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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSMonthly MeetingWednesday 16th November 2016, 7.00 pm |
| Meeting Minutes |
| **Present:** Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mr R. Moughtin (RM) (Vice Chairman),  Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr. T. Kenyon (TK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr J. Quayle (JQ), Mr. S. Clague,(SC), Mrs J. Pinson (JPN). **In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess (PB) Clerk. Mr M.Royle (MR) Deputy Clerk/RFO,  Mrs Julie Peel (JPL) Housing Manager,**Apologies:** Nil. |
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| **142/16** | **Public Rights of Way – Maintenance –** Strimming and cutting back over growing vegetation. Meeting with representative from Department of Infrastructure, Hon Ray Harmer (RH), MHK, Jeff Robinson (JR), Alan Hardinge (AH).**ND** welcomed the Minister and Officers to the meeting. **JR** briefed the Commissioners on the extent of footpaths on the Isle of Man stating there were 176 miles of public rights of way (PROW) and that the department policy was to concentrate of on PROW’s where they recognised a need to increase the amenity value. **JR** continued stating the Department did not wish to give up the budget or staff, however they wanted LA Authorities to communicate priorities. It was Resolved that regular meetings would be held between the Local Authority and **AH** to prioritise works. **SC** asked if there was any obligations under the ‘Care of the Countryside scheme’ where the land owner had responsibility for maintain footpaths over their land. The Minister advised there was not but it was something they would look into. A general discussion took place referencing a number of Highways related issues. **ND** thanked the Minister and Officers for attending.  |  |
| **143/16** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
|  | **PA 16/01248/C - 5 Shore Road Laxey Isle Of Man IM4 7DJ.** Change of use of single dwelling house in to two tourist apartments.*Resolved - No objection.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01262/B – Thie Dhrynane, Church Road, Maughold, IM7 1AS,** Erection of garden shed and decking.*Resolved - No objection.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01139/A - Fields 612728 & 612727, off Baldrine Road**, AiP, residential development for 7 units and creation of access road. **AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED**.*Resolved - No objection.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01026/B – Thornfield, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, IM4 6DL**, Demolition of existing bungalow, creation of gatehouse and lodge (2 dwellings). Notice to advise that the above application has been **WITHDRAWN.***Resolved to Note.* |  |
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|  | **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
|  | **PA 16/00818/B** – **Shore Hotel, Old Laxey Hill, Laxey, IM4 7DA.** Replacement of existing doors with uPVC door and blockwork (retrospective).*Resolved to Note.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/00857/B** – **Plot 3 Field 614664, Ballaragh rd, Laxey, IM4 7PH.** Erection of a detached dwelling with garage.*Resolved to Note.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01149/B –** **6 Church Close, Lonan, IM4 7JY**, Replacement of existing conservatory roof.*Resolved to Note.* |  |
|  | **PA 16/01178/A - Plot Adj To Instow & Dreeymlang, Ballagorry Drive, Glen Mona, Maughold,** Approval in principle for the erection of a detached dwelling addressing means of access. |  |
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|  | **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
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|  | **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)** |  |
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| **144/16** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | It was Resolved the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016 were agreed to be a correct record of the discussion and decisions made at the meeting. Proposed **JQ**, Seconded **SC.**  Resolved. |  |
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| **145/16** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
|  | **Minute reference 123/16, item b)****Laxey Dog Bylaws Control Bylaws 2007 –** Current Bylaws due to expire31th October 2017. Consideration to be given to renewing the bylaw which will extend the coverage to the whole of Garff Sheading, in particular section 6(1)(a), which require the keeper of a dog to remove any faeces deposited by the dog on the highway or any other area or beach described in the order.*A detailed discussion took place and it was noted that the new bylaws will extend to cover public highways in Lonan and Maughold, however no additional areas were specified to prohibit dogs or where it would be an offence for a dog to be at large.* |  |
|  | **Minute reference 133/16, item b)****Safer Cycling Organisation** – Request from Sean McLachlan for Endorsement of Road Safety Campaign (previously circulated). *The Deputy Clerk briefed the Commissioners on meeting with Mr McLachlan and gave the following recommendations for promoting the ‘Safer Cycling’ in Garff:** *Signage on the A2 throughout Garff.*
* *Bicycle lights to be given to year 6 school children on completion of cycling proficiency.*
* *Public launch of initiative in January 2017, with press release.*
* *Seek endorsements from Mark Cavendish and Peter Kennaugh.*

