

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

**PRESENT**

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	President & Chairman
Alison Lynch	Marown Commissioners	Vice President
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Tim Kenyon	Garff Commissioners	
Margaret Kennaugh	German Commissioners	
Bob Pilling	Malew Commissioners	
Terry Miles	Marown Commissioners	
James Cherry	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Eddie Convery	Peel Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Ffinlo Williams	Ramsey Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

**Welcome**

**Guest – David Ashford MHK**

Minister Ashford was delighted to have been invited to this meeting and gave a presentation entitled “An update on our future Health Vision.” Slides were headed:

- The Challenges
- Wellness v Illness – a new model for health care
- Moving from acute care to community care
- Creating a Manx Service
- Work currently under way

The full content of slides can be seen on the Isle of Man Municipal Association website.

<http://www.iom-municipal.im>

Following the presentation, the Minister took questions and comments on a wide range of subjects under the following headings:

- Praise for the current system and work done by Noble’s Hospital
- Health service locums
- The Canterbury system
- Mental health issues
- West Midlands Health Service review – outcomes and recommendations
- Value for money issues
- Digitalisation
- Ramsey Cottage Hospital
- Dental provision
- Respite care
- Adopting and measuring key targets and progress made

- Admitting mistakes
- Health Insurance
- Health tourism
- Overseas resident use of the NHS and payment for treatment
- Accident and emergency provision
- Waiting lists
- Diabetes diagnosis and monitoring
- Possibility of mobile Health Centre provision

Members thanked the Minister for the time (around 90 minutes) spent on the presentation and in answering questions frankly and openly.

### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory) and Chris Quirk (Onchan)

### **Minutes of June 2018 meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 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. Three Local Authorities had yet to pay their 2018/19 subscriptions. These were being actively pursued.

### **Secretary's Report**

The report had been circulated and was noted. The Secretary asked for suggestions for speakers at future meetings. The following people were suggested:

1. Dr Alex Allinson MHK – Manx Utilities provision
2. Andrew Kneen – Projects and Flood Risk management
3. Chris Thomas MHK – Minister for Policy and Reform

### **S.A.V.E. and joined up service suggestions**

There were no items to be passed on to the D.O.I. this month.

### **Richmond Hill Consultative Committee**

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

### **Waste Management issues**

There was no further progress at the moment. However, following representations at the last Municipal Association meeting, the Secretary reported that Minister Harmer had been in touch to say that Stephanie Gray, Head of the Waste Management Unit, will accompany him to the Municipal Association meeting on 27 September.

### **World War I Commemorations**

Minutes of the WWI Steering Group meeting held on 25 July 2018 would be provided by Alan Jones and circulated by the Secretary. These would contain details of new and upcoming events. As always, if Local Authorities were planning their own commemorative

events to celebrate the centenary of the end of the war they should forward these to the website.

James Cherry mentioned his involvement in the Grand Pilgrimage to Belgium scheduled for early August 2018 and gave preliminary details regarding the Festival of Remembrance in November for which free tickets would be available. There would also be political representation at key events both at home and abroad. **AP Secretary.**

**Any other business**

1. Hedge and verge trimming  
Members discussed the rules and best practice regarding this subject. All agreed that safety of drivers and pedestrians had to be the absolute priority in terms of decisions made. Nevertheless, all were aware of the need to preserve hedgerows, wild flowers and habitats wherever possible. Guidelines were just that and guidance could always be sought from the D.O.I.
2. Tynwald Select Committee of Poverty. There was a short discussion regarding terms and definitions, particularly with regard to housing matters. Members wondered if Chris Thomas MHK might be able to clarify in due course.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. There is no meeting in August.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 27 September 2018 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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