

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 25
JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	Chairman
Alison Lynch	Marown Commissioners	Vice Chairman
Neal Mellon	Braddan Commissioners	
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Carol Malarkey	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
James Cherry	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Eddie Convery	Peel Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Andy Cowie	Ramsey Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

Welcome and silence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that a short silence be held in memory of Robert Moughtin, President of the Municipal Association, who had recently passed away. The funeral was to be held on Thursday 01 February 2pm at Douglas Crematorium.

Speaker – Dr Henrietta Ewart (Director of Public Health)

Our guest speaker gave a presentation on the 2017 Annual Report entitled “Our Healthy Island?” This was received with interest and enthusiasm. The Power Point slides have already been sent to Members and Clerks but are also included below, as a pdf attachment to these minutes.



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Apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Andrew Jessopp (Braddan), Carol Quine (Castletown), Bob Pilling (Malew), Michelle Haywood (Port St Mary) & Juan McGuinness (Ramsey)

Minutes of November 2017 meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from minutes

Betty Quirk was pleased to report that the parking issue for business at Port Jack which had been raised with Ray Harmer MHK at the October meeting had been favourably resolved.

James Cherry mentioned that parking issues in Onchan generally were still under consideration with their Commissioners.

Treasurer's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted.

Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted. Members wished for both the website and Facebook pages to continue. The Secretary advised that he would arrange update both of them accordingly. **AP Secretary.**

Appointment of President

As part of ongoing discussions with Garff Commissioners it was recognised that a new President for the Municipal Association should be nominated. Martin Royle, the Clerk, advised that he would pick this matter up in due course and it was agreed that there was no urgency. The presidential term runs between Annual General Meetings which are usually held late in May. The Secretary advised that he had written to the Clerk and Municipal member for German Commissioners who would be due to take over by rotation in May 2018 reminding them of the need to nominate a candidate, and provide both a speaker and details of the venue for the AGM dinner by the end of February.

Potential future speakers

Ray Harmer MHK and/or Emily Curphey from the DOI would attend in February. It was agreed that the following speakers should be invited:

- David Ashford/Clare Bettison - Department of Health and Social Care
- Paul Craine – Manx Wildlife Trust
- Chris Thomas – Year of Our Island 2018

The Secretary advised that he had recently written to Muriel Garland from Zero Waste Mann asking her to provide dates when Iain Gulland might come over from Scotland to speak. As agreed this would be a Municipal Association hosted event probably on a Tuesday evening in the summer.

Carol Malarkey mentioned that she had been to a presentation organised by Bill Dale (Beach Buddies) at which Kurt Roosen, CEO of MICTA, had spoken about the impact of plastic waste not originating on the Island being carried here by sea currents. Members thought that this topic dovetailed nicely with the proposed presentation from Zero Waste Mann and asked if the Secretary to enquire if arrangements could be made for a similar talk to be arranged as part of the proposed training event above. **AP Secretary**

Richmond Hill Consultative Committee.

Alan Jones provided an update on issues and the current status of the committee following circulation of the minutes prior to the Municipal meeting. Despite intense lobbying to retain an independent review and scrutiny body to ensure the proper running of the Energy from Waste Plant the Minister and senior civil servants were clear that the RHCC should not continue to uphold that function and there were no plans for further meetings. Government was proposing to establish an environment committee with public oversight. Further details would be available in due course. It was stressed that such a committee needed to have "teeth" to be effective. In the meantime, Stephanie Gray advised that the government website contained a range of information in respect of emissions etc and if there were any problems or issues she should be contacted in the first instance.

On behalf of the Municipal Association the Chairman thanked Alan Jones, Andrew Jessopp and all others involved for their time and effort in pursuing this matter.

Waste Management issues

Nothing further to report at this stage

World War I Commemorations

James Cherry advised that a Festival of Remembrance, provisionally to be held at the Villa/Gaiety on 10 November 2018, was currently in the planning stage. Other Local Authorities were considering appropriate commemorative events. It was suggested that details should be posted in the allocated section of the Government website. The Secretary would provide a link. **AP Secretary**

Any other business

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 22 February 2018 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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