

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at  
7pm on Wednesday 20 August 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr T Miles	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mr C Forbes	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Mrs E Cox, Chairman
2. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Vice Chairman read the agreed text. Mr Lovelady declared an interest in item 6.3.1 of the Public Session (Close Jairston Beg, Crosby) and item 4.1 of the Confidential Session (Old Mill Building, Rock Farm, Crosby and 11 houses, Crosby Meadows).

3. **Visitors** – None notified
4. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2025 were discussed and approved. The Vice Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**

5.1. The Clerk reported back regarding an application to operate goods vehicles from Greeba Nurseries (Old Mushroom Farm) and the Commissioners' concern regarding the access onto and off the main road. A response was received from the Road Transport Licensing Committee explained that each operator must obtain confirmation from Planning that its operating centre complies with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 before the application can be considered.

5.2. It was noted that Douglas Council has issued a press release publicising their new policy to charge rates on long-term empty and run-down properties.

6. **Planning**

6.1. **Completion Certificates** – None notified

6.2. **Planning Committee** – it was noted that the following were considered on 11 August 2025:

- 6.2.1. 24/91112/B – Erection of three tourist camping pods, star gazing platform, sauna and associated drainage and car parking – Bridge House, West Baldwin, IM4 5HA
- 6.2.2. 25/90371/C – Additional use of living space above detached garage as tourist accommodation (class 3.6) – Ballahutchin House, Ballahutchin Hill, Union Mills, IM4 4AT

It was noted that the following were to be considered on 26 August 2025:

- 6.2.3 25/90401/B – Installation of 3 telegraph poles to provide fibre optic connectivity – Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EJ
- 6.2.4 25/90217/B – Construction of car parking area for 30 cars – Field 324321 Old Church Road, Crosby. There was a Planning Committee site meeting for this application attended by Mr Miles and Mrs Lynch to show the Commissioners’ support – it was a very positive meeting. Mr Miles will attend the Planning Committee Hearing – Clerk to register Mr Miles to speak at the Hearing.

### **6.3. Planning Decisions**

#### **6.3.1 Approvals – the following were noted**

- 25/90192/B – Erection or replacement stone wall; creation of new vehicular access and driveway; erection of boundary fencing with drainage channel – Close Jairst Beg, Old Church Road, Crosby, IM4 2HA – this is the subject of an appeal by the Applicants – see item 4.3 in the Confidential Session.
- 25/90573/B – Replacement of uPVC bay window and doors with new windows and cladding – 39 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EF
- 25/90456/B – Erection of new cattle barn – Chibbannagh Farm, St Mark’s Road, Braaid, IM4 2AJ
- On Appeal (previously refused) – 24/00713/A – Approval in principle for residential development, with access taken from main road – Land adjacent to Main Road, Trollaby Lane, and Residential Area of Strang Road, Union Mills, IM4. It seems that the Island Plan / Government economic plan overrides any planning considerations.

#### **6.3.2 Refusals – the following was noted:**

- 25/90045/B – Erection of raised decking and boundary wall including removal of sod bank and levelling of ground (retrospective) – 8 Cherry Tree Drive, Crosby, IM4 2EE

**6.4 Planning Enforcement – None notified**

**6.5 Building Control - None notified**

**6.6 Planning Conditions - None notified**

## **7. Consultations**

### **7.1. Consultations notified:**

- Strategic Plan Review, Preliminary Publicity - closing date 27 October 2025 – to be considered at the September meeting of the Commissioners

**7.2. Consultations on Government Website not notified - None**

**8. General Matters and other Correspondence**

**8.1. Remembrance Services - None**

**8.2. Website and Social Media - None**

**8.3. Civic Service – Sunday 28 September 2025, Crosby Methodist Chapel, Rev Jo Smart. Clerk to send invitations. Lesley Turnbull will do the catering, as last year.**

**8.4. Battle of Britain Service – 14 September 2025 – no-one able to attend.**

**9. Highway Matters**

**9.1. Manx Grand Prix road closures 17-29 August 2025 were noted.**

**10. Any Other Business**

**10.1.** Bin requested next to bus shelter outside Co-op in Crosby. Clerk to arrange

**10.2.** There is a Police Charity Initiative for Dementia Awareness whereby a charity has funded wrist bands and fobs for people with dementia to wear – if they become confused or lost these can be scanned by a mobile phone and next of kin contact details are shown to reunites them with their family.

