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| LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS Mid Monthly MeetingWednesday 21st May 2014 6.45 pm |
| Meeting Minutes |
| **Present:** Mrs R.Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman), **In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mr J Rosa. |
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|  | The Clerk advised a letter of resignation dated 21.05.14 had been received from Justin Rosa, AM read out the letter to the meeting. The letter stated that with great regret JR wished to formally resign as a Laxey Commissioner, stating it had been a great privilege to serve alongside his fellow Commissioners. The Clerk advised an election timetable had been drawn up and had be approved by the department. Close of nominations will be at 5pm on 3rd June 2014, with an election on Tuesday 1st July 2014. |  |
| **11/14** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
|  | Planning Application No 14/00573/B of 12.05.14 in respect of erection of an external fire escape staircase and installation of roof lights to dwelling at Minorca Chapel, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3675].*Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00573/B.* |  |
|  | Planning Application 14/00575/B of 12.05.14 in respect of replace existing glazed conservatory annex roof with roof tiles at 53, Ard Reayrt, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3676]. *Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00575/B.* |  |
|  | Planning Application No 14/00425/C of 07.04.14 in respect of retrospective permission to use car park for extra storage and a transit area at Glen Mill, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3673]. Submissions before Friday 9th May 2014. Application Withdrawn. *Resolved - To Note withdrawn Planning Application no. 14/00425/B.* |  |
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|  | **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)** |  |
|  | Planning Approval Notice No 14/00299/B of 09.05.14 in respect of construction of raised decking to rear elevation of dwelling at Nirvana, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3669]. {Delegated Powers}. Approved by LVC.*Resolved - To Note Planning Approval Notice no 14/00299/B.* |  |
|  | **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)** |  |
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|  | **Planning - other Correspondence** |  |
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| **12/14** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | Minutes of AGM and Monthly Meeting held on 7th May 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.*Proposed JJ, Seconded RB* |  |
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| **13/14** | **Matters arising out of the minutes 7th May 2014.** |  |
|  | Meeting Reference – 06/14, item a).Employee Contracts – Commissioners to review with a view to approving. Circulated with papers to meeting 07.05.14.*A discussion took place and it was resolved to defer consideration of the employee contracts until meeting 11.06.14.* |  |
|  | PK raised the matter of Works and Amenities. A discussion took place and it was resolved PK and AM would undertake a village inspection and report back to the Board. |  |
|  | PK requested that Works and Amenities be placed on Committee Reports section of the Monthly papers to meeting. The Clerk confirmed this would be placed on the agenda for the meeting 11.06.14. |  |
|  | PK raised the matter of the MER station and the recently completed track relay works. PK stated a road had been made between the church car park and the station and that the lawn should be reinstated. A discussion took place and it was agreed the department had stated the work were incomplete and the grass would be reinstated. PK said he would raise the matter at the next regeneration meeting. A general discussion about Regeneration took place including the Coach park works which were scheduled to be completed on 23.05.14, and the footpath from Captains Hill to the MER station which was still believe to be blocked off. |  |
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| **14/14** | **General Correspondence** |  |
|  | Carlos.Phillips@cso.gov.im e-mails at 1530 hours on 01.05.14 - Consultation: Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2014 and Representation of the People Regulations 2014 Please find attached the consultation document on the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2014 and Representation of the People Regulations 2014. Unusually, this consultation document is seeking views on the draft Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2014 and the draft Representation of the People Regulations 2014 as a package. This approach has been taken to provide the opportunity for comment on all primary and secondary legislation relating to the electoral process. The intention of the amendment Bill is to ensure key reforms and modernisation of the existing legislation is undertaken in the time available before the 2016 General Election. Although further reform will need to be considered in the future the changes are an important step towards improving transparency and governance of the Island’s election process. The main aims of the Isle of Man’s legislation package, on which views are being sought, are to: • ensure the electoral process is easily understood by returning officers and those who assist in the running of elections, prospective candidates and the electorate; and • to update the legislation to introduce the key recommendations from the Independent Panel’s Review. These provisions relate to the registration of political parties and the declaration of candidates’ expenses. We welcome your views on the draft Bill and Regulations which can be found electronically at: http://tinyurl.com/ohle7dc The consultation on the Bill runs for 8 weeks from today. The closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 27 June 2014.*A discussion took place and RB stated she candidates should make public sponsors names.* |  |
