

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 27
SEPTEMBER 2018**

PRESENT

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	President & Chairman
Alison Lynch	Marown Commissioners	Vice President
Adrian Cowin	Arbory Commissioners	
David Dentith	Braddan Commissioners	
Andrew Jessop	Braddan Commissioners	
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Tim Kenyon	Garff Commissioners	
Margaret Kennaugh	German Commissioners	
Barbara Brereton	Malew Commissioners	
Bob Pilling	Malew Commissioners	
James Cherry	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Michelle Haywood	Port St Mary Commissioners	
Ffinlo Williams	Ramsey Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members along with our guest speakers and felt sure that this would be a useful and productive meeting. Minister Harmer was congratulated for his recent cycle ride and resultant fund raising for charity

2. Guests – Ray Harmer MHK and Stephanie Gray (Head of Waste Management)

The Minister was delighted to be back and said that he thought it appropriate to bring Stephanie Gray with him, particularly following the recent successful seminar on environment and waste management issues hosted by the Municipal Association with speakers from EWS/EWM and Beach Buddies.

He handed over to Stephanie Gray who gave a brief presentation on the following themes:

Environmental data including the key requirement for an annual audit

Isle of Man Waste Strategy focusing on the three main themes of “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle”

- Reduce – reliant upon good education
- Reuse – building upon current networks e.g. charity shops
- Recycle – pooling resources and working closely with Local Authorities to exploit synergies and best practice

Energy from Waste Plant

Difficult waste and its disposal

Areas of significant dependency on the UK.

The floor was then opened to questions with the topics below amongst those being discussed:

- The best ways to educate people in waste management issues – an education officer for schools, multi-faceted approach
- Tonnage based targets – these are not the answer, what is left in the bin matters
- The future of amenity sites and the need for uniformity of operating hours etc.
- Working together towards common goals and the role of government in control of collection?
- The need to move away from a plethora of Boards and Committees and the role/impact of the Political Waste Group.
- Building on the Biosphere pledge which had been signed by schools, and support for the One World Centre who had a role to play
- Management of glass waste
- Influence on supermarkets and other large retailers
- PSM kerbside collection experience
- EWS/EWM what parts of their model and Code of Practice might be adapted for use on the Island.
- The need for SMART targets and lack of reliable data.
- Food waste
- 2018/9 gate fee increase
- Plastics Plan
- Costings for an all-Island waste management scheme and comparisons with local schemes currently/previously in operation

Members expressed their appreciation for the attendance of the Minister and his senior officer this evening which had contributed to an open and frank exchange of views. Stephanie Gray provided paper copies of relevant documents which would be forwarded to Members as soon as possible. **AP Secretary**

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Carol Quine (Castletown), Chris Quirk (Onchan), Eddie Convery (Peel) and Peter Gunn (Rushen)

4. Minutes of July 2018 meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising

6. Treasurer's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted.

7. Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted.

8. S.A.V.E. and joined up service suggestions

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

9. Website upgrade

The Secretary reported that the website manager had recommended a security upgrade in the form of an SSL Certificate linked to the site in line with best practice. The cost would be £60 annually plus a one of £45 installation charge. Members agree this should proceed and the Secretary said that he would notify Chris Littler and the Treasurer after the meeting. **AP Secretary**

10. World War I Commemorations

Members were reminded to visit the website for information and that Local Authorities could add further events as they arose. Clearly events would end following the centenary of the Armistice in November 2018.

11. Any other business

a) Richmond Hill Consultative Committee

Andrew Jessopp advised that despite the assurances given by the Head of Waste Management earlier in the evening information contained on the DEFA website is over a year out of date. Members might wish to urge Local Authorities to lobby in respect of this. It was agreed that RHCC should be a quarterly agenda item going forward. **AP Secretary**

b) Future guest speakers

Members were aware that Dr Alex Allinson would be our guest in October with Tim Baker MHK scheduled to complete the line up in November as there would be no December meeting. For early 2019 approaches would be made to Ray Harmer MHK (regular attendee every three to four months), Geoffrey Boot MHK, Laurence Skelly MHK, Chris Thomas MHK and Julie Edge MHK in respect of the Post Office reorganisation consultation.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 25 October 2018 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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