

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 17th June 2014 at 1000 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

Present: Mr S. Clucas, Mr J. Faragher, Mr S. Clague, Mr M. Burgess, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Mr N. Dobson.

Chair: Mr S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

22/14 Private Meeting of the Board to discuss matters arising out of Clerk's refusal to disclose confidential information. *{Origin: Statutory Meeting – 22.04.14 – 08/14(b) – SEC and Statutory Meeting – 21.05.14 – 20/14(b)}. (See also 29/14(d))* Action

SC outlined the background to this unusual situation and a discussion took place to clarify the Boards' position regarding the receipt of anonymous or confidential complaints. SEC pointed out that he didn't want a private meeting but that everyone should be involved. SC believed that all complaints should be looked at but where there was a named complainant this should be available to the Board in confidence. The Board unanimously supported this proposal. SEC sought assurance that he had been fully vindicated in his actions regarding the substance of the original complaint and this was unreservedly given.

23/14 Election of Officer

- b) Election of Vice Chairman – 1. **PH** informed the Board that **ND** had indicated that if nobody else was willing to stand, then he would put his name forward. **JF** offered to stand and this was proposed by **SEC**, seconded by **MB** and he was duly elected.

24/14 Election of Member to a Committee.

- g) Garff Joint Initiative Committee. **SEC** stated that he was happy to continue with this Committee and he was re-elected.

25/14 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21st May 2014.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21st May 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: MB. Seconded by: JF.

26/14 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **SC – 18/14(b)** – Stated that he was unable to attend Laxey Fair.
- b) **SC – 18/14(c)** – Asked if the tickets had arrived to which the Clerk replied no and **SEC** stated that he would attend. SEC
- c) **SC – 18/14(d)** – Stated that he was unable to attend this meeting and asked if **JF** and **SEC** would attend on his behalf in addition to **ND**, to which they agreed. JF/
SEC

27/14 Private Sessions.

28/14 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Appeal Rebuttal Notice 13/91346/A of 28.05.14 in respect of appeal against approval for approval in principle to erect a dwelling on land adjacent to Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. Letter of rebuttal by applicant. *SC read the report and a discussion followed.*
- b) Completion Certificate No. 13/07361/DEX of 04.06.14 in respect of demolition of existing single storey extensions and replace with two storey extension. Replacement of flat roof with pitched roof on ancillary accommodations at Baldrine Lodge, Main Road, Baldrine, IM4 6ET. Planning Application 13/00753/B refers. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*
- c) Planning Approval Notice No. 14/00454/B of 05.06.14 in respect of erection of a dwelling, comprising amendments to PA 10/01130/B at Plot 2, The Spinney, Baldrine Hill, Baldrine, IM4 6DS. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*
- d) Completion Certificate No 13/07011/DEX of 09.06.14 in respect of proposed two storey rear extension comprising of a ground floor sitting room and a first floor bedroom at Sea View, Ballaragh, Lonan, IM4 7PN. (PA 12/01677/B refers). *Noted.*
- e) Planning Refusal Notice No 14/00297/B of 10.06.14 in respect of erection of an extension to existing garage to provide a workshop and additional garage and alterations to vehicular access at Fern Cottage, Ballaragh. Lonan, IM4 7PJ. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*
- f) Planning Approval Notice No 14/00384/B of 10.06.14 in respect of creation of field access at Field 612727, Baldrine Farm, Baldrine Road, Baldrine. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*
- g) Planning Application No 14/00692/B of 03.06.14 in respect of erection of an extension to replace existing conservatory to rear elevation at 5, Croit-e-Quill Close, Lonan, IM4 7JE. *Approved.*

29/14 Correspondence.

- a) Letter from Mr Ronan concerning the merger of Laxey, Lonan and Maughold Local Authorities. **NOTE:** He refers to the e-mail from PH dated 16.05.14 stating that we are in agreement to merge. **The e-mail actually states** ‘The Boards believe that the time is right to seek discussions with you to establish exactly what is required and what the timetable would be to achieve this ending if found to be viable and continue to have the support of the residents’.) It does not suggest that we are going ahead. *A discussion took place with regards to the objectives of the forthcoming meeting with the Department.*
- b) 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. *Noted.*
- c) Letter from Brigadier N A Butler CBE, Chairman Isle of Man Armed Forces Day Committee regarding the Event that takes place on Sunday 29th June 2014 with a march starting at 1500 hours from Regent Street to the Villa Marina where a service starts at 1545 hours followed by refreshments. RSVP. *MB/JF to attend.* **MB/JF**
- d) (By Hand overnight on 30th May 2014). Letter of complaint from Mr Clague regarding Clerk’s actions and powers with regards to confidential matters and notice that he is standing down as Vice Chairman and all Committees until this is resolved. *Dealt with at 22/14 above.*

