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BOROUGH OF DOUGLAS

BYE-LAWS

PLEASURE GROUNDS

58. Boards, plates, tablets, etc. not to be wilfully or improperly removed or displaced
- A person shall not wilfully or improperly remove or displace any board, plate, or tablet, or any support, fastening, or fitting of any board, plate, or tablet used, or constructed, or adapted to be used for the exhibition of any Bye-law or notice, and fixed or set up by the Corporation in any part of the pleasure ground, or in or on any building or structure therein, or at or near to any one of the appointed means of entrance to or egress from the pleasure ground, or in or on any wall or fence enclosing the pleasure ground.
59. Persons not to deface, injure, or destroy any wall, fence, seats, etc.
- A person shall not carelessly or negligently deface, injure, or destroy any part of any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any other structure or erection in the pleasure ground.
60. Barriers, railing, posts, seats, etc. not to be removed or displaced, etc.
- A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently, remove or displace any barrier, railing, or post, or any fixed or moveable seat or any part of any building, structure or erection, or any monument, work or art, ornament, or decoration, or any implement, utensil, apparatus, appliance or article provided for use, or used or adapted to be used in the laying out, planting, improvement, or maintenance of the pleasure ground or in the care, cultivation, or protection of any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern, herb, or plant in the pleasure ground.
61. Hours when grounds may be open
- The grounds may be opened and closed every day at such hours as the Corporation may from time to time prescribe, and may indicate on a notice or notices affixed or set up at or near to each of the entrances to the grounds.

Provided always that this Bye-law shall not be deemed to require the grounds to be opened and closed at any such hours of any day when, in pursuance of any statutory provision in that behalf the Corporation may close such grounds to the public.

No person other than an officer of the Corporation or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the grounds, shall on any day enter the grounds before the time appointed for the opening thereof, or enter the grounds or remain therein after the time appointed for the closing thereof.

62. Means of entrance and egress

A person shall not enter or quit the Pleasure Ground otherwise than through some one of the gates, wickets, passages, or openings appointed by the Corporation as the authorised means of entrance to or egress from the Pleasure Ground.

63. Persons other than Officers or servants of Corporation not to drive or bring into grounds any beast, etc.

A person other than an Officer of the Corporation or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the pleasure ground, shall not at any time ride, drive or bring, or cause, or suffer to be ridden, driven, or brought into the pleasure ground, any beast unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Corporation.

64. Cattle, etc. not to be brought into pleasure grounds without authority

A person shall not drive or bring, or cause to be driven or brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goat, or pig, unless in pursuance of an Agreement with the Corporation or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, such person has been duly authorised to drive or bring any such animal, or to cause any such animal to be driven or brought, into the pleasure ground for pasturage or for any other lawful purpose.

65. Vehicles, barrows, trucks, bicycles, etc. not to be brought into grounds except by Officer or servant of Corporation without Corporation's permission, except on designated areas

A person other than an officer of the Corporation or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the pleasure grounds, shall not, without the permission of the Corporation, at any time, drive or wheel, or cause or suffer to be driven or wheeled into the pleasure ground any barrow, truck, bicycle or machine or any vehicle other than a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or for the conveyance of an invalid, except on those areas which may be specifically designated for such use and at times which the Corporation may prescribe from time to time.

66. Conveniences and Changing Rooms, etc.

A male person above the age of seven years shall not intrude on or use any conveniences or changing rooms or other place set apart for the use of females, and a female shall not intrude on or use any such place set apart for the use of males in the pleasure grounds.

67. Wheeled Chairs and perambulators not to be wheeled on beds, etc.

A person who shall wheel or bring, or cause to be wheeled or brought in the pleasure ground a wheeled chair drawn or propelled by hand, and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid, shall not at any time wheel or station such chair or perambulator, or cause or suffer such chair or perambulator, to be wheeled or stationed over or upon any part of a flower bed, or over or upon any shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern or plant, or any ground in course of preparation or cultivation as a flower bed, or for the reception or growth of any shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern or plant.