**10.3.** The Emergency Planning and Civil Defence Unit have organised a small presentation and Workshop on 25 September 2025 to discuss how we can work together to build resilience in the community and how they can support us.

**11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.**

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman

Confidential Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6pm on Wednesday 20 August 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall,  
Old Church Road, Crosby

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr T Miles	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mr C Forbes	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

**1. Apologies – None received**

**2. Minutes of Previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2025 were discussed and approved. The Vice Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

3.1. The Clerk reported on a response from the Rates Section of Treasury regarding queries on the list of outstanding rates which included:

- A zero balance refers to a farmland water charge outstanding only, so not relevant to the Commissioners – these will be removed from the Commissioners' list going forward
- One household has outstanding rates dating back 13 years – there has been a Judgment and the debt is now with the Coroner to enforce a payment plan. A Judgment and Execution harms a person's credit rating and remains on their file for 6 years. If the debt remains, when the property is sold, the amount due will be deducted and paid to the Rates Section and then to the Commissioners.
- Where the owner of a property is deceased, it is a long process to collect from the estate, even more so if the executors are not in the Isle of Man.
- The Valuation Officer will respond regarding the list of zero-rated properties.

3.2. The Clerk mentioned that Douglas Borough Council has stated that it will collect rates on empty properties

**4. Planning**

**4.1. New Applications**

It was resolved to make no objection to the following applications:

- 25/90638/B – Alteration to garage for replacement of existing two garage doors with a single large garage door – 2 Alexander Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EH

- 25/90760/B – Sunhill, 7 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine, IM4 4ED – Removal of chimney stack
- 25/90729/B – Thie Darragh, Glen Darragh Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4BE - Erection of canopy to existing porch on east elevation of dwelling
- 25/90739/B – Cladryn, 5 Kermode Close, Crosby, IM4 4BS – Installation of 2 x roof lights to front elevation
- 25/90779/B – Old Mill Building, Rock Farm, Main Road, Crosby – Conversion of existing mill building with construction of extension to create new dwelling
- 25/90725/B – Site adjacent Crosby Meadows – Erection of 11 dwellings and associated infrastructure – the Commissioners were in support of this application as it includes accessible dormer bungalow dwellings and affordable housing will be provided. It was noted that that connection of the estate to the new sewage treatment works will be made before the proposed dwellings are occupied.

#### **4.2. Amendments and Additional Information**

- 23/00924/B – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 10no. General industrial units, parking and hard standing areas, with associated drainage and planting scheme – Former Crosby Wholesalers, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 4BN

The Commissioners resolved to make no new comments, but to re-iterate their previous objections and state they are still concerned regarding the access onto and off the busy main road from the increase in traffic that would result from the proposed industrial units on the site

#### **4.3.Appeals**

- 25/90192/B – Erection of Stone Wall; creation of new vehicular access and driveway; erection of boundary fencing with drainage channel

This application was approved, however the applicants have appealed the wording of Condition 2 as the whole of the site is residential, not just the garden area within the fence – this was the subject of a High Court Judgment in 2021.

### **5. Meetings:**

#### **5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee**

##### **5.1.1. Meeting held on 19 August 2025**

##### **5.1.2. Complaint re: unreasonable behaviour from resident who has tv on full volume and smokes causing nuisance to resident above**

##### **5.1.3. Peel Fire service will attend the next full fire evacuation to monitor**

##### **5.1.4. Complaint re: possible cannabis use**

##### **5.1.5. Resident given permission to store mobility scooter in apartment, but not charge overnight**

## 5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board

5.2.1. Meeting held on 12 August 2025. Thanks to Mr Forbes for attending the July meeting

5.2.2. Vacancy advertised for 1 f/t and 2 p/t staff

5.2.3. The temporary shorter opening hours have been extended, but longer hours will be reinstated when the new staff are in place. But the site will continue to be closed for maintenance on Wednesdays.

