

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday 19th July 2017, 7.00 pm

Minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting

Present: Mr S.Clague, Mr N. Dobson, Mrs M. Fargher, Mr T Kenyon, Mr P. Kinnish, Mr R. Moughtin, Mr. J. Quayle.

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr M.Royle, Deputy Clerk/RFO,

Apologies: Mr L. Miller (LM), Mrs J. Pinson (JP), Mrs Julie Peel, Housing Manager.

7.00pm	<i>Meeting Commenced. ND made an announcement in regard to the audio recording of the meeting which was to aid preparation of the minutes.</i>	
40/17	Planning Matters	
a)	Planning Application – 17/00715/B – 10 All Saints Park, Lonan, IM4 7LA. Two storey extension to side of property. <i>The Commissioners seek assurance that the window on the gable will be obscured glass. PB advised that parking provision was adequate with two spaces on the application site and a ly-by nearby. Notwithstanding this, they have no objections to this application and recommend approval to the Planning Committee.</i>	
b)	Planning Application – 17/00734/B – Marrinagh Cottage, Maughold IM7 1AZ. Alterations and extension to provide additional living accommodation. <i>The Commissioners had no objections to these proposals.</i>	
	Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)	
a)	17/00241/B This Vooijer Veg , Croit e Quill Road, Alterations, erection of an extended dormer – Approved 13.07.17. Noted.	
b)	17/00589/B Deepdale Complex , Formerly, The Old Curiosity Shop, Glen Road, Replacement of existing windows and doors with new dark colour UPVC units - Approved 06.07.17. Noted.	
c)	17/00593/B Trafalgar , Rencell Hill, Infilling of balcony over garage to provide sheltered accommodation _Approved 06.07.17. Noted.	
d)	17/00172/B Cooryn Varrey , Pinfold Hill, Alterations and extension to rear of property – Approved 06.07.17. Noted.	
	Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee) - None.	
	Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee) - None.	
	Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)	
e)	Notification of Intention to Demolish a Building Received. Annexe to the Sunday School, Glen Road, Laxey, two storey brick built structure to be demolished. Noted.	
41/17	Approval of Minutes	
a)	Approval of minutes of the meeting of 6 th Of July 2017. These were Resolved as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed JQ , Seconded TK . <i>PK advised that arrangements for a memorial to Mr Raymond Clague were on-going. He would report back at a future meeting.</i>	
42/17	Matters Arising & Other Business	
a)	To consider matters relating to All Saints Church, Lonan. Consideration of document circulated by JPL at the meeting on 6 th of July 2017.	

	<p>SC advised that he had arranged for full details to be presented to the public at the meeting. Four items of correspondence relating to this matter were read to the meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liam Miller - Commissioner, email dated 19.07.17: giving full support for the initiative, qualified by comments regarding avoidance of rate borne liabilities in the future. 2. Resident email dated 16.07.17 - requesting that full details and long term financial implications of the proposal are published and that the public are fully briefed. 3. Laxey WMI, email dated 17.07.17 - requesting that the Commissioners accept a submission from their organisation in early August. 4. Jack Faragher, Captain of the Parish of Lonan, letter dated 12.07.17 – supporting the proposal for the Commissioners to operate the building as a community facility/festival church and for the Commissioners to take over running the Lonan Burial Authority. <p>SC advised that the meeting would be open and any questions could be asked. He also advised that the business case was being updated and would be available at the meeting on the 22nd of July. RM asked why the previous suggestion of leasing the building was not made in the documents; he felt that this option needed further exploration as well as the option to purchase. He questioned the rigour and applicability of the first version of the business plan. ND added that it had been agreed that the revised business plan would be put out for public consultation before any decision was made by the Board. There followed discussion of the level of public consultation that would be appropriate. RM also questioned the proposal for the Commissioners to take over the running of the burial authority. ND stated that once all the information was in a decision could be made by the Board on this and the other matters. It was agreed that submissions from the public and other interested parties be forwarded by the 16th of August for consideration at the meeting of the Commissioners on that evening. ND advised that firm decisions would have to be made at that meeting if the project were to be progressed. PB advised that agreement from government would be required through the Petition Process and legal advice would also need to be taken from the Commissioners’ advocates. ND suggested that if the refurbishments could not be made in time for Armistice Day then the same arrangement as for the service last year could be made. MF thanked Mr Clague, Mr Pass and those involved with initiating the project, adding that patience would be required to see the project through to fruition. There followed a discussion of whether the church building should be purchased or leased. SC advised that these were matters that could be determined following the consultation with the public.</p>	
<p>b)</p>	<p>Effect of Parking Restrictions Laxey Village TT & MGP on local businesses and residents – Feedback from meeting with the RPU, DOI and local business representatives.</p> <p>The clerks reported that much discussion had taken place at the meeting. The RPU and DOI had insisted that during TT and MGP, New Road in the village needed to be maintained as a 'clearway'. The various negative effects of this on Laxey businesses and residents had been discussed. Mr Saunders from DoI had stated at the meeting that 'peak-time only' restrictions could be employed at other times when the A18 Mountain Road was closed. Alternative parking arrangements were also discussed. The outcome being that parking on Captain’s Hill would be moved to the opposite side of the carriageway beside the Valley Gardens. In addition negotiations would take place with the Children’s Centre to formalise an arrangement for the Pavilion Car Park to be used as alternative Laxey parking during MGP and TT. The Square could also be used for parking by motorbikes during TT/MGP. MR reported that signage would be produced to identify these new parking areas. Signage would also be deployed to remind vehicle drivers that pedestrians were present with a message to 'share the space'. JQ expressed concern about the adequacy of signage in Laxey. It was agreed that the temporary signs needed to be carefully designed to ensure they had the correct impact. PB suggested that the school holidays be extended throughout the full two week period of TT to help keep schoolchildren away from the busy roads and to reduce the number of car journeys that have to be made by teachers/parents. MR reported that further long-term suggestions had also been brought forward to improve parking in Laxey. Mrs Purcell had proposed the use of the area beside Christ Church for parking</p>	<p>clerks</p>

