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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMinutes of the Monthly MeetingWednesday 6th July 2016 7.00 pm | | |
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| **Present:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman),  Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN). Mr S. Clague (SC), Mr T. Kenyon (TK).  **In Attendance**: Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy Clerk/RFO,  **Apologies:** Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk, Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager, Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr. J.  Quayle (JQ). | | |
| The meeting opened at 7.00 pm.  The Chairman welcomed Mr Gary Saunders from DoI who had been invited to discuss the suspension of car parking arrangements in Laxey during periods when the A18 Mountain Road is closed. Mr Saunders referred to the implementation of a ‘clearway’ through the village from Captain’s Hill to Rencell Hill, and noted that cones had also been placed on sections of Ramsey Road to encourage a similar ‘clearway’ on the approach from Maughold. He advised that there had been some negative feedback and he had come to the meeting to see if amendments could be made that would improve the situation in the future. The A18 Mountain Road road would be closed on the weekend of the 23rd of July for improvements before the MGP and there was likely to be a week long closure in April 2017. JPN advised that the clearway encouraged speeding which caused local residents concern and inconvenience to customers of local businesses. Mr Saunders proposed that the clearways be in operation at peak morning and evening times only, but it would involve someone being provided to remove and replace the cones; this should have happened during the last closure, but didn’t. Mr Saunders advised that he would arrange for SID signs to be deployed when the ‘clearways’ were in operation. He also proposed the investigation of the implementation of ‘gateway’ features at the entrances to the village areas. Mr Saunders committed to report back to the Commissioners as soon as he had conducted these investigations. Mr Saunders left the meeting at 7.21 pm. | | |
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| **46/16** | **Planning Matters** |  |
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| **a)** | 16/00372/B **Dreemskerry Farm**, Alterations and extension to existing access road, wall alterations and repositioning of two existing and installation of two additional lamp standards.  *No Objections were raised by Members.* |  |
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| **b)** | 16/00658/B **Hazlewood House**, Ballaragh Road, Laxey, Alterations and additions.  *No Objections were raised by Members.* |  |
| **c)** | 16/00687/B **Land to rear ‘Olinda’** South Cape, Laxey, AiP for the erection of a detached dwelling with garaging.  *No Objections were raised by Members.* |  |
| **d)** | Bungalow, **Ballamenagh Moar Farm** Baldrine, Extension to existing dwelling.  ***SC*** *referred to a previously approved application for a double storey garage extension at the property. The plans submitted indicated that the garage had not been built. The clerk was instructed to investigate the status of the previous application and report back to the meeting on the 20th July 2016.* |  |
| **e)** | 16/00715/B **Riverside House, Lower Rencell Hill**, Installation of replacement doors.  *No Objections were raised by Members.* |  |
|  | **Approval Notices -** *the following decisions were noted:* |  |
|  | **Planning Decision** 16/00593/B **Maughold Lighthouse Buildings**, alterations, erection of extension, creation of roof terrace and driveway amendments – Approved with conditions 29.06.16. |  |
|  | **Planning Decision** – 15/01144/B **Rhianfa, Ballafayle**, Erection of fencing (retrospective) – Refused 01.07.16. |  |
|  | **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**  15/00878/B **Ballashalom,** Glen Rd, Laxey, Appeal against refusal for extension and conversion of detached garage into a dwelling – Refusal decision reversed by the Inspector – Application approved 29.06.16.  *This decision was noted.* |  |
|  | **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)** |  |
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| **47/16** | **Approval of Minutes**  Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2016 for approval.  JPN proposed that these were an accurate record. Seconded RM. Resolved. |  |
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| **48/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
|  | JPN referred to the proposal to erect a **memorial to Sophia Goulden**. There followed discussion of a location in Lonan or Laxey. ND advised that the ‘Friends of Sophia Goulden’ would be in attendance at the next meeting and the matter could be discussed then. |  |
|  | JPN asked if flowers had been sent to **a resident** **to acknowledge her 100th birthday**. *The meeting was told that this had been organised by Mr Burgess.* |  |
|  | *SC requested that correspondence be sent to the Archdeacon requesting that a meeting take place with the Commissioners to discuss implementing a* ***‘Festival Church’*** *at Lonan Church.*  *Mr Rodan, Mr Pass to be invited.* |  |
|  | **To consider use of the noticeboards in Garff *(originated by MF 22.05.16).***  *The clerk reported that Bill Snelling and Pat Burgess had offered to manage the noticeboards in Garff. New noticeboards would need to be sourced for Laxey and possibly Maughold. Clerk to investigate and report back to next meeting. JPN suggested making information on service delivery and responsibilities more available on the noticeboards and on the website, to include contacts of relevant departments, etc.* |  |
|  | To Consider proposals from Pegasus Consulting for development of **Health and Safety Policy** for Garff, including Cooil Roi (previously discussed at AGM on 04.05.16.  *Members considered engaging a H&S consultant to provide ongoing advice for the authority. The clerk was instructed to source alternative quotations. It is envisaged that the consultant would provide ongoing H&S advice on policies, risk assessments and training needs, etc.* |  |
|  | **To discuss matters raised by residents with Mr Tim Kenyon during the recent Lonan Election** *(document containing list previously circulated).*  *It was agreed that TK would meet with ND to discuss the list and manifesto items and forward the matters to the relevant agencies.* |  |
|  | **To discuss ‘mini-bus tour’ to inspect the Sheading.**  *The clerk was instructed to source prices for a mini-bus on two/three separate evenings. Representatives from each ward to identify locations to visit.* |  |
