

# **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association, held at Milntown, Lezayre on Thursday 24 May 2018 at 7.30 pm.**

## **Attendance:**

There were 46 attendees. Trevor Nann from Groudle Glen Railway was present as guest speaker.

## **Welcome**

Chairman Mrs Vivian Quane welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She said that the last year had been busy, yet again, with increased influence being exerted by the Municipal Association as witnessed by the regular attendance of Ministers at monthly meetings and the presence of senior politicians this evening.

## **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory Commissioners), Bob Pilling (Malew Commissioners), Geoff Gelling (Patrick Commissioners), Lindsey Ridley (Patrick Commissioners, and Eddie Convery (Peel Commissioners)

## **Approval of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2017**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2017 had been circulated. It was **resolved** that the minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

## **Treasurer's report**

Presenting his report, and accounts which have been circulated and approved by the Executive Committee, Peter Hill outlined the main points and referred to the stable financial position. Peter paid tribute to the late Ian Lowey and his sterling work as auditor to the Municipal Association for many years. He also made reference to the strong working relationship which he had been able to quickly establish with the new auditor. Peter thanked Members for the support received over the years he has been Treasurer and said he hoped to continue for a little longer. The accounts were accepted without question.

## **Approval of the Annual Subscription for 2018/2019**

Despite the small further depletion in reserves the Treasurer recommended that the annual subscription for Member Authorities should remain unchanged and it was unanimously resolved that the subscription rate should be set at £270 for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

## **Ratification of Municipal Association rule changes**

The Vice President made reference to a review of rules undertaken by the Secretary. This was the first review for six years and had been triggered by a couple of issues during the year. The proposed revisions had been considered and approved by the Executive Committee. However, the current rules required any changes to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting. There was no dissent to the proposed changes which had been circulated with the pre-AGM information pack.

### **Address by the outgoing President, Tim Kenyon**

Tim acknowledged the sad circumstances by which he had taken on this role part way through the year following the untimely death of Robert Moughtin. He paid tribute to his predecessor particularly in his role as Commissioner and advocate of collaborative working which had been prominent in establishing the amalgamated Garff Commissioners. He appreciated that his remarks might be controversial with some but said that he felt this might be the way forward for other Authorities on the Island. He thanked the Chairman and Secretary for the support which he had received during his brief tenure and then handed the chain of office to the new President.

### **New Presidency and election of a Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018/2019**

By rotation the Presidency of the Municipal Association would have properly fallen to German Commissioners. However, for a number of reasons, they felt unable able to accept this year and hence this passed to Lezayre Commissioners being next in alphabetical order. Members were invited to propose, second and elect Vivien Quane to be both President and Chairman of the Association for 2018/19 and following due process, and in line with the revised rules, this was unanimously resolved. (Proposer Alan Jones, seconder Alison Lynch).

The President and Chairman thanked Members for their support on both fronts and reassured those present that this was not an attempt at Island domination! Indeed, she recognised the support of her elected and paid officials in delivering results throughout the year.

### **Election of a Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018/2019.**

It was proposed by Janet Thommeny, seconded by Raina Chatel and unanimously resolved that Alison Lynch be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

### **Election of a Treasurer of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018/2019**

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 2018-2019.

### **Election of a Secretary of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018/2019**

It was proposed by Carol Malarkey, seconded by Luke Parker and unanimously resolved that Graham Connor be appointed Secretary of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

### **Election of an Auditor of the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018/2019**

It was unanimously resolved that Norman Cannell, who had indicated his willingness to continue in that position, be appointed Auditor to the Municipal Association for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

**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 £173 was raised for Municipal Association funds.

**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.

**Guest Speaker**

Trevor Nann was introduced as guest speaker. He gave a splendid illustrated talk centred on the history of the Groudle Glen railway.

**Votes of Thanks:**

**Guest Speaker:**

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

**Host Authority/Secretary:**

The Chairman and Members expressed their appreciation to Lezayre 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 Louise and the staff at Milntown 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 2018 at 9.55pm, although many Members lingered to chat amongst themselves for some time afterwards.

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

**Date** .....

# Treasurer's Report.

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## Municipal Association Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

“President, Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.”

My presentation to you will deal with the Financial Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017, and the current financial position.

Copies of the Accounts and the Auditor's Report have been circulated to you by your respective Clerks and are self-explanatory. The Accounts before you were approved by the Executive Committee members at the Municipal Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March and are presented here for your ratification.

The financial year starts on 1<sup>st</sup> January, unlike the Local Authority accounts, and the **opening balance on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 totalled £2,539.50.**

The sources of income for the Association are now entirely from the Members' subscriptions and the proceeds of a raffle at the AGM, on those occasions that it takes place. There was a **raffle** at the **2017 AGM**, and it **raised £205.00, net of expenses.**

The **2017 AGM** at The Ballacregga Corn Mill Restaurant in Laxey was calculated at **£18.00 per head.** Forty-three delegates attended the AGM and the overall cost was **£774.00**, of which the association received **£740.00**. The Association covered the cost of two guests.

The Primary expenditure of the association rests with the two honorariums, firstly in respect of the Secretary the amount of **£3,000.00**, and secondly the Treasurer in sum of **£675.00**. During this Financial Year it was agreed to increase the Honorarium paid to the Treasurer by **£100.00**, purely to cover his costs that previously had not been claimed, thus making a basic total between the Secretary and Treasurer of **£3,775.00.**

Secretarial Expenses this year amounted to **£598.48.**

The Treasurer's Expenses are deducted from the increased honorarium, and include stationery, postage, printer materials, travel and have amounted to a figure in the region of **£127.17.**

Additional expenses to the Association during the year amounted to **£443.90** and these are outlined in the Statement of Receipts & Payments but for your information cover the costs of a bouquet of flowers, event catering and website implementation.

Thus, in summary the **gross income for 2017** amounted to **£5,535.00** and the total **expenditure** amounted to **£5,591.38.**

At the 2017 AGM I indicated that the accounts were sufficiently buoyant to cover any losses and that in the short term The Association could afford to have a situation whereby Expenditure exceeded Income.

Therefore, as predicted, this year **Expenditure did exceed Income** and did so by **£56.38.**

As regards the Subscription Rate for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, the Executive Committee, at their meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April, determined that the rate should remain at the

existing amount of £270.00 per Authority, and I believe that this is sustainable for this financial year, albeit that there will continue to be a slight situation of expenditure exceeding income.

The closing balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December amounted to **£2,483.12**, which covers post year expenses until the following year subscriptions are raised in June.

Once more I know that I will not be alone in thanking the Secretary, Graham, for his hard and conscientious work throughout the year.

Also, like everyone here today, I devastated over the sudden loss of Ian Lowey, who had kindly audited the said accounts for more than two decades and is sorely missed. However, I would like to thank Norman Cannell, who stepped in to carry out the Audit work, and as with Ian, is a pleasure to work with. He has indicated to me that subject to the approval of the Members, he is happy to continue in this role, as indeed am I.

This concludes my submission on the Annual Accounts, they represent a true and accurate record of the Municipal Associations Receipts and Payments for the Financial Year 2017, and I commend them to you.

Before I move on to current financial position it would be appropriate to deal with any questions”.

### **Current Financial Position.**

The current statement of assets in account effective 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

• Current Account	<b>£ 1,384.86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,384.86</b>

This balance excludes monies received and paid in respect of this evening’s reception and the payment of the Secretary’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honorarium and expenses which are due on or before the subscriptions are collected but taking this into account the final balance from the 2017 accounts is likely to be in the region of **£478.99**. (*£1384.86 minus £905.87*).

Thank you.

## Peter Hill.

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