

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Marown Parish Commissioners held at
7pm on Wednesday 16 July 2025 in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.**

In Attendance:	Mrs E Cox	Chairman
	Mr T Miles	Vice Chairman
	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
	Mrs J B Devereau	Clerk

1. **Apologies** – Mr Forbes had given his apologies.
2. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairman read the agreed text. No conflicts of interest noted.

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

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025 were discussed and approved, with a minor amendment to item 10.1. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**

Mr Lovelady informed the Commissioners that the Planning Officer was going to recommend that the Application for the car park on Old Church Road be refused on a number of grounds and that although “... the Commissioners raised no objection, they did not state that they support the application.” The Clerk confirmed that the Commissioners letter said “*The Commissioners ... have no objection to the Application. In addition the Commissioners would like to support this application as they believe it is an asset for local residents as it will help them out particularly during road closures.*”

The Commissioners are concerned about the major parking issues on Old Church Road – people who live elsewhere park there, people park their vans there as they don’t want them outside their house, people who use the MMPF facilities park there (and often in Co-op car park which is not allowed), MMPF have some spaces but people are reticent to park there as they don’t know when the bollard will go up. During TT and MGP the top of Church Road is a popular place to watch the races, the MMPF car park is locked and parking is restricted to ensure vehicle access. The lack of parking is impacting the community, the Co-op and Costa users and is affecting local businesses. There is a desperate need for parking which this Application would provide. It was felt that maybe the Commissioners’ letter was not strong enough in its support and that the Clerk should write again to Planning confirming what was said and re-iterating the Commissioners’ support for the Application.

6. **Planning**

- 6.1. **Completion Certificates** – None notified

6.2. **Planning Committee** – None notified

6.3. **Planning Decisions**

6.3.1 **Approvals** – the following was noted:

- 24/91403/B – Amendments to site entrance including gates, steps, retaining walls and vehicular parking with no change to highways access – Sunnybank House, West Baldwin

6.3.2 **Refusals** – None notified

6.4 **Planning Enforcement** – None notified

6.5 **Building Control** - None notified

6.6 **Planning Conditions** - None notified

7. **Consultations**

7.1. **Consultations notified:**

- Environmental Protection Bill – this was discussed and Mrs Lynch will respond on behalf of the Commissioners.

7.2. **Consultations on Government Website not notified:** the following were noted:

- Financial Services (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – closing date 8 August 2025
- Gambling legislation reforms – closing date 13 August 2025
- Retirement Benefits Schemes (Amendment) Bill – closing date 15 August 2025

8. **General Matters and other Correspondence**

8.1. **Remembrance Services** – Nothing noted

8.2. **Website and Social Media** – Nothing noted

8.3. **Civic Service** – Sunday 28 September 2025, Crosby Methodist Chapel, Rev Jo Smart. Mrs Lynch will ask the lady who does the catering at the Chapel if she could do the catering for the civic Service. Mrs Lynch will play the organ. Mrs Cox will meet with Rev Jo Smart to discuss the service.

8.4. **Local Government (Amendment) Bill** – Mrs Cox attended the “pre-meeting” – the Douglas CC advocate was very helpful and expressed his concern on how the amendments to the Bill had been handled. It was noted that the Evidence Stage at Legislative Council has now been postponed until 28 October 2025. Written submissions should be in by 26 September – Clerk to contact PTC Clerk to discuss content. It was felt that a representative from Marown Commissioners should speak at the Evidence Stage in October as smaller LA’s will be more impacted due to their lack of infrastructure. This will also be raised at the next IOM Municipal Association meeting.

8.5. **Destination First** – this will be discussed at the September Board Meeting with Phil Gawne & Yvette Hollows

8.6. **Weed control** - list of roads to be treated noted. Need to add on Cherry Tree Drive, Penny Lane and Fisher Drive in Crosby Meadows, and the new road in Glen Vine – this still does not have a road name – Clerk to contact Hartford Homes to discuss.

8.7. Discharge Licence Application – for the emergency overflow from the new Glen Vine wastewater pumping station – no comment.

8.8. Christmas Trees – Mrs Cox and Mr Miles will choose the trees when DEFA arrange the visit.

8.9. City of Douglas Civic Sunday – 28 September 2025. Unfortunately this is the same time as Marown’s Civic Service, so we will be unable to attend.

9. Highway Matters

9.1. 20mph speed limits – Jane Poole-Wilson has sent a letter to Minister Haywood requesting a meeting in order to discuss the wider issues of road safety in Marown.

9.2. The Gran Fondo road closures on 20 July 2025 were noted.

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Hedges - Mrs Lynch informed the Commissioners that there were two hedges that needed to be cut back – one at the give way/stop sign at the junction of Reayrt Ny Crink with the main road where the sign was almost completely obscured and one on Reayrt Ny Crink opposite the Crosby Pub which is encroaching onto the pavement. The Clerk will ask the contractor to cut these back.

