

**LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS**

**Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 6.45 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Mr J James (Vice Chairman), Mr P Kinnish, Mrs R. Bate, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman), Mr J Rosa.

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk,

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

**63/13 Planning Matters**

**a) Planning Applications**

b) None.

**f) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**

None.

**g) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

None.

**h) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

None.

**i) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

None.

**64/13 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September on 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed JJ, Seconded JR*

**65/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**a) Minute Reference 60/13 item c).**

JR stated he had done some research into the First World war and Laxey Village to establish if there were any key events or impacts of note. At this time there was nothing to report.

**66/13 General correspondence**

**a) Lonan Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 1100 hours at All Saints Church.**

*Resolved - RB to attend.*

**b) Andreas Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 1115 hours at Andreas Parish Church, followed by refreshments.**

*Resolved – No Commissioner available to attend.*

**c) Mark Cleator from Laxey Fire Station writes on 24<sup>th</sup> September requesting financial support for the annual fireworks display on 5<sup>th</sup> November and invites all to attend.**

*A discussion took place and it was resolved to make a donation of £150 towards the Laxey Fire Station Fire Work display.*

**d) Onchan District Commissioners e-mails at 1634 hours on 25.09.13 - Onchan District Commissioners' chairman, Mr Rob Callister, would like to invite you and/or your vice-chairman to a meeting of all local authorities which is to be held at our Willow House boardroom on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a meeting of political representatives with the aim of discussing the Government's proposals for housing and waste collection. Mr Callister would like to stress the importance of this discussion and I would be grateful if you could confirm that you will be able to attend. Willow House is the library building in Main Road, Onchan. Entrance to the boardroom is from the lane at the rear of the building. There is ample parking available at the Commissioners Offices.**

*A discussion took place and it was resolved AJ and JR would attend.*

- e) Claire Pullen e-mails at 2005 hours on 25.09.13 on [Claire@salmonriver.im](mailto:Claire@salmonriver.im) - Further to our correspondence earlier in the year, we have now completed our renovation of the old Manx Leathers Building into Salmon River Apartments. We firstly wanted to thank you and all the village residents for their patience during the build and hope that all the builders traffic has not been too inconvenient. We hope that everything is as you would like it and extend our invitation for you to come for a tour of the building if you would like to. Secondly, would it please be possible to add our accommodation to your website? If so please let me know I can do this. Many thanks and kind regards Claire Pullen.  
*Resolved Clerk to contact Mrs Pullen to arrange a visit.*

#### **67/13 Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate - Nothing to Report.  
b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – No Report.  
c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa – Nothing to Report  
d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – No Report  
e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa – Meeting Date 11.09.13. *The Clerk sort resolution from the Board to approve the proposal from the Garff Joint Initiative Committee to rectify the EFW weight discrepancies caused by Refuse Collection round overlap. Proposed AM, Seconded RB.*  
*Unanimously Resolved – Clerk to report back to Lonan and Maughold Commissioners and progress the matter with the Department of Infrastructure Waste Operations Division.*  
f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – No Report.  
g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – No Report.  
h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa. Meeting Dates 25.09.13, 30.10.13 27.11.13. – *JR reported that the MER station refurbishment plan had been scaled down due to escalating costs. The scheme is now separate from the Regeneration Village Square and Rose Garden plans. The paving has been removed from the scheme and the station surface will now be finished with stones chippings and the existing lights will be removed refurbished and replaced*  
i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore  
No Report.

#### **68/13 Chairman's Report**

AM reported he had represented Laxey Village Commissioners at Maughold's Civic Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013.

#### **69/13 Reports**

- a) Works and Amenity Report.  
JJ reported he had inspected the village amenities with Peter Kinnish. JJ reported that the Campsite was in an excellent state of repair and on the whole the majority of the village amenities were in an acceptable condition. The following items were highlighted to progress, painting of the Promenade Garage doors, replacement of the Promenade small store door, painting of the small tennis court fence poles and Mines Road toilets. Larger jobs identified included a fence at the bowling green next to the houses and resurfacing of the Glen Road recycling area car park. PK reported that the bus shelter in Whitehouse Close was in a poor state of repair and proposed the Commissioners paint it. A discussion took place and the Board Resolved the Clerk contact the Department and offer to decorate the shelter as a one off undertaking.

#### **70/13 Any Other Business**

- a) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust letter of 27.09.13 thanking the Board for their donation of £1000.00 to the provision of tourist information services.  
*Resolved to Note.*

- b) Steve Rodan telephones on 01.10.13 in his capacity as Chairman of the Laxey and Lonan live at home Committee. The organisation currently shares an office in Onchan but ideally would like to relocate to Laxey. Mr Rodan enquires if the Laxey Police office is available.  
*A discussion took place and the Board Resolved that the Clerk contact the the Police Inspector at Ramsay to establish if they still required use of the office and to contact Maughold Commissioners to offer use of the office for their Clerk.*
- c) Clerk reports the plastic goal posts that were located on the old Bowling Green have been dismantled and throw into the river by persons unknown. Some of the parts have been retrieved but some are still missing, these maybe washed up onto the beach over the next few days.  
*PK advised the Football Club had some spare goal posts that he would arrange to be put on the bowling green.*
- d) Emma Quirk, Events Manager for the Island of Culture emails at 0904hrs on 02.10.13.

**Island of Culture- launch event**

As we hope you are aware by now 2014 will be a celebration of culture across the Island. As part of these celebrations the Island of Culture Committee are keen to ensure the launch of the event is marked Island wide. One idea that has been suggested by the committee is beacons or bonfires around the Island in the various parishes on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014. This would mark the Traditional Christmas Day, coincide with the launch of a Year of Culture stamp set and begin the celebrations for the year.

My reason for writing is to establish which local commissioners and areas might be interested in joining us in this celebration? We are hoping to have a bonfire/ beacon on each headland around the island. Although this will not completely ring the Island in fire, it will give a sense of Viking heritage and be a visually effective. In the first instance please let me know if this is something you could consider.

As the Events Manager for Year of Culture I would be available to assist in the planning and coordination of these events. Should you wish to discuss this please contact me on 07624 341823.

I am looking forward to hearing from you in near future and welcome any questions.

*Resoled to Note.*

- e) Garff Carol Service – Lonan Commissioners do not support the proposal to hold the event in Lonan this year.  
*A discussion took place and it was resolved to encourage neighbouring Commissioners and residents to attend the Annual Lifeboat Carol Service at Laxey Methodists Church.*
- f) Onchan District Commissioners copy Laxey Commissioners into an Open Letter to Mr Robertshaw opposing proposed Housing Reforms when the current system is working.  
*Letter circulated to Commissioners – Resolved to note.*
- g) ODC Community Officer Report for September 2013 with no offences disclosed. Also states that the Officer will be taking extended leave in February 2014.  
*Resoled to Note.*
- h) A discussion took place with respect to relocating the skate trailer from Glen Road to the land upstream of the turbine house. Clerk to investigate.

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm  
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 6.45pm.