5.2.4. The Temporary Assistant Manager's position has been extended by 9 months

5.2.5. New skips will be purchased, which may require some of the Local Authority contingency

5.2.6. All Island meeting held on 20 August 2025 with Civic Amenity Site Boards

5.2.7. DONM – 9 September 2025

## 5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board – no report

## 5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team – no meeting

## 5.5. IOM Municipal Association

5.5.1. Meeting held on 31 July 2025

5.5.2. Peter Washington, Douglas CC has been appointed chairman

5.5.3. The Speaker was Christ Thomas, MHK

5.5.4. Discussed the Local Government (Amendment) Bill \_ Tony Brown, Castletown Commissioner will respond on this

5.5.5. DONM – 28 August 2025 - will be purely business, with no Speaker

## 5.6. Marown Parish Community Care

5.6.1. Meeting held on 19 July 2025. Nothing to report

5.6.2. DONM 4 October 2025

## 5.7. Meeting with MMPF

5.7.1. Meeting held on 30 July 2025 with Charles Fargher, Captain of the Parish, Jane Poole-Wilson, Middle MHK and representatives of the Commissioners and Marown Memorial Playing Fields Committee

5.7.2. Discussions included the relationship between the Commissioners and MMPF, support for recreational facilities, changing room refurbishment, cricket club nets to protect neighbouring properties and provision of toilet facilities.

5.7.3. The Commissioners discussed the proposal that they support the changing room improvements at MMPF but concluded that they would be unable to offer support as the funding that the Commissioners provide has to be for items that are available for everyone and unfortunately the changing rooms would only be available to club members.

5.7.4. The Commissioners reiterated that they are happy to consider funding any requests that are available for all Marown Parish residents 24/7.

5.7.5. The cricket club has notified in advance its fixture dates so the residents can ensure the garden is empty and has agreed to erect nets for the next season.

5.7.6. The proposal that a joint statement be issued regarding the provision of toilet facilities was discussed and the Commissioners decided that this was not necessary. They had discussed this issue in the meeting on 16 April 2025 and agreed that they would hand the toilet over to MMPF – see minutes.

## 5.8. LAFOG

5.8.1. The Clerk attended the meeting on 7 August 2025

5.8.2. The discussions included the Tynwald Auditor General's review of the basis and standards of completing accounts and their auditing, pension scheme reform and property rating.

## 6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Carters – 3 Ballabeg Grove, Main Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4HZ
- Callin Wild – Hilltops, Foxdale Road, Garth
- Mann Benham – Archallagan View, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DP
- Callin Wild – Andor, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DP
- Callin Wild – The Willows, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DP
- Callin Wild – Land at Curragh Glass, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DP

## 7. Financial Matters

7.1. The Transaction Statement for July 2025 was discussed and approved.

## 8. Clerk to the Commissioners

8.1. Unsightly Land and Buildings – the Environmental Health Unit have provided Request for Information Notice and Letters to Owners for the use of Local Authorities

8.2. Mr Lovelady updated the Commissioners that he has cleared up the area at the bottom of the Crosby Meadows site and has received comments that it looks much better.

## 9. Any other Business

9.1. There was discussion regarding the trees at Ballagarey Crescent, which are maintained by the Commissioners. A tree licence will be applied for to remove the dead ash trees. With tree roots that are growing into neighbouring properties, the homeowners can cut them at their boundary. With the overhanging tree at Glen Vine Road, Mr Forbes will speak to the owner.

9.2. The hedge by the Give Way sign at the bottom of Reayrt ny Crink has been cut, but not to 4' as requested. Clerk to ask garden contractor to cut lower.

- 9.3. Now the lights have been replaced along the road it is noticeable that there are trees and hedges that haven't been cut back by DoI that are blocking the light reaching the pavement. All the hedges should be cut back.

Overgrown hedges are a big issue and one that needs to be addressed. Hedgecutting is allowed from September, and the Commissioners agreed that they should be proactive and that a notice should be put in the paper saying that all hedges need to be cut back and if they are not, then an official Notice will be served requiring homeowners to do so within 14 days.

- 9.4. The new road above the traffic lights in Glen Vine has Give Way markings on the road, but no sign. Clerk to contact DoI about this and also re: no road signs.

- 9.5. The Commissioners have been invited to a discussion about How Local Authorities can avoid complaints of maladministration and service failure, data breaches and employment disputes on 10 September 2025. Mr Miles will attend.

- 9.6. There is a Public Consultation on the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill – comments by 16 September 2025.

10. **Date and time of next meeting** – Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 7pm immediately following the Public Session

Signed .....

Date .....

Chairman