68. Corporation may by notice prohibit certain part of grounds being used by wheel chairs, etc.

Where, by a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position at or near to each of the several entrances to the pleasure ground the Corporation may from time to time prohibit the use by any such wheel chair or perambulator of such part or parts

of the pleasure ground as shall be defined or described in such notice or notices, a person shall not, at any time while such notice or notices shall continue so affixed or set up wheel, or station any such chair or perambulator, or cause or suffer any such chair or perambulator to be wheeled or stationed over or upon such part or parts of the pleasure ground.

69. Bills, placards or notices not to be affixed on walls, etc.

A person shall not affix or post any bill, placard, or notice to or upon any wall, or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or to or upon any tree, or to or upon any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any fixed or moveable seat, or of any other structure or erection in the pleasure ground, without the written permission of the Corporation first having been obtained.

70. Persons other than officers and servants of Corporation not to disturb soil, etc.

A person other than an officer of the Corporation or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement, or maintenance of the pleasure ground, shall not at any time in any part of the pleasure ground, remove or disturb any part of the soil of any flower bed or any soil under or about any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern or plant or any soil in course of preparation or cultivation as a flower bed, or for the reception or growth of any shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern or plant.

71. Persons other than Officers and servants of Corporation not to walk, run, stand, etc. on or over beds in grounds

A person other than an Officer of the Corporation or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation, in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the pleasure ground, shall not at any time, in any part of the pleasure ground, walk or run over, or stand, sit or lie upon any part of any flower bed, or any shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation or cultivation as a flower bed, or for the reception or growth of any plant.

72. Persons other than Officers and servants of Corporation not to cut or displace any turf, gorse, furze, etc.

A person other than an Officer of the Corporation, or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation in or about any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the pleasure ground, shall not at any time, in any part of the pleasure ground, cut or displace any turf, or uproot or displace any gorse, furze, fern or plant.

73. Persons not to pluck any bud, blossom, flower, plant, etc.

A person shall not at any time in any part of the pleasure ground, pluck any bud, blossom, flower, or leaf or any tree, sapling, shrub, underwood, gorse, furze, fern or plant.

74. Persons not to defile any wall, fence, building, etc. or deposit any filth, rubbish, etc. in grounds

A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently, soil or defile any part of any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any fixed or moveable seat, or of any monument, work or art, ornament or decoration, or of any other structure or erection in the pleasure ground, or wilfully, carelessly or negligently throw or deposit any filth, rubbish, oyster shells, or refuse, or cause or suffer any filth, rubbish, oyster shells, or refuse to fall, or to be thrown or deposited upon any part of the pleasure ground.

75. Stones or other missiles not to be thrown in grounds

A person shall not wilfully, carelessly, or negligently throw or discharge in the pleasure ground any stone or other missile to the damage or danger of any person.

76. Persons not to climb walls or fences, etc.

A person shall not climb any wall, or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, or post in the pleasure ground.

77. Persons not to bathe, wade, or wash in lake, or pollute water or interfere with fish

A person shall not bathe, wade, or wash in any lake, pond, stream or other ornamental water in the pleasure ground; or wilfully, carelessly or negligently, foul or pollute any such water; or take, injure, or destroy, or attempt to take, injure or destroy or wilfully disturb, worry or interfere with any fowl or fish in any such water, or elsewhere in the pleasure ground.

78. Dogs not allowed in grounds unless under proper control

A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge to enter or remain in the pleasure ground, unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control and for the purpose of this section a dog shall only be deemed to be under proper control if it is on a lead and is under the control of a person of or above the age of ten years. Any person taking a dog into the pleasure ground shall effectively restrain the dog from causing annoyance to any person, damaging any property, plants or land, and fouling any area upon which the public would wish to recreate themselves.

79. Games not to be played except on places set apart for purpose. Rules to be observed in playing

A person shall not, except as hereinafter provided, play or take part in any game which be reason of the rules or manner of playing or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the pleasure ground, may necessitate at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in the pleasure ground;

Provided that the Corporation may, from time to time, set apart, for the playing of any such game or games as may be specified, any such space or spaces in the pleasure ground and shall be entitled to charge such fee, hire charge or rental as may be laid down or agreed for the exclusive or otherwise use of such space or spaces or equipment in connection therewith.

