

**MINUTES OF ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
HELD AT BRADDAN COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES AT 7PM ON THURSDAY 25th
JULY 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	
James Cherry	Onchan Commissioners	
Chris Quirk	Onchan Commissioners	
Geoff Gelling	Patrick Commissioners	
Lindsay Ridley	Patrick Commissioners	
Alan Jones	Peel Commissioners	
Graham Connor	Secretary	

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Our guests would provide a brief update on progress with the Working Party, and there would then be a round-the-table question and answer session.

Guests Anna Goldsmith, Ann Corlett MHK and Clare Bettison MHK – Council of Ministers Working Party on library provision

Clare Bettison MHK led the presentation into the work undertaken so far by the group, progress made, and future plans. The PowerPoint slides from that presentation are available on the Municipal Association website at <https://www.iom-municipal.im/document-category/presentations/>

Following the presentation there was a round-the-table question and answer session. Topics covered included:

- Gathering of meaningful information
- Consistency of approach and quality of service
- Duplication
- Working together
- Mobile library
- Developing information hubs and deciding what these should contain – different priorities for different Local Authorities?
- Funding
- Support provided by Central Government

Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Adrian Cowin (Arbory), Carol Lillywhite (Michael), Jamie Smith (Garff), Eddie Convery (Peel), and Nigel Howard (Ramsey),

Minutes of June 2019 meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2019 were approved as a correct record with a minor amendment 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. Subscriptions were outstanding from Castletown and Port Erin Commissioners and reminders had been sent.

Secretary’s Report

The report had been circulated and was noted. As no speaker was available for September it was suggested that this should be a business meeting only. Requests for agenda items would be sent at the end of August. **AP Secretary.**

Climate change/Energy from Waste

It was agreed that Adrian Cowin (Arbory) and Carole Lillywhite (Michael) would attend the Climate Change workshop (1st August) on behalf of the Municipal Association and report back on progress.

Any other business

- a) **Vacancy for President of the Municipal Association and associated matters**
 Following the resignation of Barbara Brereton from Malew Commissioners the Municipal Association was left without a President (or indeed a representative from Malew Commissioners). It was agreed that this post should be left vacant until matters became clearer.
 It was proposed by Alison Lynch and seconded by Alan Jones that a letter of thanks be sent to Bob Pilling who had also resigned from Malew Commissioners to thank him for his long and dedicated service to the Municipal Association. This was agreed unanimously. **AP Secretary.**

- b) **Pride Festival (13 June 2020 provisionally)**
 Clare Bettison MHK advised that embryonic plans were being made for this event which would be about much more than a celebration of diversity in sexuality. She asked if Members might consider asking her to attend in January/February 2020 to share thoughts and seek feedback. The Chairman advised that Members would consider this at the next meeting and the Secretary would advise the outcome. **AP Secretary.**

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date of next meeting: **Thursday 26 September 2019 at 7pm.**

Signed.....Chairman

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