

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Meeting

Wednesday 11th April 2018, 7.00 pm

Present: Mr N. Dobson (ND), Chairman, Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr T Kenyon (TK), Mr S. Clague (SC), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN), Mr. J. Quayle (JQ), Mr J. Smith (JS).

In Attendance: Officers: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Mrs Julie Peel (JPL), Housing Manager.

Apologies: All Present.

Chairman To open the meeting and request that Members consider this agenda and declare any interest that they may, or may be perceived to have, in its business.
Meeting commenced at 7.01 pm. The request for declarations of Interest was noted. On behalf of the Board, the Chairman congratulated, Garff resident, Mera Royle who had recently been awarded the BBC Young Folk award.

208/17 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) 18/00289/B Cottimans, Port e Vullen, Alterations and erection of an extension.

There were no objections to these proposals.

b) 18/00279/B Thornfield, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, Erection of a replacement dwelling.

SC declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision made. **ND** noted that the presumption was that replacement dwellings in the countryside should be traditional, however, he also advised that there was a clause in Housing Policy 14 of the Strategic Plan which, in exceptional circumstances, allows consideration of "buildings of innovative, modern design where this is of high quality and would not result in adverse visual impact". No objections to the proposals were made at the meeting.

c) 18/00294/B Close Mooar Farm, Glen Roy, Erection of a detached garage block for use by tourist accommodation.

MF advised that she had studied the application closely. A discussion of the proposed use of the building took place. There were no objections to the application.

d) 18/00264/B Kitsilano, South Cape, Alterations and erection of a two storey extension.

There were no objections to these proposals.

e) 18/00267/B Honey Hey, Highfield Drive, Baldrine, Erection of conservatory above existing garage, and creation of opening and Juliette balcony from new first floor living accommodation.

There were no objections to this application.

f) 18/00304/B 2 Cardle Cottages, Corony, Maughild, Replacement of existing conservatory roof with roof tiles.

There were no objections to this application.

g) 18/00330/B – Windmill Farm Cottage, Jalloo, Maughold, IM7 1AT. Replacement of concrete tiled main roof with slate roof and existing garage felt flat roof with fibreglass roof.

There were no objections to this application.

Approval Notices -

e) 18/00096/B Stanley House, Baldhoon Road, Replacement of existing glazed conservatory – Approved 27.03.18.

Noted.

f) 18/00100/B Ballacallum, Ballaragh Road, Alterations and erection of extension to replace existing conservatory – Approved 29.03.18.

Noted.

g) 18/00025/C Beechwood, Fairy Cottage, Additionla use of residential property as self catering tourist accommodation – Approved 29.03.18.

Noted.

	Refusal Notices -	
	Appeal notices –	
a)	18/00091/B Denizli, Booilushag, Appeal against the approval of the erection of a replacement dwelling with associated landscaping. <i>The clerks were asked to circulate detailed documents once they were received into the office.</i>	clerks
209/17	Approval of Minutes	
a)	Approval of minutes from meeting 21st March 2018. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed JQ . Seconded, TK . Resolved.	
210/17	Matters Arising & Other Business	
a)	TK referred to his comments at the previous meeting in regard to litter in the hedgerows in Garff. PB advised that this matter would be raised during the AOB Agenda item concerning Beach Buddies. Further discussion of litter was reserved until that item was considered.	
b)	Planning Enforcement – Senior Planning Officer Abigail Morgan to meet with the Commissioners at their meeting 16 th May, 7pm. To discuss planning enforcement and updating the Department’s Planning Enforcement Policy. <i>This matter was noted.</i>	
211/17	General correspondence	
a)	Municipal Association - Invitation to attend Municipal Association AGM on Thursday 24 th May 2018, at Milntown Restaurant – 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt. Cost £21.95 per person. <i>This matter was noted. Members to advise the clerks by the 17th of April if they are attending.</i>	Members to advise clerks
b)	All Saints Church – Email Correspondence dated 28 th March 2018. Various questions raised. ND referred to correspondence from a resident which had been circulated and was in relation to SC ’s recent press statement on the All Saints Church Proposal. ND had responded and copies of the response had been circulated. Members who had not had time to read the response were given opportunity at the meeting. The matters were noted and no further comment was made. ND advised that he had received further correspondence from another resident that day which had been circulated. He advised he would respond to this correspondence in due course. MF raised concerns that the recent statement made in the press had caused some confusion amongst the public. She asked if an official press statement could be made on behalf of the Board to clarify the situation. ND advised that a presentation would take place to the Board on the 18 th of April in regard to progress with the investigations into the viability of the All Saints Church Proposals. MR confirmed that this would be an opportunity to provide information to the Board for their consideration at a subsequent statutory meeting.	
c)	End of Contracting-Out of the State Second Pension – Correspondence from Douglas Borough Council highlighting the additional cost to Employers. <i>PB advised that Douglas were concerned that the changes to contracting out would impact by transferring costs from taxation onto the rates. It was agreed that a letter supporting the position taken by Douglas would be sent to the Treasury Minister.</i>	PB
d)	Consultation on Election Legislation – Summary of Consultation carried out in 2017, this consultation is part of the root and branch review of the Isle of Man’s election legislation and poses a series of high level questions on how elections should run in the Isle of Man. <i>A discussion of various matters relating to the organisation of elections took place. ND proposed that Members consider the consultation documents prior to discussion at the</i>	On Agenda 02.05.18

