

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING  
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 26  
APRIL 2018**

**PRESENT**

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	Chairman
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Jaimie Smith	Garff Commissioners	
Steve Debnam	Michael Commissioners	
James Cherry	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Andy Cowie	Ramsey Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

**Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Tim Graham, the Chief Executive Officer of Manx Wildlife Trust

**Speaker – Tim Graham (CEO Manx Wildlife Trust)**

Tim Graham provide a summary on some of the key areas covered by Manx Wildlife Trust along with a presentation and handouts. Slides etc will be included on the Municipal Association website in due course. He took questions and comments from Members on a diverse range of subjects including curlews, hen harriers and other scarcer wildlife, river management, hedgerow management and funding.

The Chairman thanked Tim for an interesting and information presentation.

**Apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Carol Quine (Castletown), Carol Malarkey (Douglas), Tim Kenyon (Garff), Bob Pilling (Malew), Chris Quirk (Onchan), Alan Jones (Peel), Eddie Convery (Peel), Juan McGuinness (Ramsey)

**Minutes of March 2018 meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters arising from minutes**

Betty Quirk advised that problems with drainage on the TT Access Road resulting in muddy footpaths which she had raised at previous meetings had now been resolved following a direct approach made by her to the DOI. Members expressed their appreciation of her efforts to resolve this long-standing matter.

**Treasurer's and Auditor's Report**

These were noted and accepted. There was a discussion regarding Municipal Association subscriptions and agreed that a proposal be put to the Annual General meeting for these remain at £270 per Authority for 2018/9.

## **Secretary's Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. The Secretary drew attention to a transcript of telephone conversations and e mails with Graham Clucas from an Island charity known as Quing which had been prompted by a referral from Phil Gawne in his role as Secretary of Rushen Commissioners. Graham Clucas has contacts with Cormac Russell from a UK based organisation known as nurture development who are promoting an internationally recognised method of developing strong, resilient and healthy communities, through his work in running a trauma recovery community. There was a suggestion that this might be something which Local Authorities might wish to hear more about, possibly through an initial speaking slot at a future Municipal Association meeting. However, the date suggested clashed with the Annual General Meeting and the first free slot was on 27 September, which was not suitable to the proposer. The Secretary had made tentative enquiries regarding room and date availability should Members wish to schedule a presentation as part of the ongoing series of training seminars. Within the time and personnel constraints available the only suitable date was Tuesday 26 June at the Noble's Park Community Room.

There was a lively discussion regarding whether such an event was desirable and should go ahead. It was finally resolved that further information was needed before a decision could be made, and the Secretary was instructed to obtain this information and forward the responses to Members by e mail with a time bound request that they should agree to or decline the offer based on the information provided. **AP Secretary**

## **Richmond Hill Consultative Committee**

In the absence of Andrew Jessopp, it was agreed that further discussion on this matter should be held over.

## **Waste Management issues**

There was nothing further to report at present

## **World War I Commemorations**

Further events were planned by several branches of the Royal British Legion in early August. Details would be made publicly available in due course.

## **Any other business**

### **1. Zero Waste Mann and Beach Buddies seminar**

The Zero Waste Mann and Beach Buddies seminar would take place at 7pm on 11 September at the Noble's Park Community Room. There would be two elements:

- i. A presentation by a representative from Zero Waste Scotland which would concentrate on waste management strategies in Highland and remote areas.
- ii. A talk by Beach Buddies Isle of Man looking at issues arising from the shift of waste between countries caused by natural events e.g. tides, wind etc.

Members were grateful to Douglas Borough Council for providing this facility free of charge. Further updates would be provided, and invitations issued nearer the time. **AP Secretary**

### **2. Topics for discussion with the Health Minister and Claire Bettison at the July meeting**

Claire Bettison had asked if there were specific topics which it would be useful to discuss at the Municipal meeting which she and David Ashford were to attend on 26 July. The following areas were suggested:

- a. Mental Health
- b. Waiting lists
- c. Health tourism
- d. Ramsey Cottage Hospital
- e. Dental provision
- f. Jurby Health Centre
- g. Mobile Health Centre

There was no other business, and the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting: **Annual General Meeting Thursday 24 May 2018 at 7pm.**