

Public Session

MAROWN PARISH COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of the Marown Parish Commissioners held at 7pm on Wednesday 15 October 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 C Forbes
2. **Conflicts of Interest**

The Chairman read the agreed text and there were no declared interests.

3. **Visitors**

3.1. PC Bryan Flojo, Officer for Marown

There was a discussion about issues in the Marown area. PC Flojo speaks to the pupils at Marown School and carries out pub checks. Items of concern raised were:

- the little shed by the railway line has been vandalised
- speeding along the main road through Glen Vine and Crosby
- a lack of Police presence in Marown during TT and MGP
- parking issues on Old Church Road and the application for a car park which would alleviate these

PC Flojo said he would look into the above matters, however staffing / resources are often an issue. They have been discussing putting PC Flat out again. He suggested sending Sgt Harry Jones an email regarding the car park.

3.2. Michelle Haywood, DoI Minister, Jane Poole-Wilson, MHK and Kevin Almond, DoI

- 3.2.1. The proposed 20mph limit was discussed – most are within the estates and so not an issue, however Ballagarey has had a 20mph limit for ages but people speed - Ms Haywood said there would be signage initially then they would monitor roads with a problem, then implement measures to reduce speed. Mr Lovelady asked why the DoI had spent £120,000 before there had even been a consultation. Ms Haywood said they spent that on signs as they had the money, but it is a genuine consultation, they want people's input and their views do matter – 25-30 roads in Douglas are being reconsidered following feedback.

- 3.2.2. The point was raised that roads and pavements need more money spent on them. Ms Haywood replied that 95% of potholes are repaired within 24 hours; also 50 miles of roads have been resurfaced this year, and there are only 650 miles of road on the Island.
- 3.2.3. Mrs Lynch raised the issue of there being dropped kerbs at the top of Old Church Road on the main road, but none actually on Old Church Road, so it can't be crossed by those with mobility issues.
- 3.2.4. Mrs Cox mentioned a possible problem at Ballahutchin Hill with the amount of traffic driving quickly as there is a campsite entrance and a bus stop. Mrs Poole-Wilson replied that when someone was killed 20 years ago then a 40mph buffer zone was added. She said there is also a speed reduction scheme proposed for the back road above Crosby to Strang.
- 3.2.5. Another issue is that hedges are not supposed to cut during the summer months and there are complaints if they are, however Ms Haywood confirmed this is permitted for safety reasons.
- 3.2.6. Mr Miles raised the concern of the lack of visibility of cyclists as they often wear black, rather than fluorescent clothing. Ms Haywood said in the revised version of the Highway Code there is enhanced advice for cyclists regarding visibility - Rule 59 states:
- Light-coloured or fluorescent clothing can help other road users to see you in daylight and poor light, while reflective clothing and/or accessories (belt, arm or ankle bands) can increase your visibility in the dark.*
- 3.2.7. The final item discussed was the recently issued DoI guidance and leaflet which states that landowners are responsible for trimming their trees which are adjacent to or overhanging the road to at least 5.3m above the road and 2.4m above footways, with a possible fine of £5000 for failing to do so. There have been issues where DEFA has been approached for a licence to trim overhanging trees which was refused. Ms Haywood said that DEFA should be contacted again and if an arborist is used then they will get the wording right in the licence application. However there is also the problem that to trim trees by the road may require a road closure order which can take 6 weeks.
- 3.2.8. Ms Haywood said she would write up the notes of these discussions and send them.

4. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 were discussed and approved.

5. Matters Arising – None

6. Planning

6.1. Completion Certificates – the following were noted:

- 6.1.1. 25/07570/REG – Replacement roof to dwelling – Highfield, 3 Glen Vine Park, Glen Vine, IM4 4EY – Regularisation
- 6.1.2. 24/07634/OTH – Replacement cladding to existing barn with associated works and installation of roof mounted solar panels with associated electrical installation works – Ballingan, Braaid, IM4 2AP
- 6.1.3. 25/07307/REG – Splitting of a large upstairs room into two rooms – The Hog Penny, 5 Eyremont Terrace, Crosby, IM4 2DE – Regularisation
- 6.1.4. 23/07728/DEX – Replacement of garage and bar with single storey extension to provide bathroom, shower room, additional bedroom and storage and associated works – Ballastowell, Glenlough Circle, Glen Vine, IM4 4AX

6.2. Planning Committee

- 6.2.1. 13 October 2025 – nothing in Marown

6.3. Planning Decisions

6.3.1 Approvals

- 24/91306/B – The erection of a new farmhouse and agricultural barn – Fields 321, 324673 and 324674, Foxdale Road, Braaid, IM4 2AN – Appeal dismissed

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 – none notified

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

- Justice Reform (Amendment) Bill 2025 and Contempt of Court Bill – closing date 27 October 2025 – this is to enable the Courts to write Court Rules to introduce efficiencies into Court procedures and also sentencing guidelines – there is an enabling power in this Bill and the detail will follow. Other issues being reviewed include Jury exemption and Contempt of Court.
- Proposed New Aircraft Mortgage Legislation – closing date 19 November 2025

8. General Matters and other Correspondence

8.1. Remembrance Services – 9 November 2025, Marown Parish Church. Rs Lynch thanked the Clerk for sending invitations to local organisations and dignitaries to lay a wreath. It was agreed that the Commissioners to be there for 10.30 and would lay a wreath. My Lovelady gave his apologies as he would be away.

8.2. Website and Social Media – None

8.3. Invitation to National Service of Remembrance – 3pm Sunday 9 November 2025, Royal Chapel of St John and National War Memorial, St John's – Commissioners would not be able to attend.