- e) Consultation on DisabledGo Online Disability Access Guide - I am writing to invite you to comment on the attached consultation documentation in relation to the DisabledGo online disability access guide. The public consultation is open from now until **13 July 2014**. The public consultation is in two sections, one questionnaire is aimed at service users of the online guide, whilst the other is aimed at venues already on the guide. The contract with DisabledGo ends in January 2015 and it was considered that a public consultation to gauge the effectiveness of the guide was necessary before an expression of interest exercise is initiated. I welcome your views on the guide which can be viewed at: www.disabledgo.com/organisations/isle-of-man-government/main. The online surveys can be viewed at: <http://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=441>. *SEC expressed full support for the objectives outlined in the Report. No submission or comment to add.*
- f) Municipal Association e-mails at 1308 hours on 03.06.14 to Jonathan King regarding Select Committee on the Domestic Rating System - I have been instructed to advise you that, on careful reflection, and due to there being no one opinion amongst our Members, our Chairman has decided that it is not possible to attend the public hearing. All Local Authorities have seen your letter and been encouraged by the Municipal Association to send in their individual views. (*Lonan Commissioners elected to make no submission in relation to the Select Committee on the Domestic Rating System*).
Municipal Association e-mails at 2010 hours on 16.06.14 on behalf of the regarding the Select Committee on the Domestic Rating System - I am aware that many of our Member Authorities have responded individually to the initial approach, but, due to today's communication from Mr King, I am now writing to ask if any of our Members wish to attend the Select Committee on 27 May to give 'oral evidence'. The following is self-explanatory. I have replied to Mr King advising that the time factor is a problem with our monthly meeting falling the evening before, as he originally asked for a reply by 19 June. If possible, kindly advise me by 19 June if you would like to be one of the four attendees now allocated to the Municipal Association.
Rob Callister e-mails the Municipal Association on 16.06.14 regarding the Select Committee on the Domestic Rating System - *SC outlined his views regarding the proposed changes and these were endorsed by the Members. It was agreed that SC would contact the Municipal Association regarding any such submission or attendance and he would report back.*
- g) Clean A Way writes on 05.06.14 to offer Refuse Collection Services, both Commercial and Domestic. They are part of the Strand Group and comprises Magees Haulage. They wish to expand their business and look forward to speaking to the Board of Commissioners if they so wish. *Noted.*
- h) Resident of All Saints Park, Lonan, IM4 7LA requests a second wheelie bin due to family size. Permission is sought to issue him with a 360 litre bin instead. *A discussion took place and concern was expressed about the possible precedent being set for the issue of the larger wheelie bin, with consequent cost of supply and disposal. The Clerk was requested to establish what the unusual circumstances were that required a larger bin and if reasonable to offer the bin at payment of the difference between a standard bin and the larger. Clerk to be given powers to use judgement in similar cases.*
- i) Gary Roberts, Chief Constable, writes on 11th June 2014 concerning the considerable financial pressures that the Constabulary is under and how they propose to address them. To this end he is inviting up to two members of the Authority to attend a meeting with him on Wednesday 18th June 2014 at 1830 hours at the Pavilion Suite, rear of The Grill in the Park Restaurant where he will. Outline the details of a major modernisation and restructuring programme to be implemented shortly. These changes will have significant implications across the island. Please respond with details of numbers attending. *SC to attend.*

j) Request to place Memorial Bench on site at the Millennium Stone, Creg-Ny-Baa Back Road. **PH**
Approved by the Board with request that the bench is secured to the ground.

k) Resident of Ballacannell telephones on 16.06.14 to ask if a Pedestrian Crossing could be put across the Main Road at j/w Church Road. Advised previously tried to get this but refused. *A discussion took place and the dangers were acknowledged. Matter to be put back to the NTMLG for further consideration.* **PH**

30/14 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

31/14 Special Agenda Items.

None Notified.

32/14 Any Other Business.

a) **JF** – requested clarification regarding Permitted development in respect of Garden Sheds. **PH** to supply information. **PH**

b) **SEC** – stated that the roads in Reayrt Ny Glionney were now clear and believed that the rates valuations for those properties that received discounts should now be rescinded and full rates paid. **PH** to make enquiries. (1,3,4,5,6, Reayrt Ny Glionney Chase). **PH**
(See PEM – 15.08.13 – 46/13(d) and SM – 21.08.14 – 53/13(d)).

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1124 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 0930 hours.