There is also a hedge on the main road at Glen Vine where the hedge is obscuring the lamppost light which needs attention.

Also the hedge along the Glen Darragh Road from Braaid roundabout to Marown School needs to be cut – Clerk to arrange.

Clerk to email the “first hedge letter” which the Commissioners can give to homeowners where there is a hedge which encroaches onto the pavement etc which asks them to cut it back within 21 days.

10.2. In respect of trees overhanging the road, Clerk to contact DEFA to discuss the landowner trimming / removing the trees. Charles Harrison is the DEFA “tree man” who arranges licences.

10.3. The main road is to be closed to allow for kerb painting and hedgecutting – Clerk to ask DoI if they could also arrange for the spraying of the weeds at the same time.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 20 August 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Signed

Date

Chairman

Confidential Session

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	Mrs A Lynch	
	Mr J Lovelady	
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1. Apologies – Mr Forbes had given his apologies.

2. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2025 were discussed and approved. The Chairman signed the Minutes as a true record.

3. **Matters Arising** – Not on the agenda

4. **Planning**

- **New Applications**

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

- 25/90625/B – Sunhill, 7 Greeba Avenue, Glen Vine, IM4 4ED – Replacement Roof
- 25/90573/B – 29, Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EF - Replacement of uPVC bay window and doors with new windows and cladding

- **Amendments and Additional Information**

It was noted that amended or additional plans had been submitted in respect of the following application, but the Commissioners had no further comment to make, though the previous concerns and objections are still relevant:

- 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

- **Appeals** – None were notified

5. Meetings:

5.1. Peel & Western Housing Committee

- 5.1.1. Meeting held on 17-7-25
- 5.1.2. Rent increase for hairdressers
- 5.1.3. Fire Officers recommended that corridors should be kept clear – being implemented
- 5.1.4. 14 applicants for position of summer in-house gardener / winter maintenance. Successful applicant to start soon.
- 5.1.5. Faulty heating valves being investigated
- 5.1.6. On-going report re: electric door system safety
- 5.1.7. A couple of anti-social incidents have taken place, but culprit not yet identified
- 5.1.8. Seven bank staff are available to work as required

5.2. Western Civic Amenity Site Board

- 5.2.1. Meeting held on 15 July 2025, attended by Mr Forbes
- 5.2.2. Site being run well by temporary Assistant Manager Chris Ford and this will be extended
- 5.2.3. Two staff positions will be advertised shortly
- 5.2.4. As still short of staff, the re-use garages will remain shut
- 5.2.5. No extra financial contribution will be required from Local Authorities

5.3. Western Area Swimming Pool Board – meeting next week

5.4. Western Neighbourhood Policing Team - no meeting

5.5. IOM Municipal Association

- 5.5.1. Meeting held on 26 June 2025
- 5.5.2. Speaker was DoI Minister Michelle Haywood – she has been Minister for 6 months; there are 800 DoI employees; covered housing and 20mph speed limits
- 5.5.3. Discussed having a speaker every third meeting.
- 5.5.4. DONM 31 July 2025. None in August

5.6. Marown Parish Community Care – next meeting on 19 July 2025

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted:

- Carters – Oaken Lodge, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DF
- Carters – 40 Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EB
- Kelly, Luft, Stanley & Ashton - Ballagarey Bungalow, Main Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4AZ
- Bridson Halsall – 3 Penny Lane, Crosby, IM4 2AA

7. Financial Matters

- 7.1. The transaction Statement for June 2025 was discussed and approved
- 7.2. It was noted that Mrs Cox, Mrs Lynch and the Clerk would attend a meeting with representatives of MMPF, arranged by Charles Fargher and Jane Poole-Wilson, to discuss future support

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

- 8.1. There was a discussion regarding the outstanding Rates - £11,981.94 compared with £25,289.62 a year ago. The Rates Section has been pursuing defaulters and has collected £13,296.19 in prior years arrears; 17 households were referred to AG's for 7-day letters of which 11 paid in full, 1 is on payment plan, 1 progressed to Judgment and Execution and the remaining 4 are progressing to Court Summons. Clerk to check on why some properties listed as having outstanding rates but with zero sum payable and also a couple of other apparent anomalies. The Supplemental Rates list contained one re-rating due to incorrect layout and two zero ratings due to renovation work.

9. Any other Business

- 9.1. Concern raised re: children teasing dogs at Ballagarey – this is a Police matter
- 9.2. The streetlight project is now complete – feedback is that there is now much more light
- 9.3. Request from QEII School for a £75 donation for the Marown Parish Commissioners Prize for IT – approved
- 9.4. Mrs Cox has been invited to open the new playground at Marown School in September

10. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 20 August 2025 at 6pm prior to the Public Session due to the MGP races.

Signed

Date

Chairman