and folded the tickets, assisted this year by the new secretary.

Guest Speaker

Councillor Mrs Raina Chatel as President introduced guest speaker Archdeacon the Venerable Andrew Brown, Mayor's Chaplain to Douglas Borough Council.

The Archdeacon gave a most amusing – and suitably short speech - delivered in ringing tones allowing for no nodding off, on his passion for football, his time living in Manchester and 55 minutes of his life that he will never get back thanks to a debate by Douglas Borough Council on the subject of hand-rails.

Votes of Thanks:

Guest Speaker:

The Chairman thanked Archdeacon the Venerable Andrew Brown most sincerely for his very entertaining and enjoyable talk which was much appreciated by all present. It was felt and hoped that the Archdeacon had also thoroughly enjoyed himself.

Host Authority:

The Chairman and Members expressed their heartfelt appreciation to Douglas Borough Council for their part in planning and hosting this year's very successful and enjoyable Annual General Meeting.

Venue:

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Peter Jones and the staff at the Meadows Golf Pavilion for an outstanding meal in an excellent setting with very good service, which had been greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all present.

Closure of Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and this concluded the Annual General Meeting 2016 at 2130, although most Members lingered to chat amongst themselves for quite a while longer.

Signed **Chairman**

Date

Attached: Treasurer's Report