This Bye-law shall not be taken to prohibit any person from playing or taking part in any game or games which may be played in such space or spaces and in accordance with the following regulations:

Every person resorting to any such space for the purpose of playing or taking part in any such game shall, in making preparation for the playing of such game and in the manner of playing, use reasonable and proper care to prevent undue interference with the reasonable and proper use of such space by any other person engaged in making or thereafter resorting to such space for the purpose of making preparation for playing or of playing therein;

A person resorting to any such space for the purpose of playing or taking part in any such game shall not begin to play at any time when such space is already occupied by such a number of players and in such a manner as to render any addition to the number of players incompatible with the safe and convenient use of such space by the players already in occupation;

Except in any case where the exclusive use of any such space or of any part thereof may have been granted by the Corporation for the playing of any match, of which the occasion and character shall be such as to render expedient an extension of the time hereinafter specified, a player or company of players shall not, in making preparation for playing and in playing any game, use any part of such space for a longer time than two hours continually, if, at the expiration of that time any other player or company of players, for whose use no other part of such space or no part of any other space set apart for the purpose may be available shall make known to such first-mentioned player or company of players an intention to use for the purpose of playing, such part of such space as shall have been previously used by such player or company of players.

80. Persons other than Officers and servants of Corporation not to erect any post, rail, pole, tent, etc. except by permission of Corporation

A person, other than an Officer of the Corporation or a person or a servant of a person employed by the Corporation, in or about any improvement, or maintenance of the pleasure ground, shall not, except as hereinafter provided, erect, any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building or other structure in any part of the pleasure ground.

Provided that the foregoing prohibition shall not apply in any case where, upon an application to the Corporation for permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure in any part of the pleasure ground, upon such occasion and for such purpose as shall be specified in such application, the Corporation may grant, subject to compliance with such conditions as they may prescribe, permission to any person to erect such post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure.

81. Articles not to be exposed for sale without permission of the Corporation

A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure ground, sell, or offer to expose for sale, or let, to hire, or offer to expose for letting or hire any commodity or article, unless in pursuance of an agreement with the Corporation or otherwise in exercise of any lawful right or privilege, such person may be duly authorised to sell or let to hire in the pleasure ground such commodity or article.

82. Persons not to obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any person or officer of servant of Corporation

A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure ground, wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb or interrupt any officer of the Corporation in the proper execution of his duty or any person or servant of any person employed by the Corporation in the proper execution of any work in connection with the laying out, planting, improvement or maintenance of the pleasure ground.

83. Persons not to shout or sing in disorderly or obscene manner

A person shall not within the pleasure grounds shout or sing in a disorderly or obscene manner, or use any radio or tape or other recorder to the annoyance of any person, after being requested by such person, or by a Constable or by an Officer of the Corporation, at the request of such person, to cease.

84. No touting or advertising allowed in grounds

No person shall, within the limits of the pleasure ground, ply, solicit, or tout by word of mouth, or by means of cards or papers, or in any other manner, any person to be accommodated in any inn, boarding-house, lodging-house, or in any other place, or for business or custom of any kind, or shall take, carry, or place, or cause to be taken or placed, any advertising board, van, cart, or other vehicles of that description, within the limits of the pleasure ground.

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85. Persons infringing Bye-laws may be removed from grounds by Corporation officers or constables

Every person who shall infringe any Bye-law for the regulation of the pleasure ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Corporation or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified; that is to say -

(i) Where the infraction of the Bye-law is committed within the view of such officer of constable and the name and residence of the person infringing the Bye-law are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable;

(ii) Where the infraction of the Bye-law is committed within the view of such officer of constable, and, from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer of constable may have knowledge, or of which he may have reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the pleasure ground of the person infringing the Bye-law may result in another infraction of a Bye-law or that the removal of such person from the pleasure ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulations thereof.

86. Bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, etc.

A person shall not use any bicycle, tricycle, tandem, or roller skate or skateboard in any pleasure ground, except in such areas as may be set aside by the Corporation and specified for such use.