8.4. Mayor of Douglas' invitation to Christmas drinks & Buffet Reception - 6.30pm Friday 5 December, City Hall, Ridgeway Street, Douglas – Mr Miles will attend.

8.5. Poetry and Music Concert Invitation – 7.30pm Saturday 8 November, Broadway Baptist Church, Douglas - noted

8.6. Local Government Amendment Bill – There will be a meeting on Monday 20 October 2025 at Douglas City Hall to discuss the Evidence Stage on 28 October 2025 where a selection of Local Authorities will address the Legislative Council. Mrs Cox will speak on behalf of Marown Commissioners.

9. Highway Matters – the following were noted:

9.1. Closure of Glen Vine Road for MU Water works 3-7 November 2025

9.2. Speed limit and traffic lights on West Baldwin Road for drainage works 24 November – 5 December 2025

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Crosby Band apologised but they are unable to play at the Commissioners' singing around the Christmas tree this year as they are currently low on members. The Commissioners agreed that this would be held on Monday 8 December in the evening outside Costa in Crosby. Mr Lovelady would ask Costa if they could stay open later so people could buy coffee. The Commissioners would provide mince pies. Mrs Cox will ask Marown School if some children are able to play instruments for the singing.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 7pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Old Church Road, Crosby.

Confidential Session

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1. **Apologies** – Mr C Forbes
2. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 were discussed and approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

The Clerk had been in contact with the Rates Valuation Officer who confirmed that the discount for Cherry Tree Drive and Fisher Close will be removed from April 2026 as the roads are now to standard. There was also discussion extension and renovation work where properties would potentially need revaluing – Planning should send Completion Certificates to the Rates section so they can assess – Clerk to contact.

4. **Planning**

- 4.1. **New Applications** – None notified

- 4.2. **Amendments and Additional Information**

- 24/00769/B – Erection of agricultural shed – Trollaby Farm, Trollaby Lane, Union Mills, IM4 4AW – it was resolved to make no objection
- 23/00924/B – Demolition of existing building and the erection of 10 new industrial units – Former Crosby Wholesalers, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 4BN – it was resolved to make no further comment other than to say that the Commissioners’ previous objections still stand
- 25/90779/B – Conversion of existing mill building with construction of extension to create new dwelling – Old Mill Building, Rock Farm, Main Road, Crosby, IM4 2DW – it was resolved to make no objection

4.3.Appeals

The Commissioners have already made an objection to the following applications and it was resolved to make no further comment:

- 24/91112/B – Erection of three tourist camping pods, stargazing platform, sauna and associated drainage and car parking – Bridge House, West Baldwin, IM4 5HA
- 25/90401/B – Installation of 3 telegraph poles to provide fibre optic connectivity – Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EJ

5. Meetings:

5.1. **Peel & Western Housing Committee** – there is a meeting next week

5.2. **Western Civic Amenity Site Board**

5.2.1. There was a meeting yesterday. Some skips have been purchased and more may be purchased next year.

5.2.2. There will be a small increase of 3% in Local Authority contribution next year

5.2.3. A new JCB is needed to be leased, including maintenance contract

5.2.4. The two dead electric vehicles will be scrapped

5.3. **Western Area Swimming Pool Board**

5.3.1. As expected, numbers were down over the summer as people go to the beach. Numbers during Grand Prix were not as good as for TT

5.3.2. The Lottery gave £34k to help with the renovations of the toilets and lighting, which have now been completed.

5.3.3. The Service Level Agreements are still in discussion

5.3.4. There will be an Island-wide quarterly meeting soon.

5.4. **Western Neighbourhood Policing Team** - there was no meeting

5.5. **IOM Municipal Association** – Mrs Lynch was unable to attend the meeting

5.6. Marown Parish Community Care

5.6.1. The meeting was held on 4 October 2025

5.6.2. A unit has become available which only requires cosmetic repairs. Three Committee members will review the waiting list.

5.6.3. They are looking at the possibility of installing Starlink

5.6.4. The upstairs balconies will be replaced.

5.6.5. The next meeting is on 10 January 2026

6. Advocates Searches – the following were noted

- Carters – 38, Reayrt Ny Crink, Crosby, IM4 2EA
- Carters – Ballacallin Mooar, Ballanicholas, Garth, Crosby, IM4 2HD
- Carters – Modena, Main Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4BA
- Callin Wild – 4 Reayrt Ny Crink, Crosby, IM4 2EA
- Callin Wild – 46, Ballagarey Road, Glen Vine, IM4 4EB
- Carters – Ballabeg Cottage, Main Road, Glen Vine
- Carters – 1 Reayrt Ny Crink, Crosby, IM4 2EA
- Carters – 20 Reayrt Ny Crink, Crosby, IM4 2EA

7. Financial Matters

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

8. Clerk to the Commissioners

8.1. Manx Utilities – a tree from a property came down in the storm and hit a streetlight. Manx Utilities has given a quote for repair – Clerk to contact homeowner to arrange repair work.

9. Any other Business

9.1. Mr Lovelady stated that a new contractor has now been appointed to make the sewage connection to the new Treatment Works for the Crosby Meadows estate.

9.2. Mr Miles said he had received 2 complaints regarding leaves at Ballagarey estate – Clerk to arrange the road sweeper.

9.3. There are many hedges overhanging pavements that need cutting back to the boundary – Clerk to supply letters for Commissioners to give to homeowners requiring them to carry out the work.

10. Date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 19 November 2025 at 8pm immediately following the Public Session