

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 27th
JUNE 2019**

PRESENT

Vivien Quane	Lezayre Commissioners	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	
Carole Lillywhite	Michael Commissioners	
Chris Quirk	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Eddie Convery	Peel Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Peter Gunn	Rushen Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ray Harmer MHK Minister at the DOI was the guest accompanied by Keith Podmore and Mary Doyle from the Douglas Promenade refurbishment scheme and Noel Farrell from Highways. They would provide a brief update on progress and there would then be a round-the-table question and answer session.

Guest – Ray Harmer MHK

The session began with an update from the Douglas promenade refurbishment scheme staff. They advised that:

- the project was still on course for completion in October 2020 with both incentive and penalty clauses in place
- the tramline had been completed to Switzerland Road with significant progress being made on the seaside and landside carriageways in that area
- Loch Promenade was now under way beginning on the landward side.
- before the MGP it was anticipated that another front would be opened on the Central promenade beginning with the tramlines
- a service corridor would be opened
- there had been full co-ordination with utility services with work being done to ensure a smooth surface upon completion.
- there was a free bus surface in plan along the promenade
- issues with a lack of disabled parking spaces and occupation of these by contractors' vehicles was recognised and will be addressed
- TT had gone well
- information was available on the MyProm website along with the usual social media applications
- the need to inform those without internet access was recognised

- the cultural area in front of the Sefton hotel would be a splendid focal point – artist’s impressions could be seen on the website.
- works on the promenade walkway were not in the current plan but Treasury had approved this work and it was scheduled to begin immediately upon completion of the promenade roadway scheme.

Betty Quirk asked that her complements be passed on to the wider team which were doing a splendid job. There would always be disruption with such a large project, but she felt that this had been well handled and kept to a minimum.

Keith Podmore and Mary Doyle left the meeting at this point.

Noel Farrell then updated on issues identified at the last meeting with the Minister:

- Dalton St/Sydney St – patching had commenced
- Foxdale fencing – work complete
- Rally debris – see mail statements confirming policy and actions taken were read out and would be forwarded to the Secretary for distribution **AP Secretary**.
- Glen Rushen – action was promised very soon. Lindsey Ridley confirmed that work had started, and immediate improvement had been noticed. She was grateful that progress was now finally being made.

A round-the-table question and answer session followed. Topics covered included:

- Unacceptable road surface problems connected to the development at Crosby – this would be investigated.
- Crosby Puffin crossing – no planned date as yet
- Waste and recycling - bottles
- Integrated transport policy
- Climate emergency – need for urgent action and potential for Local Authorities to lead in some areas – education and changing attitudes were also important.
- Need for prudence in confronting climate issues – biomass converter cited as a way forward which caused problems rather than creating solutions.
- Solar and other green energy sources and relative cost
- Electric buses and government vehicles
- Food bank signage
- Potential for traffic lights at M.E.R. in Laxey (Ham and Egg Terrace)
- Country area footpaths and pavements. (Patrick Road)
- Michael beach stability issues and flooding on Orrisdale loop road
- Sulby village – flashing lights
- Sulby Claddaghs work incomplete
- Tree cutting – comprehensive list in place to be started in the next couple of weeks
- Tree planting – part of the solution lay in not cutting down established trees to build houses
- Minister Harmer confirmed that he was very much in favour of planting more trees as the Chief Minister had suggested
- All-Island Plan

The Chairman thanked the Minister and his staff for attending tonight. It was clear that a relationship was building and producing both dialogues, understanding and results. Mr Harmer would next attend in October 2019. Both he and Mr Farrell left the meeting.

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Barbara Brereton (President), Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Andrew Jessopp (Braddan), Carol Quine (Castletown), Jamie Smith (Garff), Bob Pilling (Malew), and James Cherry (Onchan),

Minutes of April 2019 meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019 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.

Secretary's Report

The report had been circulated and was noted. Upon request the Secretary gave details of those Local Authorities which had paid their 2019/20 subscriptions. It was confirmed that reminders would be issued to other Authorities in due course.

The Secretary reported that Barry Powell (Clerk at Malew) had recently undergone heart surgery and that Pauline Fargher was picking up urgent administrative issues. Members asked that best wishes for a speedy recovery be passed on. **AP Secretary.**

Climate change

There had been a significant discussion on appropriate issues during the earlier part of the meeting. In the absence of Bob Pilling and Andrew Jessopp (Energy from Waste/RHCC political meeting updates) it was agreed to carry forward this item to the July meeting.

Any other business

a) Public Auditor tender

Alan Jones reported that there had been no applications for this position and, as a result, meetings which he was scheduled to attend had not taken place. It was understood that the position was to be readvertised shortly.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 25 July 2019 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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