



## **ANDREAS PARISH COMMISSIONERS**

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### **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.15pm in Andreas Parish Hall, Smeale Road, Andreas**

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

In attendance –Clerk (Ms M Callow)

#### **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by DB and 2<sup>nd</sup> by AS, they were signed by the Chair JF as a correct record.
2. The minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 having been circulated, were taken as read and approved. Proposed by SC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by SM, they were signed by the Chair JF as a correct record.
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026.
  - a) Year of Manx Language. JF and SC are seeking quotes for a signpost to be placed in the village with Manx (&English) directions on it. This will be subject to external funding.
  - b) Andreas Church street lighting for access lane. The Clerk has responded to Andreas Church members regarding this matter. Unless a formal agreement is arranged at the Church's expense for lights to be installed along the MUA posts in the lane the Commissioners cannot progress any further on this matter.
  - c) Cains Croft – unsafe buildings. Unfortunately, the ground is still too wet for the contractor to enter this site.
  - d) The village Phone Box. It was reported that someone has placed plastic crates in the phone box for storage of books. It is hoped to install shelving in the box and then the

phone box would then be promoted as the Village book exchange. However, no funding has been allocated for this venture.

- e) Speed buffer zones for Village. There has been no further action on this matter. The Clerk will contact DOI again to ask for a proposed installation date.
- f) Manx Aviation Trail – Andreas Parish. Mr Quine is currently preparing a presentation for the Commissioners and hopes to meet with them in May.

4. Matters arising from extra ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026  
Andreas Parish Commissioners agreed in favour of forming a Joint Board for NCAS with Ballaugh, Jurby, Bride, RTC, Lezayre and Garff.  
Further information on this issue in item 6.

#### 5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Notice received from Economic Affairs regarding 2026 Isle of Man Census which will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Details to be circulated to Parishioners when available to Board members.
- b) Email received from DOI Minister regarding his intentions for Local Government Amendment Bill including Clause 5 that he would be seeking adjournment until 28<sup>th</sup> April. Noted
- c) Notice received from DOI Highway Services regarding road closures for the Gran Fondo. Clerk to contact local resident and email organisers regarding use of Public footpath for cycle races and the state of path.
- d) Received from DOI – Consultation on Waste Strategy 2025-2035. Closes 30<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to circulate to Board members so a joint response can be submitted. Noted.
- e) Notice received from DEFA Minister regarding feedback on the use of Beach Cast Seaweed by Farmers for Agricultural fertiliser. Respond by 8<sup>th</sup> May. This was noted.
- f) Received from Mr Alf Caine – email regarding his open letter published in IOM Examiner regarding Clause 5.
- g) Received from DOI – Housing Agency. Notice of public consultation regarding income thresholds and public sector housing. Closes 19<sup>th</sup> May. Clerk to circulate to Board members so a joint response can be submitted.
- h) Received from Manx Wildlife Trust – reminder of friendly best practice for hedge and verge trimming in bird nesting season. Noted.

#### 6. **Northern Civic Amenity Site (NCAS )**

AS attended a meeting at RTC to discuss the formation of a Joint Board for the NCAS. He reported that the majority of LA's have voted in favour of forming a Joint Board although there are still some queries which have yet to be confirmed and the LA's would want to see the final Draft Order before it is presented to Tynwald. It was confirmed by DOI that there would be one representative per LA. DOI will be a permanent member of the joint board, non-paying/non-contributing and in an advisory capacity only.

DOI will consider underwriting the additional costs for the running the site for this first year with the intention to claim in back at a later date OR DOI will cover the additional costs for 2026-27 – this has yet to be confirmed to LA's. The formation of a Joint Board would require employing an administrator/ Clerk and this will be an additional cost to those costs already circulated.

DOI have requested all LA's provide confirmation that they are agreeing to the contract being signed by DOI. The site re-opening is dependent on this agreement from LA's and it is hoped that the site will be open by the end of April. It was confirmed that the remaining assets would be returned proportionally to all LA's in due course. The DOI confirmed that by forming a Joint Board Bride would have to join and to pay their portion of the costs.

