

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 22  
FEBRUARY 2018**

**PRESENT**

Tim Kenyon	Garff Commissioners	President elect
Viven Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	Chairman
Alison Lynch	Marown Commissioners	Vice Chairman
Neal Mellon	Braddan Commissioners	
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Chris Quirk	Onchan Commissioners	
Derek Crellin	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Michelle Haywood	Port St Mary Commissioners	
Andy Cowie	Ramsey Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Ray Harmer MHK and Emily Curphey from the DOI.

**Speaker – Ray Harmer MHK**

Mr Harmer gave a brief update on Local Authorities issues including progress with reform and waste management issues. The meeting was then thrown open to Members for questions and comments. The following topics were covered:

- Heritage Trail – upgrades, work undertaken with Braddan on toilets
- Access road issues
- Douglas Promenade
- Public rights of way
- Definitive footpath map
- Waste disposal and strategy – consultation, costs
- Energy from Waste plant – capacity and use
- Public education on waste and recycling issues
- Amenity byelaws – Ramsey
- Trench collapse – PSM
- Speed limits and enforcement – no 20mph school zone PSM
- Road Safety Partnership – attitude to speed
- Potholes – proliferation and method of repair, Onchan and Island wide
- Birch Hill sewage problems
- Royal Avenue – redesignation of junction
- Glen Maye signs
- Glen Rushen Road – water issues and impact on carriageway
- Kerbside and “in conjunction” recycling

- Renewable energy and potential for Archimedes Screw utilising sewage outflow. Geoff Gelling to send UK study details to Minister
- Legislation and Local Government consultation – priorities and timescales
- Walking Festival
- Green Lane and “off road” issues – Agneash. User Group and balancing recreation against damage and inconvenience
- Road closure – Narradale. Mrs Quane also provided Emily Curphey with a list of Lezayre related issues for consideration.
- Public health projects or goals – information, involvement and support for Dr Henrietta Ewing

### **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Carol Malarkey (Douglas), Bob Pilling (Malew), James Cherry (Onchan), Eddie Convery (Peel), Alan Jones (Peel) and Juan McGuinness (Ramsey).

### **Minutes of January 2018 meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held in January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters arising from minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. The Secretary advised that accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 had been prepared and were currently being audited. It was anticipated that these would be signed off prior to the next Municipal Association meeting.

### **AP Secretary to follow up.**

### **Secretary’s Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. The Secretary advised that, following discussion with the Chairman, he was undertaking a review of the Municipal Association rules. He anticipated producing a revised draft document shortly giving time for consideration before, during and after the next Municipal Association meeting. Members were reminded that any rule changes required ratification at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Appointment of President**

Garff Commissioners had nominated Tim Kenyon as the new President of the Municipal Association. Normally such appointments were confirmed at the AGM. In the absence of specific rules covering this situation it was proposed by Alison Lynch and seconded by Andy Cowie that the nomination be endorsed by the Executive Committee and Members present. This was agreed, and the appointment resolution was unanimously carried. The Chairman presented the new President with his badge of office.

The Secretary advised that he had received a response from the Clerk advising that German Commissioners did not feel able to take over the Presidency by rotation in May 2018, nor organise the AGM dinner. Members were sad to hear this and some discussion took place regarding the way forward which, again, was not covered by current rules. By rotation it next fell to Lezayre Commissioners to take on the Presidential function. Members were aware that Mrs Quane, the current Chairman, was also a Lezayre Commissioner but, in the absence of a

second Lezayre Commissioner being able, or willing, to take up the post did not feel that her undertaking both roles result in any conflict or over-representation. It was acknowledged that the role of President was largely ceremonial but felt, as with many other organisations, that it should be kept separate and distinct even if the same person held both posts. The Executive Committee and Members again resolved this approach. Mrs Quane thanked them for their support and said that she would begin the AGM preparations with the assistance of the Secretary. **AP Secretary**

**Potential future speakers**

- March – Chris Thomas MHK (now Daphne Caine MHK) on 2018 Year of our Island
- April - Tim Graham (CEO Manx Wildlife Trust) on Collaboration with Local Authorities
- May – AGM
- June – Ray Harmer MHK (accompanied by Emily Curphey) Local Authority hot topics and questions/issues
- July – David Ashford MHK and Claire Bettison MHK Health issues (to be confirmed)
- August – No meeting

**Waste Management Issues.**

Following the update last month Andy Jessopp (Braddan) had spoken with Municipal attendees and others present and was firmly of the option that the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee could not, and should not, be disbanded. Unfortunately, Andy was unable to attend the meeting this evening and, as a result, it was agreed that the issue should be included on the March agenda for more informed discussion. The Secretary would check that Mr Jessopp was available. **AP Secretary.**

**World War I Commemorations**

Last month 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. Members from other Local Authorities had gone away to ascertain if any other “special” events were planned for 2018 and reported that currently nothing beyond the customary gatherings and services was anticipated.

**Any other business**

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 29 March 2018 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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