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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMinutes of the mid-monthly MeetingWednesday 19th April 2017, 7.00 pm | | |
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| **Present:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman),  Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr. T. Kenyon (TK),  Mr J. Quayle (JQ), Mr. S. Clague,(SC),  **In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk. Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy Clerk/RFO  **Apologies:** Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager. | | |
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| **259/16** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
|  | **PA 17/00381/B** **La Mona Lisa Restaurant**, Glen Road, Laxey Installation of 1.8 m high inward opening close boarded timber gates to vehicular access.  *It was noted that Highways would submit comment on any access issues in regard to these gates. The Commissioners had no objections.* |  |
| **266/16.a** | **PA 17/00412/B – The Shieling, Baldrine Road, Baldrine.** Alterations and erection of extension.  *The clerks were instructed to clarify the location of the application site and place this application for consideration on the agenda of the next meeting.* | **clerks** |
|  | **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
|  | 17/00007/B Appeal against refusal of extension, **The Anchorage, Port E Vullen**.  Opportunity for rebuttal statements to be submitted.  ***Noted.*** *The Commissioners had previously resolved not to submit and to leave this matter to the discretion of the appointed Inspector.* |  |
|  | **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)** |  |
|  | Update on **unauthorised development at Corony Bridge** following site meeting with Director and Deputy Director of Aviation, Head of IOM Transport, Garff MHKs, DEFA H&S Executive, and Gen. Secretary of NFU.  ***MF*** *reported on the content of this meeting, at which various concerns with the operation of helicopters in close proximity to the highway and a bus stop were noted.* ***MF*** *also advised that local farmers were extremely concerned about the potential for livestock to be threatened and alarmed. The Commissioners had alerted all relevant authorities and it was noted that a retrospective planning submission was being prepared by the landowner which would follow a process. Members expressed concerns about public safety and would monitor developments with this unauthorised development very closely.* |  |
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| **260/16** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | *Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2017 for approval. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed* ***RM****, Seconded* ***JPN****. Resolved.* |  |
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| **261/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
| **a)** | ***JPN*** *asked if any progress had been made with having Double Yellow Lines installed outside Glen Roy Cottages on Old Laxey Hill.* ***MR*** *reported that DOI had indicated that these would be painted when other locations had been finalised elsewhere in Laxey. The relevant Officer at DOI was currently on leave until May 8th but would be approached again on return to ask if some of the lining could be undertaken in the short term to ease the traffic issues at the bottom of Old Laxey Hill.* ***PB*** *suggested that members of the public be directed to contact DOI in regard to this matter – this may assist in bringing the lining higher up the schedule list.* |  |
| **b)** | *There followed some discussion of arrangements for the guest speaker at the Municipal Association AGM.* ***RM*** *to contact Michael Cowan in this regard.* | **RM** |
| **c)** | ***TK*** *asked if there was any progress in terms of the possibility of further sports facilities on Glen Road.* ***PB*** *reported that there was nothing to report at this stage.* |  |
| **d)** | **Area Plan for the East Consultation –** *Date for submissions 26th May 2017. The clerks reported that members of the public had been viewing the plans. The sub-committee would report back to the full Board prior to a written submission to the consultation.* |  |
| **e)** | **Garff Street Light Maintenance Strategy** - *Update on Investigations, clerks to report.*  ***PB*** *reported that he had forwarded a request for technical information and costings in regard to upgrading the current street-lighting in Garff from Mercury/SON to either SON throughout or LED.* |  |
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| **262/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
|  | **Cabinet Office** - Request for nomination for a representative of the Sheading to represent Garff at the Tynwald Garden Party 2017.  ***TK*** *to attend to represent Garff.* |  |
|  | **Resident** – Regarding concerns with use and condition of a property in Glen Roy.  *This matter was noted.* ***PB*** *outlined conditions from a previous planning application barring commercial activity from taking place at the site and restricting the number of vehicles parked there. The clerks were instructed to forward a request for an investigation by Planning Enforcement.* | **clerks** |
|  | **MUA** – Public Lighting Contract documents for approval.  *This document was signed by the Chairman.* |  |
| **d)** | **Tim Kenyon** *-* Proposals to make changes to the ‘Washing Floors’ in Laxey Village (raised in email dated 10.04.17).  ***TK*** *reported that L&LHT would like some hedging removed in order for interpretative signage to be installed.**L&LHT would be meeting the costs of the signage. The clerks reported that MT had offered to become involved in a community project and had been directed to contact L&LHT - this could be a part of that project.* |  |
|  | **Tim Kenyon –** Regarding PROW pathway at the bridge at Agneash, particularly action that could be taken to fortify the pathway.  *The clerks were instructed to request to contact the Department of Infrastructure and request improvements to the PROW at this location.* | **clerks** |
|  | **DoI –** Request for information on provision for motor homes on car parks in Garff.  Noted. Clerks to forward information. | **clerks** |
|  | **Onchan district Commissioners –** response to Garff Chairman’s letter regarding Eastern Shared Housing List.  *This response was* ***Noted****. The Board expressed a view that the participation of Onchan with Garff and Braddan in sharing a housing list would be a positive development that would be of benefit to the public. Any actions to encourage Onchan to participate in such a development in the future would be supported by the Board.* |  |