	<i>and Mr Skillicorn had requested that DOI investigate moving the wall at the Rose Gardens to provide 'lay-by' parking; these options would be investigated in due course, but the immediate priority was improving the situation for the MGP in August.</i>	
c)	Land at Minorca Crossroads – Feedback following meeting with Bus Vannin and DOI following further representation by the Commissioners about the safety of the current Ramsey bound bus stop. Contact details for landowner received. <i>MR reported that a visit would be made to the Registries on 20.07.17 to confirm ownership of the land. Once ownership had been determined, a transaction of the land would have to be negotiated. The clerks were instructed to initiate these investigations with the landowner.</i>	clerks
d)	RM referred to the proposal to investigate the provision of a sports hall on Glen Road. Due to his involvement with the football club, PK declared an interest and duly signed the register. ND confirmed that PK could take part in the discussion as his interest could not be deemed pecuniary and any comments he made could be interpreted in the light of the declaration. ND outlined that the proposal that would be financed by grants and from a government loan taken out by the Commissioners. RM sought clarification on how the current football club 'clubhouse' was utilised, wondering if there would be conflicts with uses suggested for the proposed facility. PK advised the latter would be used by different groups as it would be much larger and suited to indoor team games, badminton, etc. PK also advised that Laxey Football Club could make good use of the facility, but it could also function successfully through wider community use by other groups. MF asked for clarification about the availability and level of grants available. PB advised that these could be obtained, but generally grants were dependent on the status of the organisation; an organisation structured as a charity would normally attract a wider range of grants. RM stated that the financial viability of the facility needed to be assessed; a fully detailed business plan was an absolute necessity before the project could be taken to public consultation and then initiated; the proposal should be subject to rigorous financial scrutiny. JQ proposed a statement giving support for the charities intentions, agreeing that the land could be used for those purposes and investigate the costs. This was seconded by MF and resolved unanimously. ND suggested contacting the charity to discuss taking this resolution forward with a view to forming a sub-committee. Clerks to liaise between parties and report back to next meeting.	clerks
43/17	General correspondence	
a)	DOI – Regarding contract for WEE & Fridge Recycling at Civic Amenity Sites. <i>Noted.</i>	
b)	Jack Faragher, Captain of the Parish of Lonan – Regarding the investigations into the re-opening of All Saints Church, Lonan. <i>This correspondence was noted at 42.17.a above.</i>	
c)	Resident – Email Regarding the investigations into the re-opening of All Saints Church and, Lonan. <i>This correspondence was noted at 42.17.a above.</i>	
44/17	Committee Matters – <i>none to report.</i>	
45/17	Officers Report	
a)	Health and Safety Information on Raft sent to retained H&S Advisor for assessment. <i>PB advised that the H&S advisor would report back in due course.</i>	
b)	Works and Amenities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Weed spraying would be repeated in the coming weeks across the Sheading.</i> • <i>Quotes for the beach hut refurbishment were being produced by three contractors.</i> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals for the toilet extension on the Laxey MER station were being progressed. This would be evaluated against the proposal for toilets in the Valley Gardens. The clerks were arranging for the installation of the defibrillator in the phone box beside the Co-op in Laxey. Hedge Cutting operations were ongoing in Lonan, Maughold and Laxey. 	
c)	Cooil Roi Housing Complex	
	The 50 th anniversary celebrations would be focused onto an event on the 29 th of July at the complex.	
46/17	Staffing Matters - ntr	
47/17	Chairman's Report - ntr	
48/17	Any Other Business	
a)	Provision of baby changing facilities in the new toilet at Maughold Village (<i>raised by JQ, email to office 14.07.17</i>). MR advised that a unit was on order and would be installed in the next few weeks. Comfort mirrors would also be installed at the same time.	
b)	Eastern Area Shared Housing List – This will be commissioned on the 1 st of August. <i>Noted.</i>	
c)	Dhoon Church Field – Feedback following meeting with the Vicar. <i>The clerks were working with the church authorities on proposals for a new shared field entrance. MR to arrange meeting with planning officer and the Vicar of Maughold in August 2017.</i>	
d)	Suspension of Car parking during TT and MGP, New Road – Feedback from meeting with Traders, Department of Infrastructure and Isle of Man Constabulary.	
e)	PK requested a discussion of the long term future of the Commissioners' Office building.	
49/17	Private Session -ntr	
	Meeting closed at 21.01.	
	Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 2 nd August 2017 7.00pm	