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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMonthly MeetingWednesday 14th September 2016 6.00 pm |
| Meeting Minutes |
| **Present:** Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman),  Mr. S. Clague,(SC) Mr. T. Kenyon (TK), Mrs M. Fargher (MF),  Mr L. Miller (LM), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN), **In Attendance**: Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager, Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk. Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy  Clerk/RFO.**Apologies:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mr J. Quayle (JQ).  |
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| **97/16** | **Meeting with Aidan McCusker** (AMcC**(DoI) and Commissioners 6.15pm–** Old Laxey Bridge update – at 6.20pm.AMcC briefed the meeting on the progress of the works and advised that the bridge would be open for traffic on 30th September 2016, however works would continue after this date with all complete by 18th October 2016. AMcC advised that following completion of the works the Department planned to resurface Glen Road. The Clerk advised that a resident had enquired if the stile in the river wall opposite the Mona Lisa Restaurant would be reinstated. AMcC advised this would not be reinstated due to Health and Safety issues. JPN express concerns with regard to visibility of traffic approaching the bridge and turning of large vehicles. AMcC advised that both matters had been looked at and meet the satisfaction of the Departments road safety engineer. RM thanked AMcC for attending. AMcC left at 7pm. |  |
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|  | **In Private** |  |
| **98/16** | **Meeting with Mark Bale (MB) and Neil Caine (NC) (MUA) and Commissioners at 7.00pm –** Laxey and Garwick sewerage outfalls, update onschemes for sewerage treatment plants.MB and NC briefed the Commissioners on the Regional Sewage Treatment Strategy (RSTS) programme approved by Tynwald in April 2011 and Integrated Rotating Biological Contactor (IRBC) schemes that had recently been commissioned, including Kirk Michael, Glen Mona, Corony, Port Lewaigue, Booilushag and the scheme currently under construction at Balladoole. MB continued stating that if the Authority had the Commissioners support the first phase of the activities could be progressed, this would start with specialist studies including coastal dispersion modelling which includes sea level and current monitoring. Following which options will be re-evaluated and refined, at which point a preferred option should become apparent and public consultation will commence, this will be followed by the planning process. Funding for the implementation of the scheme is scheduled to be available in 2020. RM made reference to the IRBC plants which had been instated and commissioned in Maughold and a discussion took place with regard to the impact on the surrounding areas which was stated as being minimal and was outweighed by the environmental benefits such as clean bathing water. MB recommended that visits were arranged to view IRBC plants on the Island. It was unanimously Resolved to support the Authority’s proposals to progress the schemes. RM thanked MB and NC for attending. MB and NC left at 7.40pm. Following MB and NC departure it was Resolved the Clerk liaise with Laxey Views and report that the meeting had taken place. |  |
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| **99/16** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
|  | **PA 16/01026/B** – Thornfield, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, IM4 6DL, Demolition of existing bungalow, creation of gatehouse and lodge (2 dwellings).As detailed discussion took place and it was resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:* The proposals completely disregard a range of policy in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan including several fundamental Housing Policies that control size, scope, and relation to existing footprint, etc.
* The proposals involve the development of a new field in the Manx countryside in a prominent coastal location; this would be an unacceptable intrusion contrary to a range of written policy that seeks to protect the countryside.
* The proposals are contrary to guidance issued in documents such as ‘Planning Circular 3/91’ and the ‘The Role of Landscape Character in Development’ document.
* A previous application for a domestic dwelling in a similar location on Clay Head Road was refused because of the inadequacy of the highway.