| **g)** | *A discussion followed in regard to* ***parking enforcement*** *and the* ***provision of clearways*** *in Laxey when the Mountain Road is closed. Various difficulties with these arrangements were noted. Clerks to feedback comment to the Department.* | **clerks** |
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| **263/16** | **Officers Reports** |  |
|  | **Cooil Roi Sheltered Housing** – Update on railing refurbishment.  ***MR*** *reported that following receipt of three quotations a company had been instructed to undertake the urgent upgrading of the internal and external railings at the complex.* |  |
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| **b)** | ***Health and Safety Feedback Report on Authority Operations***  ***MR*** *reported that there were no incidents to report in the last period. Quarterly Written Play Area Inspections were scheduled across Garff. Appraisals for maintenance staff had also been scheduled, this would include analysis of working methods and H&S issues.* |  |
| **c)** | **Works and Amenities Report**  *The clerks reported on progress with various works and amenity projects including the refurbishment of the BMX track, Camp Site Shower Block, Maughold Village Toilets, Promenade Play Area, etc. The clerks reported that quotations were being obtained for refurbishment of the Beach Huts/Changing Rooms on Laxey promenade. These would all be brought to the Commissioners once received.*  ***JQ*** *asked if the nails on the cladding on the toilets in Maughold Village could be capped. Clerks to speak to the contractor.* | **clerks** |
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| **265/16** | **Chairman’s Report** - ntr |  |
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| **266/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
| **b)** | **Douglas Borough Council Civic Service –** Sunday 11th June, 10.30am, at St Georges Church. ***Noted.*** |  |
| **c)** | **Micro Business Grant Scheme –** Information Booklets and application forms for the Isle of Man Government Micro business grant scheme. Available to members of public from the Commissioner’s Office. For information only. ***Noted.*** |  |
| **d)** | **Rose Garden Lease –** Amended lease between Department of Infrastructure and Garff Commissioners, commencing 1st April 2015, for a period of 21 years, with a rent of £20 per annum.  *This document was signed by the Chairman.* |  |
| **e)** | **Promenade Kiosk –** Request for opening window from Kiosk into shelter.  JPN declared an interest as tenant of the Kiosk, but asked if the fixed window could be replaced with a window that opened as it would improve ventilation and provide an alternative means of escape in an emergency. Clerks to investigate and report back on options and costs. | **clerks** |
| **f)** | ***MF*** *asked when the next Cooil Roi meeting was due to take place. It was agreed that a meeting should take place on Thursday 27th April at 10.00 am.* |  |
| **g)** | ***TK*** *asked who had repaired the wall at the bottom of Ballacollister. The clerks advised that DOI had undertaken this following contact from the Commissioners and in particular from Mr Perkins.* |  |
| **h)** | ***SC*** *referred to the ‘bulk bags’ being used to bolster the wall on Old Laxey Hill.* ***PB*** *advised that DOI had stated the wall would be repaired once the bridge was completed. The clerks were instructed to contact Mr McCusker requesting that the work be undertaken as soon as possible.* | **clerks** |
| **i)** | ***SC*** *also referred to the sand bags outside ‘Chris’s Cottage’ on Old Laxey Hill. It was agreed to instruct the clerks to write to the owner asking that they be removed and the area tidied.* | **clerks** |
| **j)** | ***SC*** *reiterated his concerns with the vehicles parked contrary to the regulations at Mines Road car park. Clerks to request attendance by traffic wardens.* | **clerks** |
| **k)** | ***SC*** *referred to the proposal for the Commissioners to take over control of Lonan Parish Church as a community facility. There was also a proposal that the Commissioners administer the Burial Authority. These matters were being investigated. The MHKs were making enquiries with the AG in relation to legislation that would permit such changes.* ***SC*** *to liaise with the Archdeacon with a view to gaining permission to obtain quotes for work at the church. These works to be funded by the monies held by the church authorities.*  *A meeting would take place with the Archdeacon on the evening of Thursday May the 11th 2017.* | **SC** |
| **l)** | ***SC*** *asked if the MUA could be approached with a view to a meeting to update the Commissioners on investigations with the proposed treatment works in Laxey and Garwick.*  *Clerks to contact the Authority.* | **clerks** |
| **m)** | *It was with great sadness that Members were made aware of the passing of* ***Raymond Clague*** *who had been a Lonan Commissioner and had worked for Laxey Commissioners in the village for many years. Raymond was remembered very fondly by the Board and the clerks were given instruction in regard to marking his loss.* | **clerks** |
| **n)** | ***JQ*** *asked if any response had been heard from the Archdeacon in regard to the proposed meeting at the Dhoon Field. SC proposed that this matter be raised at the meeting on the 11th of May referred to at item 266/16.k. above.* |  |
| **o)** | ***JQ*** *asked for an update on the PROW at the bottom of Ballaglass Glen. The clerks were instructed to ask for an update from both DOI and DEFA.* |  |
| **p)** | ***ND*** *asked about progress with the Garff Chain of Office. MR reported that Gary Corlett had been given a brief for a design and would return to the Commissioners in due course.* |  |
| **q)** | ***ND*** *proposed that the Governor be invited for a visit to Garff.* ***SC*** *advised that the Governor was making a visit to Ballannette with Manx Birdlife and suggested that the visit could be combined. The clerks were instructed to make enquiries along these lines.* | **clerks** |
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| **267/16** | **Private Business** |  |
| **a)** | *There was discussion in regard to a derelict building in Laxey.* |  |
| **b)** | *There was discussion of the Department’s Housing Allocation process.* |  |
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|  | Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.  Date of Next Meetings: Annual General Meeting Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 7.00 pm.  Wednesday 17th May 2017, 7.00 pm. |  |