



ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS

BARRANTEE SKEEREY ANDREAYS

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas

Members Present: Mrs JEH Faragher JF (Chair); Mrs Susan Craine (SC) (Vice-Chair); Mr JKW Allison JA; Mr A Silverston (AS);

In attendance – Clerk (Ms M Callow);

Apologies: Mrs V H Hind (VH)

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1. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved with an amendment to item **NCAS** – *“JA also reported that Bride Commissioners seemed to be running their Parish for the benefit of Island Aggregates and not for the Parishioners”*. Proposed by AS and 2nd by SC, and agreed by the Board, they were signed by the Chair JF, as a correct record.
2. **Matters arising** from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024.
 - a) The Clerk is still trying to arrange meeting with DOI regards village ditch maintenance
3. **Correspondence**
 - a) Received from Tim Johnson MHK. Notice that discussions took place between DfE and Manx Telecom and the decision was taken to instal the new fibre network to properties in Andreas via underground ducting. This means the fee paid for an appeal against the original recommendation for telegraph poles cannot be claimed back as Planning has no method in place to refund the fee. Information regarding this matter was also received from planning department, and Manx Telecom. The Chair stated that the Commissioners had supported the residents in this appeal but there seemed to be little hope of recovering the fee, and the time and effort to do so would be counter-productive. As the desired outcome has been achieved the Board unanimously agreed not to pursue this any further. The Clerk will notify

Planning that this appeal will not be progressed and the residents of Ballasteen, who paid a contribution towards the appeal.

- b) Notice received from RTC/DOI Waste Management regarding increases in WEE charges at amenity sites. These were activated on 1st January 2025 and the notice also states that no electrical item is to be placed in any of the skips at the site. Collection points within the site are to be made available for small electrical items. The Board suggested that the area MHK's be contacted to investigate a change in legislation whereby the retailer charges at the point of original purchase for disposal of WEEE and thereby removes this disposal cost from the item at the end of its use.
- c) Received from Cabinet Office regarding Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) (Amendment) Bill 2024 an invite for Commissioners and DRO's to take part in the public consultation on this Bill. Closing date for this Wednesday 29th January 2025.
- d) Received from Manx Telecom notice regarding the switch off dead line for the copper network in 2029. All households will also receive a newsletter regarding this.
- e) Received from Crossroads Manx Care workshop – details of the services offered by the workshop team.
- f) Received from NPRCB – notice that the rates for refuse collection are to remain the same for 2025-26. i.e. £52 fixed charge and 72p in the £.
- g) Received local resident – offer of 3 wooden picnic tables & benches for the village play area. This offer has been accepted by the Commissioners and they will be stored until they can be installed at the play area.
- h) Received from village resident – an email stating their concerns regarding overhanging tree from Auburn House. DOI was contacted and have replied to this enquiry. The Clerk is checking actual costs involved should the property owner agree to trim the tree. JA will also enquire if the owner has already gained a licence to trim the tree.
- i) Received from Environmental Health Unit, DEFA – details of the functions of DEFA's environmental health team.
- j) Received from Office of Fair Trading – notice that the secondary legislation for the Competition Act 2021 will be brought to the January sitting of Tynwald.
- k) Email received from Youth Club section DESC. It is hoped the north area worker will meet with the Commissioners to investigate restarting the youth club for Andreas.
- l) Received from MUA – notice of street lights failing at Crellins Grove and Main Road, Andreas. The Clerk reported that AN040 has been replaced and a decision will be made shortly regarding AN015.
- m) The Clerk has sent an email to Auditor General requesting details of assurance audit fees for 24-25 on 7th January. To date there has been no response and the Board asked that a follow-up email be sent and copied into the local MHK's. This lack of information has made it difficult to budget for this item for 2025-26 and budgets have to be submitted by 31st January.
- n) Received from Cabinet Office – invitation to attend the IOM National Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Sunday 26th January.
- o) Received from Malew Parish Commissioners – invite to their annual Civic Service to be held on 2nd March 2025.

4. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

PA 24/91348/B. Sycamore Cottage, Ballaslig, Ballacorey Rd, Andreas. Erection of replacement dwelling.

APC have no objections to this application

PA 24/91347/B. Ballaslig, Ballacorey Rd, Andreas. Erection of proposed detached stables buildings.

APC have no objections to this application

PA 24/90966/B. Field 124689 West Kimmeragh Road, Bride. Change of use of land to create campsite etc. Additional plans details submitted.

APC noted this but have no further comment to add

PA 24/91414/B. 24 Larivane Meadows, Andreas. Erection of 2 storey extension to the side of existing dwelling.

APC have no objections to this application

Decisions by Planning/ DEFA

Registered Building No 247 – Ballaradcliffe House, Andreas.
Planning APPROVED application to de-register this property.

5. New Village Play Park

The Clerk reported that PCS have yet to start installing the surround fence but noted that the inclement weather has stalled this work. PCS have also agreed to investigate the drainage on the new site as the area does seem to be extremely wet in comparison to when it was the garden.

It was reported that the surround fence of the old play park had been badly damaged in the recent bad weather and as parts are rotten, it had partially collapsed. Some of the fence has now been removed. The Commissioners agreed that there is no sense in repairing this fence as it will be totally removed when the new park opens.

6. Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk reported that the Christmas tree lights need replacing as they have been irreparably damaged in the stormy weather. Similar lights are available at Ramsey Garden Centre – 75m outdoor coloured bulbs @ £92 (inc VAT). JF proposed and SC 2nd that these be purchased now in readiness for next Christmas. The Board unanimously agreed.

The Board also wished to thank all the residents who decorated the village for the festive period.

- b) JA reported that the property adjoining street light AN001 is for sale (45 Ballalough Estate) and requested that any new owner be made aware that the tree surrounding the street light will be their responsibility to ensure that the light is not damaged. This streetlight was replaced (new column and new fitting) in May 2022.

7. Budget estimates for 2025-26

The Board considered the estimates for 2025-26. JF proposed and AS 2nd that the rate for 2025-26 be set at £1.44 in the £(approx. 1.5%increase). This includes a rate of 0.035p for NLASPB, making the overall rate for Andreas Parish £1.405. The Board unanimously agreed to this rate.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 9.40 pm

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