

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 29
NOVEMBER 2018**

PRESENT

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	President & Chairman
Alison Lynch	Marown Commissioners	Vice Chairman
Neal Mellon	Braddan Commissioners	
Raina Chatel	Douglas Borough Council	
Betty Quirk	Douglas Borough Council	
Tim Kenyon	Garff Commissioners	
Jamie Smith	Garff Commissioners	
Bob Pilling	Malew Commissioners	
Chris Quirk	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Eddie Convery	Peel Commissioners	
Andy Cowie	Ramsey Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all members along with our guest speaker and felt sure that this would be a useful meeting particularly in extending knowledge of the work being undertaken by our nationally elected representatives as well as providing a conduit for discussion of local issues. As this was the last meeting before Christmas compliments of the season were extended to all.

Guest speaker - Tim Baker MHK

Tim Baker began by thanking Members for the opportunity to come along and provide some details of his background, responsibilities and current hot topics for him. He hoped to keep the session informal and interactive. Tim spoke about his education and the various work areas in which he had been involved both in the UK and on returning to the Island. He spoke candidly about his reasons for deciding to stand for the House of Keys and of the support given by friends and colleagues which had persuaded him that he could make a difference.

Tim gave details of his workload which included:

- Constituency MHK
- D.E.F.A. (meat plant and fisheries)
- D.O.I. (Steam Packet)
- Children's champion – a role which was now clearly and narrowly defined
- Chairman of the Electoral Board.

He felt that this was the biggest workload of any current backbencher, and went on to detail some of his achievements to date. In particular he mentioned his work on the Economic Revue Committee which looked for synergies across the north of the Island including Ramsey and Garff, along with motions he had laid before the House in respect of local food, the Knottfield enquiry and the Isle of Man Post Office. Tim relished the challenges which being an MHK brought and was happy to take questions from the floor.

There was a lively and productive discussion across a range of topics including:

- Planning committee – make up and process
- Planning decisions, overturning on appeal and the role of the Planning Chairman and Minister
- The role of government in encouraging students and expatriates to return and contribute to the Island
- Rural and mobile libraries
- Peel Marina
- School meals
- Rates reform and the appetite for change
- Budgetary issues affecting urgent local works
- Isle of Man Post Office

The Chairman and Members thanked Tim for his time and an interesting and thought-provoking discussion. It seemed that the usual hour allocated to guest speakers had turned into almost two!

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Andrew Jessopp (Braddan), Carol Quine (Castletown), Margaret Kennaugh (German), James Cherry (Onchan), and Lindsay Ridley (Patrick),

Minutes of October 2018 meeting

Matters arising from minutes

There were no matters arising

Treasurer's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted.

Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted.

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

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

Nomination for Municipal Association representative on the Local Government Audit/Assurance review tender panel.

Alison Lynch advised that she would attend if meetings were to be held outside office hours. Otherwise Alan Jones would be the Municipal Association representative. Secretary to notify Stephen Hind. **AP Secretary**

Issues for Ray Harmer MHK – January 2019 meeting

It was agreed that the Secretary should notify the following issues to the Minister:

- a. Douglas Promenade update
- b. Footpaths
- c. Sea defences

AP Secretary

Any other business

1. Housing

Alan Jones advised that he would arrange for circulation of a letter on housing matters sent to the DOI by Peel Commissioners. He subsequently asked if housing could be included on the next Municipal Association meeting agenda. **AP Secretary**

2. Richmond Hill Consultative Committee

Bob Pilling mentioned that RHCC should also be on the next meeting agenda (quarterly as agreed). **AP Secretary**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.
Date of next meeting: **Thursday 31 January 2019 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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