THE FORESHORE

87. Rubbish not to be placed on shore

No person shall deposit, place or leave or cause to be deposited, placed, or left, any soil, offal, putrid meat or fish, or entrails of fish, carrion, dead animals, blood, dung, manure, oyster shells, bones, glass, china or earthenware, dust, ashes, refuse of vegetables or fruit, soaper's waste, gas tar or tar water, stones, lime, mortar, soil, clay, sand, or rubbish of any description, or any offensive matter or thing, upon any part of the shore, or upon the slips or approaches thereto.

88. Sand or gravel not to be carted off shore

No person shall cart or carry off or from, or cause or procure to be carted or carried off or from the shore, any sand, gravel, or stone, except with the written permission of the Corporation.

89. Offences on the Foreshore

No person shall in or upon any part of the unenclosed foreshore, or sea beach of the district, and belonging to the Corporation, or in or upon any boat standing, lying, or being on the said beach, beg or solicit alms, or expose any painted, printed or written matter or thing soliciting alms, or referring to any infirmity of mind or body, sell or offer for sale with importunity so as to cause annoyance any wares, exhibit any puppet show, posture making or other like performance, wilfully and indecently expose his person, conduct himself in an indecent manner, sing any profane, or obscene song or ballad, or use any profane or obscene language, and no person shall, without the consent of the Corporation, on or upon any part of the said unenclosed foreshore, belonging to them place any vehicle, barrow,

structure, stall, photographic apparatus, stand, show or tent, carry on or exercise any trade, handicraft or calling, exhibit any advertising board or placard, let to hire any seat, form, stand, or platform or play any musical instrument.

Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent fishermen or boatmen from exercising their respective callings.

90. Meetings

No person shall preach or hold or conduct any religious service, recite, or read aloud, any passage or extract from a book or pamphlet, or deliver, any public speech, lecture, sermon, or address of any kind or description on the unenclosed foreshore belonging to the Corporation, without having obtained the written permission of the Corporation, and no such activity shall take place within a distance of twenty metres from the promenades or public roadway.

91. Horses on the shore

No person shall take or allow any horse onto any part of the shore, or upon the slips and approaches thereto from 1st May to 31st October in each year, except with the written permission of the Corporation first being obtained.

92. Vehicles on Beach, etc.

No person shall at any time take any handcart, bicycle, motor vehicle or other vehicle, other than emergency rescue vehicles, onto the unenclosed foreshore or slipway, leading thereto, without the written permission of the Corporation.

95. Boats and Boatmen

No person shall hire, or offer to hire any boat or other vessel from any part of the foreshore or promenade area, nor advertise for or accept passengers for any boat or other vessel without first having made application to, and received written permission from the Corporation, such permission to be granted on the terms and conditions laid down by the Corporation.

94. Porters to be licensed No person shall offer himself for hire as a porter, unless he has obtained a licence from the Corporation, to be granted annually for which licence the sum from time to time prescribed shall be paid to the said Corporation.

95. Porters to wear badge No porter shall offer himself for hire unless he shall wear, in such manner as may be appointed by the Corporation, a badge, having the number of his licence marked distinctly thereon, of such form or material as shall be approved by the said Corporation, and which badge and number shall be distinctly visible during all the time such porter shall be plying or working for hire.

96. Breach of Bye-laws by porters If any licensed porter, or any owner of any porter's cart, shall, in the opinion of the Corporation, be deemed to have neglected, or refused, or failed in observing or complying with Bye-law 94 or 95, it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to suspend or revoke the licence of such porter or owner; and no porter or owner of a porter's cart shall offer himself or his cart for hire during the time his licence is suspended, or after the revocation of his licence.

REPEALS

The following Bye-laws to be repealed:

1. The Orders, Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations for the Towns of Douglas, Ramsey, Castletown and Peel, and also for places beyond the limits of the Towns - 28th June, 1870, so far as they apply to the Borough of Douglas;
2. The General Bye-laws made by the Douglas Town Commissioners and approved by Tynwald on the 7th April, 1891;
3. The Bye-laws for the management and regulation of pleasure and recreation grounds, places of public resort and recreation made by the Corporation and approved by Tynwald on the 12th May, 1911.

MADE and passed under the Common Seal of the Mayor,
Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Douglas the
10th day of September 1980

L. Mary Leane
MAYOR

J. Smyth
TOWN CLERK