AS proposed and JF 2<sup>nd</sup> that the contract be signed; and the Board agreed. It was noted that the Board are unhappy with the situation and the increase in costs but accept that ratepayers are demanding the service and this is the only option available at this time. The Clerk will forward an email to DOI of this decision.

**7. War Memorial refurbishment.**

DB reported that the pavers have been replaced on the memorial and the Board thanked Mr Dave Kelly for the excellent work.

The War Memorial Preservation Committee (WMPC) have forwarded further correspondence requesting details of the work to be undertaken and again offering support and advice for the work. APC are concerned that this work has already been delayed by queries from WMPC and that the contractors are holding their quotes from previous year as a gesture of goodwill for the nature of this project. APC will submit written details of the work to be undertaken and invite the Committee to attend when the work commences. It was noted that no funding for this work is being provided by the WMPC and APC have had to increase their rates to undertake the work. APC agreed that funding be sought from local trusts to off-set some of the costs due to the increased levy for the NCAS for this financial year.

DB agreed to get a colour chart for the next APC meeting to ensure that the finish is as close to the existing colour as possible.

**8. Andreas Parish streetlighting**

MUA have forwarded their Contract for 2026/27 for maintenance/ repairs. This includes a 2% increase over 2025-26. There is also an increase of 0.4p per unit cost of electricity from 28.2p to 28.6p per unit.

The Board agreed to accept the new contract and it will be signed by the Chair and Clerk and returned to MUA.

There was also a request from MUA to meet with APC to discuss the options for street lights around the Parish and the option for Non-destructive testing for columns. The Board agreed to meet with MUA and invite them to their next Board meeting in May. Clerk to arrange.

## **9. TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING**

Re: AP26/0004. Ballacallum Red Gates, The Lhen, Andreas. Appeal against the refusal for the erection of two buildings, associated hardstanding and vehicle parking area, formation of earth banks and construction of road linking to public highway for use as an arboriculture service business. 21<sup>st</sup> April 13.00. NOTED

PA 26/00001/B. Land adjacent to Oatland Cottage, Oatlands Road, Andreas. Proposed pair of semi-detached dwellings.

*APC have no objections to this application*

Notice from DEFA re Ballacamaish Farm Cottages, Kiondroghad, Andreas. Demolition of existing storm damaged agricultural building. NOTED

## **10. Any Other Business**

- a)** Parish Hall kitchen refurbishment. Clerk to speak with Hall Caretaker and arrange for quotes from kitchen companies. This project will be dependent on external funding.
- b)** Parish Hall Booking deposits. Clerk to investigate on-line booking system.
- c)** Sports field ditch. The Chair reported that some of the debris has been cleared. The contractor will be asked to remove any remaining debris when next working in the area. If debris continues to be deposited in this area a letter will be circulated to all neighbouring properties.
- d)** The Clerk asked if any further progress was reported at the IOM Municipal Ass. Meeting regarding Zero rating of properties. The Chair said there was nothing further to report but to contact Douglas City Council for further information.
- e)** The Chair reported that there has been a request regarding storage for Women's Institute documents in the Parish Hall. They envisage storing approx. 4/5 storage cupboards and a filing cabinet. The Board agreed that these could be securely stored in the backroom store with reasonable access (e.g. once per month) at an agreed rate. Additional access or extended use of the Hall would incur the usual charges. The Clerk will report back to WI.
- f)** The Chair reported that there appears to be abandoned vehicles which aren't taxed parked alongside the shop on Bride Road. These have been reported to the police but they haven't done anything about them. The Chair will contact the police again.
- g)** DB reported that a Health Kiosk has been placed in the foyer of Ramsey Swimming Pool which can be used FOC. Pool management team reported that the equipment has already been put to good use when a patron was indicated as having a heart attack when they became unwell at the pool.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.