It was also noted that the access to the property was via a private lane. |  |
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|  | **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)** |  |
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| **100/16** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2016 for approval.*These were agreed to be a correct record of the decisions made at the meeting. Proposed* ***JPN*** *Seconded* ***MF.*** *Resolved.* |  |
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| **101/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
|  | **Promenade HBN Shelter** – The Clerk briefed the Commissioners on the difference between the specifications of the two quotes. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to obtain a third quotation. |  |
|  | **Public Sector Housing Rent Review –** MF advised that the Department of Infrastructure Housing Division was seeking input from Housing Authorities with respect to the proposed 2017 rent increase. It was Resolved JPN and MF would meet JPL and report back to the Board. |  |
|  | **Garff Commissioners Civic Celebration May 2017 –** JPN reported she had met with JQ to discuss ideas for a Civic Celebration. It was proposed that the event would take place on the promenade green with entertainment for the family and that further investigations would be given to planning a cycle relay event with teams riding to Lonan and Maughold churches and back, using the combined times to place competitors. It was Resolved further consideration needs to be given to Health and Safety considerations for this type of event. |  |
|  | **Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust –** PK reported that the trust AGM was scheduled to take place on Friday 30th October, 7.30pm, at Laxey Working Mens Institute. |  |
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| **102/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
|  | **PA 16/00805/B** – Laxey Laundrette, Deepdale Complex, Laxey. Letter from Pat Newton dated 7th September 2016. Circulated by email.The Commissioners examined the letter and Resolved to note the contents. |  |
|  | **PA 16/00035/B –** Construction of a new bridge over Laxey River with refurbishment of section of road to both sides of bridge, including re-surfacing of road, re-alignment and re-paving of footpaths and installation of lighting, Laxey Bridge Glen Road Laxey. Letter from Pat Newton dated 7th September 2016.The Commissioners examined the letter and Resolved to note the contents and pass to Department of Infrastructure. |  |
|  | **BRW Architectural** – Proposal for 5 dwellings on plot at Ballagorry, Maughold.A drawing of the scheme was circulated to the Commissioners. A brief discussion took place and it was Resolved to note proposal. |  |
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| **103/16** | **Officers Reports** |  |
|  | **Clerks and Officers meeting with Ian Begley SMP Tax and Accounting**. The Clerk advised that the Authorities Officers had meet with Ian Begley to discuss and agree policies for the finance record keeping and that Extended Trial Balance were now available for the four former authorities and these would provide the opening balance for Garff Parish District Commissioners. Further works were required to set up Sage accounts. |  |
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| **104/16** | **In Private –** A matter in relation to staff terms and conditions was discussed. |  |
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| **105/16** | **Chairman’s Report** |  |
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| **106/16** | **Finance Reports** |  |
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| **107/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **All Saints Church Lonan – Remembrance Service –** SC advised that a conditional agreement had been reached to with the Church to hold the Royal British Legion remembrance service at the church. The service is schedule to take place Sunday 13th November at 7pm. SC requested the Commissioners give their support. |  |
|  | **Laxey TT Bike Show -** JP proposed the Clerk write to the organisers and seek an update as to the whether the show will return to Laxey in 2017. A detailed discussion took place in respect of whether or not the Commissioners support the event and what benefits it has to the wider community. It was Resolved the Clerk contact the Moddey Dhoo MCC and request an update. |  |
|  | **Steps from School Ramp to Campsite –** Concerns were raised with respect to the state of the steps which weredescribed as dangerous due to being wet. Clerks to investigate options for removing hazard. |  |
|  | **Public Right of Way strimming and cutting** – Written correspondence from Minister Gawne regarding the Commissioners taking control of the maintenance of public rights of way in Garff Sheading. It was Resolved to accept the minister’s invitation to meet with officers to discuss the proposal further. |  |
|  | **Sea Point Booilushag Ballajora Ramsey –** To discuss actions following reversal of Appeal Decision on Sea Point (PA 16/00161/B) by the Minister’s advisor.A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk write to the minister and express concerns the way the ministerial review procedure was being used to overturn planning inspector recommendations. |  |
|  | **New Maughold Village Toilets –** Written proposal (*12.09.16*) from resident for decorated tiling to be produced for inside the new toilets at Maughold Village (*previously circulated*).A briefed discussion took place and it was Resolved to support the proposal. |  |
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|  | Meeting Closed at 10.00pm |  |
|  | Date of Next Meeting: 5th October 2016 |  |