|  | AM forwards e-mail at 1511 hours on 02.05.14 - Good morning Mr Moore, Following our telephone conversation yesterday evening may I formally request consideration be given by the Laxey Commissioners to allow me to have a dedicated seat placed on Laxey sea front. By way of background.....my mother and father (both deceased. Dad recently 31st March 2014) came to Laxey for their annual 2 week holiday from 1958 to the late 1980's when my my Mother's health deteriorated. Originally, they stayed at Maycroft, Menorca run by George and Gladys Lawson and once Maycroft closed stayed with Patsy and Donald Quirke. Over the years they made many Laxey friends and remained very close friends with George and Gladys even when they moved to the cottage at the harbour (and I remain friends with George jnr.). My brother and I having also been coming to Laxey as Children from 1958 with our parents and have continued a love affair with Laxey. My family and my grown up and married children have remained regular visiters to Laxey and we were there for a week at Easter which we've done consecutively for the past 10 years. It would therefore be a fitting testament to my mum and dad's love for the Island and in particular Laxey if a seat with an appropriate plaque could be placed overlooking Laxey beach, and I would very much appreciate the Commissioners agreeing to my request. If you can agree to this will you please advise me about what practical steps I need to take to arrange to purchase a seat and any health and safety procedures I need to adhere to. Equally I would be more than happy to have a local carpenter friend of mine in Laxey liaise with yourself to have a seat installed and will of course pay any costs for it's siting and installation. I look forward to hearing from you once you have had the opportunity to discuss my request with your colleague Commissioners.*Resolved to approve.* |  |
|  | Andrew Smith writes on 07.05.14 regarding the Laxey Fair and requests permission to use the Valley Gardens and for LVC to assist with administration and photocopying, etc.*Resolved to approve*. |  |
|  | Community Bye-Law Officer Report for April 2014 with no offences reported, but some disclosed and dealt with by way of instant advice. He does report that during a patrol on 7th May last at 1125 hours at the Henry Bloom Noble Green a current Laxey Commissioner was seen exercising his dog on this land, which is a prohibited area. He was given advice on this occasion.*AM stated he felt that the report should not highlight the fact the offence had been committed by a Commissioner. PK stated his dog had escaped from his van and due to being deaf had not responded to heal.* |  |
|  | Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities Report for the year ending 31st December 2013.*AM took the report away to read.* |  |
| **g)** | Office of the Clerk of Tynwald writes on 13.05.14 with regards to Tynwald Day on Monday 7th July 2014 and the allocation of Grandstand Tickets. Allocation is of two tickets and car parking for the Chairman. Please reply by 30.05.14 if you want them. Reply to enquiries@tynwald.org.im, or by completing attached receipt. Nina Lowney, Head of Tynwald Administration.*Resolved to note that AM will be attending.* |  |
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| **15/14** | **Approval of Statements of Accounts** |  |
|  | Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2014 were circulated for approval. The Clerk, having advised the Members that a full copy of the above Accounts had been circulated with the meeting summons, sort resolution from the Board to approve the Accounts.*It was unanimously resolved to approve the accounts for the year end 31st March 2014.**Proposed JJ, Seconded RB.* |  |
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| **16/14** | **Reports** |  |
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| **17/14** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | Douglas Corporation confirmation of their Civic Service on Sunday 8th June 2014 at 1020 hours at St Georges Church, with reception afterwards. RSVP with numbers attending.*As no one was available to attend it was Resolved the Clerk write and send apologies.* |  |
|  | Sir Laurence New writes on 18.05.14 to congratulate the Chairman of Laxey Commissioners, the team and especially the Clerk for the excellent and imaginative arrangements for the Commonwealth Baton Relay Event.*Resolved to Note.* |  |
|  | Julie Pinson writes on 20.05.14 regarding Laxey Beach Café and asks for permission to erect a tent outside the café for this season and to do so before TT to help in case of bad weather on Laxey Day.*A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to refuse the request to erect a tent. A discussion took place in respect permissions to have coin operated ride on toys located inside and outside the public shelter. It was unanimously resolved the clerk write to Mrs Pinson and ask for evidence of permission from the Commissioners and if this cannot be provided request Mrs Pinson removes the ride on toys immediately.* |  |
|  | Clerk reports following consultation with the Chairman 4 additional picnic benches have been ordered from Wood Works and a cost of £175 each, including delivery.*Resolved to note.* |  |
|  | Isle of Man Stamps & Coins letter of 20th May 2014 regarding Centenary of World War 1 – Commemoration. They are introducing a range of commemorative items which feature life in the trenches and trench art. They have been approached by a number of organisations asking the Post Office to produce unique local memorabilia for children. They are pleased to help prepare such items at their expense and without commitment. If you would like to consider this please contact M.E. cannon on 698437 or Maxine.cannon@iompost.com.*A discussion took place and there were no ideas put forward.* |  |
|  | PK raised the matter of village notice Boards and requested the Clerk to circulate an email sent previously detailing suppliers. |  |
|  | JJ reported that the Henry Bloom Noble green was looking much improved following removal of the beach stones and repairs to the grass. JJ requested the BBQ disposal point be replaced and PK asked if the BBQ stands could be put out. The Clerk advised this was in hand. |  |
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|  | Meeting Closed at 8.23pm |  |
|  | Date of next meeting - Wednesday 11th June 2014, 6.45pm. |  |