

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 1830 hours at Lonan Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

JF welcomed the Members to this, the last Meeting of Lonan Parish Commissioners and thanked them for their support over the years. Action

01/16 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 31st March 2016.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 31st March 2016 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: ND. **Seconded by:** SEC.

02/16 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **SC** – provided an update regarding developments on land adjacent to Westdene in Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan.

b) **ND** – asked if the No Through Road signs for Barroose Road were progressing to which the Clerk said that there were problems as it appears that there weren't any there before, but he would get a sign erected anyway. PH

03/16 Private Sessions.

04/16 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Appeal Notice No 15/00752/B of 22.04.16 in respect of appeal against approval for erection of eight dwellings with public open space on land between Reayrt Ny Glionney and existing dwellings in Croit-e-Quill Road. 12 collated sets of submission before 1700 hours on Monday 16th May 2016. This was approved by LPC. **PH** stated that he did not know who had raised an objection to this development. No further submission was required by LPC.

05/16 Correspondence.

a) Cabinet Office Consultation Letter of 07.04.16 regarding the future of the Manx Retail Prices Index. Responses to kay.collister@gov.im before Wednesday 18th May 2016. Noted.

b) A Resident of Ballaragh writes to express concern at the number of feral goats that are freely roaming around Bulghan and Ballaragh, including their gardens. The Resident is concerned not only about the nuisance, but dangers caused to road users. **PH** informed the Board that he had been in contact with the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture and he had received a very comprehensive reply. This information was passed to the Resident, who accepts that at this stage there is little that can be done, but hopefully when DEFA apply for powers then it can be addressed.

c) To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks: I attach your invitation to the Annual Minutes – 26.04.16 PH/
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General Meeting, which gives full details of the event, the venue, booking and payment arrangements. Our Chairman hopes as many as possible will attend what is always a very enjoyable evening. May I remind you that representatives of Local Authorities and Officials of the Association do remain in office up to and including the AGM, including any who may lose their seat in the elections or choose not to stand again. Representatives newly appointed after the Elections are warmly included in the invitation. "The Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association will be held on Thursday 26th May 2016 at The Meadows Pavilion Restaurant in Douglas, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt. The meal is a two-course carvery (catering for vegetarians), followed by tea or coffee, at a price of £17.00 per person. It is essential that payment in full be made with your booking and sent directly to our Treasurer. *ND stated that he would attend.*

- d) Douglas Corporation invitation of 18.04.16 to their Civic Sunday on Sunday 12th June 2016 at 1030 hours at St George's Church with formal invitations to be sent out later. *This was noted as it was believed that it would be a matter for the new Garff Board.*
- e) Insurance quotations from Rossborough and Kestrel were examined and compared and as a result it was agreed to approve the Rossborough 5 year plan. Proposed by **SC** and Seconded by **ND**. *The Clerk stated that he would not cancel Lonans' existing policies until he had received written confirmation that the new policy was in place.*

06/16 Enforcement Matters.

- a) *No new matters.*

07/16 Special Agenda Items.

- a) *See Any Other Business.*

08/16 Any Other Business.

- a) **ND** – Informed the members that he had been invited to appear on Manx Radio on election day to provide opinion and comment.
- b) **PH** – Presented photographs that he had recently taken in respect of the Snaefell Mine Disaster Plaque, which he had restored. The photographs showed before and after scenario. *JF proposed a vote of thanks to PH for the hard work undertaken to restore the plaque. This was unanimously given.*
- c) 1. **PH** – Informed the Members that he had now completed discussions with the Public Record Office regarding historical items held by Lonan Parish Commissioners that should be preserved for the Nation. He added that they had selected a large number of correspondence and photographs for retention there. A question had arisen regarding who has authority to do this if the items are 'Property' within the terms of the Garff (Local Government District) Order 2016. In which case it should be a matter for that Board or the Clerk on their behalf. PH stated that he had taken legal advice from the Department and they take the view that this is unspecific and can be dealt with locally by agreement with the Garff Clerk. PH stated that he had done so, and Mr Burgess did not have any object to these items going to the PRO and for the Lonan Clerk to sign them over; therefore it is requested that authority from this Board is given, so to do. *After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to authorise PH to sign the items over to the PRO. Proposed by JF and Seconded by SC.*

2. **PH** continued by stating that the PRO would accept, in addition to the correspondence and photographs, the Chairmen's Board of Honour, for retention and safe keeping in the public interest. Again he requested that authority from this Board is given, so to do. *ND stated that there was some discussion during the Garff Joint Initiative Meetings that they would display the three Authorities Chairmen's Boards in the Conference Room. It was noted that Maughold did not have one and Laxey's was nine years out of date. Consequently after further discussion it was agreed to pass the Chairmen's Board of Honour to the PRO. Proposed by JF and Seconded by SEC.*
 3. **PH** informed the Members that as regards the Centenary Head Board as carried on Tram 20, the PRO would recommend that this is given to Manx National Heritage for their collection and retention. *A discussion took place and various options were considered, such as donating it to the Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust or the Manx Electric Railway Museum. It was resolved that the Head Board should be donated to a suitable Authority and this was left subject to the discretion of the Clerk, with their ultimate approval. Proposed by JF and Seconded by SC.*
- d) **PH** – Referred to the Dell Laptop that was made redundant in 2011 and is now out-dated and from an accounting point of view has no value. In view of this **PH** asked if the Board would consider passing it to him, free and gratis as he was still continuing as Treasurer to the Municipal Association and would have a use for it. *This was unanimously agreed. Proposed by JF and Seconded by SC.*
 - e) **PH** – Stated that so far he had continued to operate Lonan Parish Commissioners as normal since 5th April, and has performed a number of additional functions such as keeping the Audit process on time and also the work for the PRO. There was still a lot of work to do in both areas and was likely that this will take until 14th May or thereabouts to complete both matters, and also continue clearing out redundant correspondence. He asked if it be beneficial and in the interests of the Board and Residents if he continued until 14th May on same basis and keeping the Office open, etc. Because of the changes it would be necessary to invoice the board in advance of this work. He believed that they would be looking at about 36 hours. *A discussion took place and SEC believed that it would take more time than the 36 hours, however it was agreed to approve these terms. Proposed by SEC and Seconded by JF.*
 - f) **PH** – Reported that there were Items that are of no interest to the PRO, including an unused Coffee Maker, Centenary Mugs, Toy Vehicles, 1st Day Covers and Glass Paperweights and a quantity of glasses, etc. He asked for directions. *A discussion took place and it was resolved to allow some or most of these items to be removed by the Members for personal retention, as they had no material value. It was further resolved that some of the items could be handed to the Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust, such as the First day Covers, for sale in their shop for the benefit of the local heritage. This was also agreed in principle.*
 - g) **PH** – Introduced the Garff Parish District Commissioners Memorandum of Understanding and stated that this needed to be approved and signed off by this Board. *A discussion took place and approval was given, Proposed by ND and Seconded by SEC. Signed by ND.*
 - h) **JF** – Handed the Chain of Office to the Clerk for retention.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1940 hours.

This was the last Statutory Meeting of Lonan Parish Commissioners.

Following the meeting a Group photograph was taken of the Members present, (left to right – SEC/JF/SC/ND). After which the items referred to at 08/16(f) were viewed, selected and some

removed.

The Members departed for the final time at 2000 hours. It was the end of an historical era lasting 123 years having been established on 9th October 1894 under the terms of the Local Government Act 1886. The first meeting took place at the Infants School Room, Laxey Glen on 13th October 1894 and now the final one on Tuesday 26th April 2016 in the Lonan Parish Commissioners Office at 35 New Road, Laxey.