	<i>meeting on May the 2nd.</i>	
212/17	Committee Reports	
a)	Municipal Association – TK reported that MHK Daphne Caine had attended to talk about the new Get Active Strategy.	
b)	Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust – <i>ntr</i>	
c)	Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities – <i>ntr</i>	
d)	Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee – Next meeting 10 th May. <i>PB</i> advised that several matters had been forwarded for inclusion on the agenda, including the request for a Pelican Crossing at Fairy Cottage.	
e)	Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting - <i>ntr</i>	
f)	Regeneration Committee – <i>ntr</i>	
g)	Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – Meeting 12.04.18. ND to attend.	
h)	Northern Civic Amenity Site – JQ reported that the site is operating and performing well particularly in terms of its recycling rates.	
i)	Northern Swimming Pool Board - MF asked why the site was closed on Bank Holidays. JQ advised that this was due to the cost of staffing the venue on these days. JQ advised, however, that opening hours were to be extended during the period of the NSC swimming pool closure.	
j)	Northern Area Housing steering group - <i>ntr</i>	
k)	Northern Sheltered Housing Committee – MF advised that the Committee would be visiting residents in all the complexes in the coming weeks.	
l)	Eastern Area Housing steering group - <i>ntr</i>	
m)	Waste Management Steering Group - <i>ntr</i>	
n)	Waste Management Working Group – <i>ntr</i>	
213/17	Officer Reports	
a)	Finances – PB to circulate figures for March in due course.	
b)	Health and Safety – MR reported that a meeting had taken place with the H&S consultant in regard to the forthcoming Brass Band Event, Prash Laxaa. MF asked about parking. MR reported that it was hoped that the Pavilion car parks could be used.	
c)	Works and Amenities – A discussion took place in regard to the provision of improved skate park facilities in Laxey. MR reported that several requests had been made for such facilities in recent weeks. PK reported that his own grandchildren were considering writing in to the Commissioners. It was noted that no consideration had been given to this matter as yet. The proposal for a sports hall on Glen Road was noted, and would be a factor if the provision of skate board facilities were to be considered.	
d)	Cooil Roi Sheltered Housing Complex – JPL circulated a report on a draft policy on ownership of pets at Cooil Roi. JPN left the meeting as she had been closely petitioned by a resident with an interest in this matter. JPL advised that currently reptiles, fish and birds were allowed. She asked members to consider whether dogs/cats could be permitted in designated flats which had easy external access etc. Members to consider this matter and discuss at a future meeting. JPN re-joined the meeting. JPL advised that DoI were encouraging sheltered housing to be covered by a remote 'on-call' telephone warden system at night. She presented a second report on the need to retain on-site wardens at night time in Cooil Roi. The report advised how an on-site warden system could be retained in a cost efficient manner. Members were asked to consider this report for discussion at a subsequent meeting.	Members to read reports
214/17	Staffing Matters - <i>ntr</i>	

