



ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 7.30pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas

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

In attendance – Clerk (Ms M Callow); Mr D J Bolton; Mr S P Morrey

Apologies: Mrs V H Hind (VH)

PUBLIC

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2025 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by JA and 2nd by AS 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 4th March 2025.
 - a) Rates arrears. The Clerk reported that further correspondence has been sent to Rates Office from APC regarding rates arrears and requesting detailed information of action being taken to recover debts – some of which have accumulated for more than 7 years.
 - b) AS reported that police have placed speed checks in the area of St Judes crossroads and will try to continue to monitor the area but with limited availability of Officers this is difficult. The Board will investigate the possibility of installing the flashing speed signs along this area.
 - c) The Clerk reported that the deadline for responses regarding Local Government Bill 2023 - Ref Clause 2 is 18th April. All LA Clerks are hoping to submit a combined response with amendments relevant to their concerns. AS suggested that APC request a more robust method of collecting rates which would assist LA's to have the resources available to deliver required services. A draft will be circulated to Members for approval prior to submission to DOI.
 - d) JA reported that following the meeting on 12th March the future for IOM Municipal Association looks more positive and suggested that APC appoint a Member to this in the future. This can be discussed at May AGM.

3. Correspondence

- a) Received from Cabinet Office – notice regarding consultation on potential for FOI fees and costs limits. This was noted.
- b) Received from Crime Prevention Officer - invitation to meet regards security for village play area. AS has contacted this person but had no meeting has been arranged yet.
- c) Received from Isle of Play – notice of Activity Day on Friday 11th April at Andreas sports field.
- d) Received from DOI Highways – notice of proposed Isle of Man (Speed Limits) Order 2025. Response from APC sent to DOI Highways on 21st March
- e) Received from Kirk Michael chippy – request to operate pop-up nights at Parish Hall on possible monthly basis. The Board unanimously agreed to this for a term of 12 months and then to be reviewed.
- f) Received from Youth Office – acknowledgement of request to reinstate senior youth club and desire to start this asap.
- g) Received from MUA – Street Lighting Contract for 2025-26. This was agreed by the Board and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- h) Received from Mr Paul Quine – information regarding a proposed Manx Aviation trail to be set up around the Parish. The Board agreed to support this idea but would not be providing any funding towards the scheme.
- i) Received from IOM Municipal Association – invite to AGM dinner on Monday 19th May. Noted

4. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

PA 25/90299/B Sycamore Cottage, Ballaslig, Ballacorey Rd, Andreas. Erection of replacement detached dwelling (comprising of amendments to PA 24/91348/B)

APC have no objection to this application

PA 25/90313/B. 12 Ballasteen Road, Andreas. Replacement of existing conservatory with single-storey sunroom extension

APC have no objection to this application

Decisions by Planning Department

AP 24/0022. 2-8 Ballasteen Drive, Andreas. Appeal against the approval for installation of 1 x 9m wooden telegraph pole with associated overhead wires

WITHDRAWN

The Clerk reported that this effectively gives Manx Telecom permission to erect a pole in future but APC has written confirmation from Manx Telecom and DFE that this will not happen.

5. New Village Play Park

- a) The proposed purchase of a vehicle access gate at cost of £836 + vat + carriage will now not be required following further investigations.
- b) JD Landscapes have been contacted to finish installation of the rubber mats and fittings including steel benches. Date yet to be confirmed.
- c) Kompan are scheduled to do final inspection on 14th April
- d) The Clerk will meet with local Security Firm to discuss the installation and costs of CCTV for the area.
- e) The Clerk reported that a Site litter pick and tidy up would be required and this was arranged for Tuesday 8th April from 6pm.
- f) The Board agreed a draft version of a sign for park. Clerk will obtain quotes. NO DOGS signs are also required for all access areas to the Sports field and play park.
- g) The Clerk will compile a list for invites for opening day for Board to agree. Board to decide on itinerary for the day. Date for opening yet TBC.

6. Andreas War Memorial

JA reported there has been no further contact from Keith Dalrymple. Members suggested contacting contractors who originally carried out the refurbishment work on the memorial to discuss options to repair it.

7. Northern Local Authority Swimming Pool Board

The NLASPB have requested that APC Board reconsider their contributions for 2025-26. APC budget set for this period is 3.5p in £. Making the current contribution approx £3800 for 2025-26. The NLASPB would like APC to contribute 6.2p in the £ which would increase the contribution to approx £6818.

JA proposed and JF 2nd that the contribution remain at 3.5p in the £ for this financial year as agreed for the Budget, and it would be reviewed for 2026-27. The Board unanimously agreed.

8. Any Other Business.

- a) The Clerk requested the Board consider an increase in the fee for property search fee from £90 to £110 per search with effect from 5th April 2025.
JF proposed and SC 2nd that this fee be increased. The Board agreed unanimously. Clerk to notify agencies.
- b) The Clerk reported that a plan has been made available from MUA for the proposed street lights in Kelnorth development – (currently listed as ‘Nursery Meadows’). This shows there are 7 street lights. The Board asked if this number could be reviewed as it seemed extensive for the size of the development. Clerk to contact MUA.
The Board also noted the new transformer will be placed on APC land nearer to Little Meddows entrance (Placement of this will require wayleave agreement between APC and MUA)
- c) AS raised the possibility of the Board sending a letter to the local MHK’s in support of the private scheme proposed by Flexgen for renewable energy at Andreas Airfield.

This matter was previously discussed informally at the March meeting. (The Chair requested S Morrey to leave the meeting due to a conflict of interest).

Board members stated that they have previously expressed their support for the concept and have attended several meetings on the subject with Flexgen and Robert Morrey. The Board felt that as no plans have been submitted to date there is no further action they can take as Commissioners.

(SM rejoined the meeting)

- d) The Chair and returning Members of the Board expressed their gratitude and thanks to Jimmy Allison and Vicky Hind for their commitment and hard work over the years and wished them well for the future.

Jimmy Allison – Board member 2016 – 2025 and Chair three times.

Vicky Hind – Board Member 2021 -2025.

9. NCAS

The Board considered the NCAS contract & agreement proposed by DOI for Ramsey Town Commissioners to operate the site for a 12 month term April 2025 – March 2026. There were many questions raised regarding both these documents and the Clerk agreed to list these and circulate to Members prior to the final Joint Committee meeting on 10th April.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 10.15 pm

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