|  | **To discuss Chain of Office for Garff.**  *The chains of office from Lonan and Maughold were examined. Laxey chains to be brought to next meeting.*  *SC proposed that the Chairman have a key to enable entrance to the office. This was noted.* |  |
|  | **To discuss correspondence from MUA Chief Executive dated 27th June 2016 regarding Sewerage Outfalls in Laxey Bay and Garwick Bay.**  *Correspondence from the Chief Executive of the MUA indicating that new sewage treatment facilities for Laxey Bay catchment were not envisaged to be implemented until 2020/2021.*  *The clerk was instructed to request a meeting with the Chairman and Chief Executive of the MUA with a view to bringing this date forward.* |  |
|  | **Signing of ‘Delegation of Functions to Garff Parish District’.**  *This document was signed by the Chairman.* |  |
|  | **Update on progress with play investigation of play equipment installation at Church Close.**  *The clerk reported that several responses had been received to the initial request for views from local residents. The investigations were ongoing and an interim report indicating options would be submitted to the Commissioners in due course.* |  |
|  | **Consideration of policy towards new charging mechanism at the efw following Clerk’s Forum held on 30.06.16.**  *The clerk reported that several other local authorities had suspended payments of the charges. It was agreed that Garff should also suspend payments until the matter had been satisfactorily resolved.* |  |
| **49/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
| **a)** | ***Peel Town Commissioners*** *– Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday 24th July 2016. Peel Cathedral, 11.45 pm. This matter was noted.* |  |
| **b)** | ***Friends of Sophia Goulden –*** *regarding attending the next Commissioners’ Meeting on the 20th of July 2016. This matter was dealt with in Matters Arising.* |  |
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| **c)** | ***Creative Juices –*** regarding operation of a ‘juice bar’ from premises on Laxey Promenade. It was agreed that this matter should be dealt with in Private Business due to the need to discuss commercially sensitive information. |  |
| **d)** | ***Notification of motorcycle Youth trial, Laxey Beach***  This matter was noted. This is an annual event. No concerns were raised. |  |
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| **50/16** | **Committee Reports** |  |
|  | **Municipal Association –** RM reported that courses were being planned for new commissioners. These would be organised by the LGU in conjunction with the Municipal Association. The new EfW charging mechanism had also been discussed. |  |
|  | **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust –** PK advised thathe had forwarded thelatest minutes to the clerk. The clerk was instructed to circulate these to all Members. |  |
|  | **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities –** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee –** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting -** ntr |  |
|  | **Regeneration Committee –** SC and JPN requested that further correspondence be forwarded indicating concern that a meeting takes place before the ‘snagging’ period has elapsed for the works completed in the last few years. |  |
|  | **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee –** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Civic Amenity Site –** RM reported that negotiations for the northern local authorities to take over operation of the Northern CA Site at Balladoole were ongoing. |  |
|  | **Northern Swimming Pool Board -** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Area Housing steering group -** ntr |  |
|  | **Northern Sheltered Housing Committee -** ntr |  |
|  | **Eastern Area Housing steering group -** ntr |  |
| **j)** | **Waste Management Steering Group -** ntr |  |
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| **51/16** | **Officers Report** |  |
|  | Feedback on Internal Audit Review of Cooil Roi Housing Authority 2015/16.  *This report had been circulated to MF and JPN. The clerk was instructed to circulate it to all Members. JPN reported that she had attended a meeting at Cooil Roi with MF. JPL had given them an introductory tour of the facility and given an insight into its operation. JPN suggested that an investigation into an extension to the facility be considered as demand for the accommodation was so high. This situation would be monitored.* |  |
| **52/16** | **Staffing Matters** |  |
| **a)** | Clerk’s contracts & renumeration – *Comment on this matter was reserved until the meeting on the 20th July. The clerk circulated a comparison of officers’ salaries at other similar authorities.* |  |
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| **53/16** | **Chairman’s Report -** ntr |  |
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| **54/16** | **Approval of Cheques –** *the clerk circulated a list of payments that had been made in the period since the last meeting.* |  |
| **55/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | JPN *advised that there were weeds growing in the Mines Road toilets and suggested that a ‘deeper’ clean be periodically carried out at the Commissioners’ toilets in the Village. The clerk advised that this may result in higher contract charges. He was instructed to discuss this matter with the contractor, arrange additional cleaning and report the costs back to the Board at a future meeting.* |  |
|  | *TK advised that Japanese Knotweed was growing in the Rose Gardens. The clerk advised that this would be investigated.* |  |
|  | *SC requested that a letter be sent to the MUA Flood Risk Manager asking that the whole of the Laxey river be cleared of silt and various debris prior to the autumn. The clerk was instructed to write to the authority as indicated above. JPN referred to the ‘Little Beach’ as an area of concern in the Laxey river, the damage to the bank was potentially dangerous, particularly for children.* |  |
|  | *RM asked when hedges were due to be cut. The clerk reported that operations were due to resume from Monday 18th July 2016.* |  |
|  | *JPN advised that she had contacted the DOI Chief Executive in regard to the circular bus being unable to access the promenade.*  *JPN also advised that DoI were looking at opening the bridge for the MGP period.* |  |
|  | *JPN asked if the area around the Turbine House could be tidied.* |  |
|  | *RM reminded Members that they were requested to attend meetings at 6.45 pm to pre-view planning applications.* |  |
|  | *The clerk was instructed to source a bench for the bus shelter at the Rose Gardens.* |  |
|  | The meeting closed at 10.04 pm.  Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20th July 2016 |  |