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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMonthly MeetingWednesday 4th January 2017, 7.00 pm |
| Meeting Minutes |
| **Present:** Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman),  Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr. T. Kenyon (TK), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr J. Quayle (JQ), Mr. S. Clague,(SC), **In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk. Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy Clerk/RFO, **Apologies:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) (Housing Manager), |
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| **176/16** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
|  | **Deferred from meeting 21st December 2016.****Planning Application – 16/01389/B.** Land Adjacent to Booilushag House, Booilushag, Variation of condition one of a dwelling to extend the approval period by a further four years.*Concerns were raised regarding the vagueness of the permission to remove a number of trees as part of the original planning approval. It was Resolved to write requesting that a full survey be carried out on all trees on the application site and a plan submitted indicating which trees will be removed.* |  |
|  | **Planning Application - 17/00001/C.** The Old Post Office House Old Laxey Hill Laxey, IM4 7DA. Additional use of self contained apartment as tourist accommodation.Noted. No Objections. |  |
|  | **Planning Application - 16/01309/B –** Ballamenagh Moar Farm, Ballamenagh Road, Baladrine, IM4 6AJ. Alterations, erection of single and two storey extensions to dwelling. Amended Plans Received.Noted. No Objections. |  |
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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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| **177/16** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 21st December 2016 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.Proposed **TK**, Seconded **LM** |  |
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| **178/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
| **a)** | **169/16, item a). Proposals for Play Equipment in Lonan** – The Deputy Clerk updated the Commissioners on the proposed scheme, highlighting options for equipment at Church Close and the sloping grass area on All Saints Park. The Commissioners were advised that Financial Regulation state the purchase and installation of the equipment will need to be tendered and that the planning officer had been contacted for pre application advice.  |  |
|  | **Proposals for New Toilet Facilities in Laxey Village – JPN** instigated a detailed discussion with respect to the proposed scheme by Laxey Commissioners to provide new toilet facilities annexed to the Laxey Station Building. **SC** stated he would like to the Commissioners to investigate the option of sighting the toilets at the top of the Gardens adjacent to the main pedestrian access to the Great Laxey Mine Railway, this site had been considered previously but dismissed by the Commissioners on the grounds of accessibility and cost. **SC** proposed a two storey facility could be built on this site with disabled access at the upper level. It was Resolved the Clerks liaise with the planning officer to discuss this as an option for a future scheme.  |  |
|  | **Glen Road Skate facilities – JPN** referred to a facebook page that had been set upseeking views on improving the skate facilities on Glen Road. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerks contact Mr Mark Eastham at the Children’s Centre and seek his views on options. |  |
|  | **Regional Sewerage Treatment – SC** enquired if a response had been received from the MUA in respect the invitation to meet with the Commissioners. **MR** stated he had spoken to the Chief Executive at the MUA who advised that preliminary investigations were being progressed, however we are still waiting a response from Mark Bale. |  |
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| **179/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
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| **180/16** | **Committee Reports** |  |
|  | **Municipal Association –** ntr |  |
|  | **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust –** Next meeting 10th January. |  |
|  | **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities –** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee –** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting –** Next meeting 10th January. |  |
|  | **Regeneration Committee –** Frustrations were expressed that a number of matters were still outstanding and it was Resolved the Clerk contact the Committee Chairman, Martyn Perkins MHK and request a meeting of the Committee. |  |
|  | **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – TK** advised that Nigel Dobson had been accepted on the Committee and a discussion took place with respect to ‘Laxey’ and ‘Lonan’ wards and the new Garff Authority. It was Resolved that any reference to the former Authorities should now be replaced by ‘Garff Parish District Committee’ as this was now the legal entity. **TK** continued stating that new cardboard recycling skips would be in place at the ECAS site in January and the land fill charges would remain at £79.50 in the current financial year. Finally **TK** advised had been agreed that no concessions could be given to Charities in respect of charging for tipping. |  |
|  | **Northern Civic Amenity Site -** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Swimming Pool Board -** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Area Housing steering group – MF** reported that the planning application for Mayfield Sheltered Housing complex in Ramsey had been refused, but was not sure if an appeal had been lodged. The Clerk advised that the closing date for lodging an appeal was today 4th January and at this time no appeal had been lodged. A discussion took place with respect to the reasons for refusal which were that visually the development was utilitarian and the fact the planning officer had been consulted and agreed the scheme, but subsequently a second planning officer had given a different opinion. **JQ** proposed that representation should be made to the minister. |  |
|  | **Northern Sheltered Housing Committee -** ntr |  |
|  | **Eastern Area Housing steering group -** ntr |  |
|  | **Waste Management steering Group -** ntr |  |
|  | **Waste Management Working Group –** ntr |  |
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| **181/16** | **Officers Reports** |  |
| **a)** | **Garff Refuse tender** – Legal Advice – In Private |  |
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| **182/16** | **Health and Safety / Maintenance Matters** |  |
|  | **Health and Safety Feedback Report on Authority Operations -** ntr |  |
|  | **Works and Amenities Report -** ntr |  |
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| **183/16** | **In Private - Correspondence** |  |
|  | **Garff Refuse Tender –** Update. |  |
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| **184/16** | **In Private – Staffing -** ntr |  |
| **185/16** | **Chairman’s Report -** ntr |  |
| **186/16** | **Finance Report** |  |
|  | **Consideration of Rates Estimates** for the financial year 2017/2018. |  |
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| **187/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **Municipal Association Training** - Statutory Powers training event 17th January 2017, 6.30pm start, venue at Noble's Park Pavilion Community Room. RSVP by 9th January 2017. **TK and JPN** toattend. |  |
|  | **William Kennish Memorial Trust–** Letter from Trust dated 03.01.17. The letter gave details of the campaign to raise funding to place a memorial on William Kennish grave in New York. A discussion took place with respect to William Kennish who’s former house was at the Corony Bridge and his achievement during his life. The Clerk stated that if Board members or members of public wished to make a private donation to the trust that details were available from the Commissioners Office. |  |
|  | **Cooil Roi Shelter Housing Staff – MF** proposed a letter of thanks to the staff at Cooil Roi in particular the Warden Elizabeth Quayle who been involved with organising the Christmas party and putting up Christmas decoration around the complex. |  |
|  | **Clayhead Road- SC** referred to the poor condition of Clayhead Road and the large number of pot holes along it length. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write to the Department of Infrastructure outlining concerns about of roads in the sheading including Clayhead and Rhenab Road. Commissioners to contact the Clerk with details of any other roads that require attention.  |  |
|  | **Laxey River at Glen Mooar – SC** advised that following the floods in December 2015 a large volume of stone had been deposited in the river bed and felt that if left unaddressed this may lead to problems with flooding further down river. It was Resolved the Clerk write to MUA and request they investigate. |  |
|  | **Speed Sign on Baldrine Hill – TK** enquired why the speed sign on Baldrine Hill had been removed. The Clerk advised it was the Department of Infrastructures policy not to leave speed signs at a particular location for more than a few weeks. A discussion took place. No direction given. |  |
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|  | Meeting Closed at 9.05am |  |
|  | Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th January 2017 |  |