



ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS

BARRANTEE SKEEREY ANDREAYS

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.15pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas

Members Present: Mrs JEH Faragher JF (Chair); Mr D Bolton (DB); Mr A Silverston (AS); Mr S Morrey (SM)

In attendance –Clerk (Ms M Callow)

Apologies: Mrs Susan Craine (SC) Vice-Chair

PUBLIC SESSION

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by SM and 2nd by DB, they were signed by the Chair -- as a correct record.
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd February 2026.
 - a) Funding for Manx Family Centre (to operate the Mobile library). A request for funding of £500 per annum had been forwarded to the Board. The Board considered this and JF proposed that a total of £250 be allocated to this service and this would be reviewed at the end of the year. SM 2nd this and the Board agreed. As this is now running as a registered charity the Board were conscious of the impact the rates increase would be having on residents and felt whilst this service is offered to all parish residents, they were unsure of how long the service would realistically continue in this digital age.
 - b) Year of Manx Language potential project(s) for the Parish. JF reported that she will work with SC to obtain quoted for a sign post for the village with Manx inscriptions on it. This will potentially be placed near the Millenium clock for maximum impact in the village. (Subject to external funding)
 - c) Andreas Church street lighting for access lane – The Commissioners reconsidered the revised options proposed by the Church but it was unanimously agreed that unless a

formal agreement was put in place by the Church for future continuity they could not agree to these proposals.

- d) Cains Croft – The Clerk reported that the property owners of this site, including the unsafe buildings, have agreed to engage a contractor to access the site and demolish the buildings at their expense. This will require dispensation from DEFA as it is now past the deadline for tree/hedge trimming.
- e) Feedback on Isle be Ready event – 12th February. The Board felt this had been a very useful event and the Clerk reported that the Emergency Planning Officer will be providing emergency kit boxes for the Parish
- f) Feedback on launch of Snr Youth Club. JF, who is assisting with the running of the Club, reported that there was a few attendees who enjoyed the evening and promised to spread the word. Youth Services will monitor the attendance and review it over the year.
- g) The village Phone Box. It is hoped suitable shelving can be organised to make this a permanent book exchange

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) DOI Issues. The Clerk reported that there have been a number of problems with DOI. Main Ditches serving the village were not cleared at the shop and DOI site depo and she had personally cleared blockages from the ditch behind the bus shelter. Following a robust email these two areas have since been cleared. There is also an ongoing issue with flooding on A10 at Ballalaugh, The Lhen which has not yet been resolved. The broken signage at Blue Point X-roads was noted to DOI over 2 weeks ago but it still not fixed.
- b) Received from Marine Infrastructure Planning – invitation to attend Hearings regarding the Mooar Vannin project. Noted
- c) Further emails from Alf Caine regarding Mooar Vannin project. Noted.
- d) FOI request from Andreas resident regarding collection or failure to collect rates and prosecutions undertaken. Referred to Treasury Department as they are collection agent for Andreas Commissioners.
- e) Information received from DEFA Plantation Management Planning. Noted
- f) Email received from Kompan regarding annual Play Park inspections. Clerk to follow up on this in advance of 12 month inspection – due June 2026.
- g) Received from Treasury – new directions regarding Audits for Local Authorities etc. Andreas Parish Commissioners will now undergo a basic examination. Noted
- h) Received from Manx Utilities – Domestic rates for 2026-27 for water and sewage.
- i) Notice received from Hospice IOM of half marathon to take place on Sunday 22nd March.

- j) Further email from DOI regarding buffer zones for village and speeding issues in St Judes. The Commissioners will reply requesting that the village buffer zones been installed asap, and that the situation at St Judes continue to be monitored. It was agreed that excessive speeds through the area are a concern, but this requires further enforcement from the police.
- k) Information received from DOI regarding proposed sale of DOI properties and requesting expressions of interest. Noted
- l) Received from IOM Government Central Support & Change Division, DOI – Data Processing Agreement for review and signing. The Board considered this and agreed for this to be signed and returned.

4. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

PA: 25/91214/B. Kinleys Croft, Bernahara Road, Andreas IM7 2EL. Demolition of existing conservatory to form patio, erection of single storey extensions/ bay windows and chimney to west elevation, erection of single storey extension to porch north elevation, alteration to garage doors, alteration to ground floor doors, and fenestration to all elevations, alteration to garage roof with repositioning of existing clock tower, and associated internal alterations.

APC have no objections to this application

PA 26/00028/B The Old Airfield, Braust, Andreas IM7 4JB. Birchalls. Erection of open storage shed.

APC have no objections to this application

5. Any Other Business

- a) Manx Aviation Heritage Trail for the Parish. The Clerk reported that Mr Quine is working on a presentation for this project and will meet with the Commissioners when this is complete.
- b) Civic Service – Sunday 22nd February. The Chair expressed thanks to the Board members who personally contributed to this in the form of cakes and refreshments. It was felt that there was a good attendance for this event and as one of the few northern parishes who continue this tradition, she hoped it would carry on through the years.
- c) Andreas War Memorial. A letter received from Preservation of War Memorials Committee requesting progress on the refurbishment work. The Commissioners will reply to this outlining the plans and proposed schedule for works.
- d) Northern Civic Amenity Site – AS reported that a summary of NCAS Joint Committee fixed assets has been received from RTC. These will be disposed of as a contractor is

to operate the site, and funds from the sale will be distributed back to the Local Authority pro rata.

DOI has forwarded a draft for a NCAS Joint Board Order for consideration by Andreas Board as a way forward to operate the site. Andreas must consider this and respond to DOI by 27th March.

- e) Clause 5 - Local Government Amendment Bill 2023. The Clerk reported that recent information suggests that this Clause will be reviewed as the DOI Minister hopes to move the NCAS situation forward by forming a Joint Board.
- f)
- h) Street light upgrading to LED. The Clerk reported that a further stage of LED upgrades has been completed in the Ballalough area. It was also reported that whilst usage has decreased with the added LED fittings any savings have been negated by the increase in unit costs over the past 24 months.

Date for next meeting 7th April 2026 to start at 7.15pm

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 10 pm.

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