215/17	Chairman's Report – ND requested that additions/corrections to the draft newsletter be forwarded to the clerks asap. It was agreed to proceed, produce and distribute the newsletter once the final draft had been approved by the Chairman. JQ asked if the newsletter should be sent to media organisations. It was agreed that this should be done.	Clerks to produce.
216/17	Any Other Business (Any other URGENT business as authorised by the Chairman for consideration).	
a)	To discuss a new policy on document/data retention. PB reported that he was awaiting information in this regard. It was agreed to reserve discussion to a subsequent meeting.	
b)	Invitation from Head of Housing to political update meeting - 23rd May at 7.00pm, agenda and location will be advised in good time. Officers are also invited to attend as observers. PB to reserve 6 places.	PB
c)	Armistice 2018 – 'There But Not There' is the 2018 Armistice project for the charity Remembered. Request from Royal British Legion for the Commissioners to consider purchase of Tommy figure for use in a public space at any time through 2018. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10"/25cm high Perspex Tommy figure of a World War One soldier £29.95, plus £3.00 p&p. • Tommy (6 foot aluminium) price £750.00. PB to order a Tommy Figure as a sample for Members to consider.	PB
d)	A2 Car Parking – Department of Infrastructure advisory notices placed on vehicles parked on the highway, 'breaking the flow of traffic'. Correspondence received from residents. <i>This matter was being investigated by the clerks. MHK Martyn Perkins had also been contacted by the residents.</i>	clerks
e)	Future of the Burial Authority for Lonan – Request from Chairman for this to be placed on this week's agenda and attach a proposal for debate. It was noted that insufficient notice had been allowed for acceptance of this proposal. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the meeting on the 2 nd of May 2018.	
f)	Patio Heaters – Retrospective request to install two electric patio heaters at 'The Shed', Laxey Promenade. ND advised that the clerks were investigating certification for these devices. They would report back at the next meeting.	
g)	Beach Buddies – Debrief from Clerks meeting with Bill Dale. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Bins. • Footpath maintenance Community litter picks – Working in partnership – Beach Buddies, Garff Commissioners, Laxey and Dhoon Schools. Beach Buddies will provide hi vis, equipment, training and public liability insurance. PB had attended a meeting with Mr Dale. The Commissioners discussed the current agreement which covers some beaches in Maughold, and considered extending this arrangement to cover beaches at Cornaa, Laxey and Garwick. PB advised that Beach Buddies were also offering to organise work parties to maintain footpaths, and also offering to organise litter picks on the highways. <i>The clerks were instructed to contact Mr Dale to discuss these Matters further.</i>	Clerks
h)	MF requested that the bin that was damaged on the Dhoon Loop Road be replaced. Clerks to arrange.	clerks
i)	MF advised that Maughold Parish Day would be taking place on the 21 st of July	
j)	TK advised Members of the passing of Mr Ian Quayle of Baldrine. ND expressed sadness on	

	<i>behalf of the Board, stating that the thoughts of all Commissioners were with Mr Quayle's family. Mr Quayle's funeral will take place on 20th April, 11am, at Trinity Methodist Church, Rosemount, Douglas.</i>	
k)	SC requested a meeting with Manx Utilities in regard to obtaining an update on the investigations into sewerage treatment facilities in Laxey and at Garwick. This was agreed. Clerks to arrange.	clerks
l)	SC requested information on properties with long term rate arrears. Clerks to obtain for next meeting.	clerks
m)	SC asked about the status of the Laxey Pavilion. PB reported that the tender process was ongoing, but a new tenant had not been announced as yet. SC stated that he felt the Commissioners should have taken over the Pavilion and Glen Gardens from DEFA. This would be considered should the Department be unable to find a tenant.	
n)	SC enquired about progress with contacting the owners of a derelict property on Dumbell's Terrace. PB reported that he had written to the owner in the UK, but no response had been received to date.	
o)	PK asked about a vehicle parked across the pavement at Croit e Quill Close. MR advised that the matter had been investigated, but it had emerged that the Close remained un-adopted. Consequently, there were no powers available to enforce highway matters on the Close.	
p)	PK referred to a matter regarding a complaint about poor visibility caused by a hedge at Keyll Lhiarjee. Highways had been alerted and had sent an officer to view the hedge. It was anticipated that advice would be issued to the residents in regard to the hedge in due course.	
q)	PK asked if the recycling area at Glen Road could be kept tidy. This was noted.	
r)	PK advised that information in some of the notice boards was out of date. This was noted and would be rectified.	
s)	JS requested an update on the proposals for a new toilet block in the Valley Gardens. MR advised that the architect had been contacted and would produce revised plans in due course.	
t)	MR circulated a copy of a new painting of Robert Moughtin by Daphne MacOwan of Maughold. Mrs MacOwan intended to donate the painting to the Commissioners for display in the Board Room. Members were most impressed by the painting and thanked Mrs MacOwan warmly for her very kind gesture.	
217/17	Private - no matters discussed in private.	
	Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 2 nd of May 2018 (AGM)	