

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association, held at the Salmon Centre, Laxey on Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.30 pm.**

## **Attendance:**

There were 43 attendees. Michael “Pullyman” Cowin was present as guest speaker accompanied by Mrs Cowin.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Alex Toohey (Marown Commissioners), Geoff Gelling (Patrick Commissioners), Eddie Convery (Peel Commissioners), and Nick Watterson (Port Erin Commissioners)

## **Introduction**

The Salmon Centre welcomed the Isle of Man Municipal Association. Stewart Clague introduced the venue and gave safety and other information for the benefit of guests and wished everyone a very enjoyable evening.

## **Welcome**

Chairman Mrs Vivian Quane welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She said that the last year had been busy with increased influence being exerted by the Municipal Association as witnessed by the attendance of two MHKs this evening. A series of training events had also been held which were well attended and informative.

## **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 May 2016 had been circulated. It was **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, Peter Hill outlined the main points and referred to the financial position. As forecast last year expenditure had exceeded income which had resulted in a depletion of reserves. Therefore, he reluctantly felt that it was necessary to recommend a small increase in the annual subscription for Member Authorities to £270. Peter concluded by thanking the Membership for their kindness and support over the years he has been Treasurer and said he hoped to continue for a little longer.

## **Acceptance of Accounts and Vote of Thanks**

Members gave a resounding vote of thanks to Peter Hill in recognition of his sterling 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 Robert Moughtin of Garff Commissioners be appointed president for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

Retiring President Councillor Raina Chatel of Douglas Borough Council passed the Chain of Office to Robert Moughtin. She wished him a fulfilling time as President. It had been a great privilege to serve in this capacity.

Incoming President, Robert Moughtin thanked the Chairman and the Members for the honour of being President for the coming year. He reiterated the view that there had been significant expansion in the role and influence played by the Municipal Association in the past year and he hoped that this would continue.

**As newly elected President, Robert Moughtin took the chair for election of the Chairman.**

### **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Alan Jones, seconded by Alison Lynch and **unanimously resolved** that Mrs Vivian Quane of Lezayre Commissioners be appointed Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

Mrs Quane thanked the Members for their confidence in her and said that she hoped to carry on doing a good job with the support of previous incumbents and the Secretary.

### **Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed by Andrew Jessopp, seconded by Alan Jones and **unanimously resolved** that Alison Lynch be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

### **Election of Treasurer**

It was proposed by Alison Lynch, seconded by Alan Jones and **unanimously resolved** that Mr Peter Hill be appointed Treasurer of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

### **Election of Secretary**

It was proposed by Alison Lynch, seconded by Luke Parker and **unanimously resolved** that Graham Connor be appointed Secretary of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

### **Election of Auditor**

It was **unanimously resolved** that Ian Lowey be appointed Auditor to the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2017-2018 who had indicated his willingness to continue in that position. 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 2017-2018**

As mentioned earlier the Treasurer recommended that the subscription rate, should be increased to £270. Acceptance of the revised rate was proposed by Alan Jones and seconded by Alison Lynch. It was **unanimously resolved** that the subscription rate should be set at £270 for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

### **Photographs**

Several photographs of the top table and groups around the room were taken during the evening. These have been published on the Municipal Association Facebook page. Copies can be obtained on request.

### **Meal and Raffle**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned for the meal, following which a successful raffle was organised and drawn by the Vice President, Alison Lynch, with a wide range of prizes kindly donated by members. A total of £216 was raised for Municipal Association funds.

### **Guest Speaker**

Robert Moughtin as President introduced guest speaker Michael “Pullyman” Cowin. He gave a splendid talk centred on “the three Ps” – Parkinson’s, Pulrose and Poetry.

### **Votes of Thanks:**

#### **Guest Speaker:**

The Chairman thanked Michael Cowin for his amusing, entertaining and enjoyable talk which was much appreciated by all present. She felt sure that the speaker and his wife had enjoyed the evening.

#### **Host Authority/Secretary:**

The Chairman and Members expressed their appreciation to Garff Commissioners Council and the Secretary for their part in planning and hosting this year’s Annual General Meeting.

**Venue:**

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Stewart Clague and the staff at the Salmon Centre for a good meal in an excellent setting 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 9.50pm, although many Members lingered to chat amongst themselves for some time afterwards.

**Signed** ..... **Chairman**

**Date** .....

**Attached: Treasurer's Report**