*It was unanimously Resolved the Clerk progress the initiative.* |  |
|  | **Minute reference 123/16, item c)****Garff Refuse Contract Tender –** Advertisements have been placed in the IoM Newspaper and the tender specification and form of tender documents have been made available to interested parties.*The Clerk advised the closing date for submission of tenders was Friday 16th December 2016. Resolved to note. A discussion took place with respect to appointing a committee to review the Garff Refuse Tender returns.* |  |
|  | **Minute Reference Daphne McOwen 02.11.16****Chain of Office –** A brief discussion took place in order to brief **JPn** on the progress of the chain of office. |  |
|  | **Minute reference 141/16, item e)****Cranleigh Ville site – PK** raised the matter of the Cranleigh Ville site siting car parking issues on Glen Road. It was noted that Hon Martyn Perkins MHK was in communication with the Department of Infrastructure. |  |
|  | **Ballaglass Glen footbridge – MF** requested an update from the Clerk on the Departments plans to replace the bridge. The Clerk advised that he was awaiting an update from an officer from the Department of Infrastructure. |  |
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| **146/16** | **General Correspondence** |  |
|  | **Request for Memorial Bench Laxey Promenade –** Correspondence received form resident requesting permission to place a memorial bench on Laxey Promenade in Memory of her late Husband.*A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to approve the request.**Proposed* ***JPn****, Seconded* ***PK*** |  |
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| **147/16** | **Officers Reports** |  |
|  | **Health and Safety –** No matters to report. |  |
|  | **Works and Amenities –** No matters to report. |  |
|  | **Cooil Roi Sheltered Housing – JPl** reported that a 24 front doors at the complex required replacing and two quotations had been obtained. A discussion took place with respect to financial regulations and whether a third quotation was required. It was Resolved the Clerks investigate and report back to the next meeting. |  |
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| **148/16** | **In Private – Correspondence** |  |
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| **149/16** | **In Private – Staffing** |  |
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| **150/16** | **Chairman’s Report** |  |
|  | ND reported he had attended the Royal British Legion service of Remembrance at All Saints Church Lonan and thanked Commissioners for attending services at both Lonan and Maughold Churches. |  |
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| **151/16** | **Finance Report** |  |
|  | **Approval of Statement of Accounts Year Ending 30th April 2016 - Cooil Roi Housing Authority.**Approval of Statement of Accounts - The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 30th April 2016 presented to the Board for approval. The Clerk, having advised the Members that the Statements of Accounts had been received from the Independent Auditor, sort Resolution from the Board to be approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.*It was unanimously Resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts Year Ending 30th April 2016 from Cooil Roi Housing Authority. Proposed* ***JPn****, Seconded* ***MF*** |  |
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| **152/16** | **Any Other Business** |  |
|  | **Visit the IRBC treatment plant at Kirk Michael,** proposed dates Saturday 26th November or 3rd December at 2pm.***TK, SC, LM, MR*** *and* ***ND*** *confirmed they would be attending. Resolved to note.* |  |
|  | **Royal British Legion Remembrance service at All Saints Church Lonan –** Member of the RBL writes dated 15.11.16 requesting the Commissioners give consideration to reimbursing Mr Graham Hooton to the sum of £50, for the Public Liability Insurance provided for the service on 13.11.16.*It was unanimously Resolved to approve the payment of £50.00 for the public liability insurance provided for the service on 13.11.16.*  |  |
|  | **Royal British Legion Wreaths - Laxey and Lonan –** Clerk seeks consideration from the Commissioners for the cost of providing the wreaths at the Laxey and Lonan Branch RBL remembrance service. *It was unanimously Resolved to make a payment of £200.00.* |  |
|  | **Proposals for revised charges for recycling Fridge/freezer –** Department of Infrastructure Waste management email dated 16.11.16. Due to issues with a reduction in reprocessing facilities in the UK and the fall in value of scrap metal the Department has reviewed the charge to the public for recycling fridges and freezer at the four civic amenity sites. The proposed new charges will be effective from 1st December –

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|  **Under-counter fridge up to 50kg** | Charge | vat  | MWS total  | Charging option 1  | Charging option 2 |
| Manx Waste Solutions   | £10.17 | £2.03 | **£12.20** |   |  |
| CA to customer | £12.50 | £2.50 |   | **£15** | **£14** |
| **Chest Fridge/Freezer up to 100KG** |   |   |   |  |  |
| Manx Waste Solutions   | £20.34 | £4.07 | **£24.41** |   |  |
| CA to customer | £20.83 | £4.17 |   | **£25** | **£26** |
| **American style fridge 150kg+** |   |   |   |  |  |
| Manx Waste Solutions   | £40.68 | £8.14 | **£48.82** |   |  |
| CA to customer | £41.67 | £8.33 |   | **£50** | **£50** |

The Department seeks a consensus of opinion regarding the cost to the public either charging option 1 or 2. The current prices are:* Under-counter fridge up to 50kg - £12.00
* Chest Fridge/Freezer up to 100KG -£15.00
* American style fridge 150kg+ - £25.00

*A discussion took place and it was Resolved to recommend option 1.* |  |
|  | **Hibernia junction flooding – JQ** stated that the stream adjacent to the Hibernia Maughold Road required clearing as it was causing flooding. Clerk to contact MUA. |  |
|  | **Mines Road toilets – SC** reported that he had seen an elderly person with a walking frame struggle to get up the steps inside the toilet offered to put a concrete ramp in free of charge. |  |
|  | **Car Parking on Glen Road – PK** raised the matter of car parking on Glen Road and other areas in the village. It was Resolved **PK** laisse with the Clerk and come up with some recommendations which can then be forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure. |  |
|  | **Northern Civic Amenity Site – RM** expressed frustration with delays to progressing matter relating to option for running the site. |  |
|  | **Skate Park – JPl** presented an estimate for the creation of a skate park between at the Glen Rad recreation area, £237k. Resolved to note. |  |
|  | **Laxey and Lonan Heritage trust – TK** sort approval principle from the Board to progress the proposal by the trust to provide a children’s ‘play train and the Glen Mooar station of the Great Laxey Mine Railway. It was Resolved to support the proposal in principle and subject to any planning permission. **SC** expressed concernsit would not be in keeping with the area. |  |
|  | Meeting Closed at 9.46pm |  |
|  | Date of Next Meeting: 7th December 2016 |  |