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| GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERSStatutory MeetingWednesday 20th September 2017, 7.00 pm | | |
| Minutes of the Meeting | | |
| **Present:** Mr S. Clague, Mr N. Dobson, Mrs M. Fargher, Mr T Kenyon, Mr P. Kinnish,  Mrs J. Pinson, Mr. J. Quayle.  Officers: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, , Mrs Julie Peel  Housing Manager.  **Apologies:** Mr R. Moughtin, Mr M. Royle Deputy Clerk/RFO (*attending meeting in Maughold Village*).  Mr L. Miller, Mr S. Clague.    The meeting opened at 7.00 pm. | | |
| **79/17** | **Planning Matters** |  |
|  | **Planning Applications** |  |
| **a)** | 17/00959/B **Ballacregga Barn, Agneash**, Erection of a detached garage with playroom above and installation of replacement windows and door to dwelling.  *There were no objections to these proposals.* |  |
| **b)** | 17/00970/B **The Old School House, Canny Hill**, Installation of a flue on south gable.  *There were no objections to these proposals.* |  |
| **c)** | 17/00969/B **Public Open Space, Church Close, Lonan**, Installation of Children’s playground Equipment.  *Noted.* |  |
| **d)** | 17/00985/B **Open Space, All Saints Park, Lonan** Installation of Children’s playground equipment.  *Noted.* |  |
| To Note from AOB | Copy correspondence from a Resident regarding:  PA 17/00927 **Briardale, Main Road, Baldrine,** Erection of Decking to rear elevation, (retrospective). *This correspondence was read and noted.* |  |
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|  | **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)** |  |
| **e)** | 16/01139/A Field **612728 & 612727 off Baldrine Road,** AiP for the development of seven dwellings, with means of access – Approved 07.09.17. *This decision was noted.* |  |
| **f)** | 17/00436/B Dhoon Manor, Main Road, Dhoon, erection of detached two-storey garage – Approved 15.09.17.  *This decision was noted.* |  |
|  | **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee) -** ntr |  |
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| **80/17** | **Approval of Minutes** |  |
|  | Approval of minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2017.  *These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed,* ***JP****. Seconded* ***TK.*** |  |
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| **81/17** | **Matters Arising & Other Business** |  |
| **a)** | **JP** *asked whether any actions had been taken in the ‘Little Beach Area’ of Laxey.* ***PB*** *advised that the culvert was the responsibility of the MUA.* ***PB*** *was instructed to raise the matter with that authority.* ***PB*** *advised that the area had been sprayed and vegetation would be cleared over the next two weeks.* |  |
| **b)** | ***TK*** *asked when the replacement bus stop would be installed at Pinfold Hill.* ***PB*** *stated that Bus Vannin had advised that a new shelter was on order but no date had been forwarded.* |  |
| **c)** | **All Saints Church, Lonan.**  ***PB*** *declared an interest and left the room.* ***ND*** *summarised the outcomes of a meeting held with Mr Aidan McCusker of the DOI on the 19.09.17 in relation to the Proposal to take ownership of All Saints Church and operate it as a ‘Festival Church’ and community centre. Tony Pass and* ***MR*** *had been actioned to amend the business case at this meeting. These amendments would be made as soon as possible.* ***ND*** *advised that any financial risk to the authority in the coming years would be assessed in the business case being prepared; he pointed out that no substantial capital costs would be incurred by the authority as a result of the sale. It agreed to ask for written confirmation of this aspect from the church authorities. A meeting would also be arranged with other senior officers from the LGU to discuss the proposals once the business case had been amended.* | TP  MR |
| **d)** | **Proposal for a ‘Market Event’ on the Laxey Village Square *(Report Circulated).***  *The report was noted. It was anticipated that the ‘Live at Home’ scheme would organise a farmers/artisan market in the square in the spring.* ***MR*** *to liaise with Live at Home.* | clerks |
| **e)** | **To discuss the future of the 35 New Road Building *(raised by PK at meeting on 06.09.17).***  *Members were shown around the building. A discussion took place the outcome being that the clerks obtain quotes for a full structural survey of the premises in order to assess its long term viability. Proposed* ***ND****. Seconded* ***PK****. Resolved.* | clerks |
| **f)** | **Efficacy of Speed Signs deployed at Ard Reayrt/Baldrine/Church Road Junction *(raised by TK in email correspondence to MR 13.09.17).***  ***TK*** *felt that the sign recently deployed at Baldrine was operating very effectively and was calming traffic very noticeably through the area. He proposed that it be kept in that location permanently. It was noted that the intention was to rotate the two new signs between Ard Reayrt/Ramsey Road Junction, Church Road/A2 Junction and Baldrine. The Commissioners resolved to continue to monitor their effectiveness before any changes to the agreed rota were taken.* |  |
| **g)** | **Report on Traders’ Licences issued in Garff (Mr Whippy, Kirk Michael Chippy).**  *The clerk reported on the recent activity of Kirk Michael Chippy. It was noted that these were within the terms of the licence issued. The situation would continue to be monitored.* |  |
| **h)** | **Proposal for a Recreation Facility on Glen Road, Laxey. Feedback from meeting of the sub-committee that took place on 19.09.17.**  ***MF*** *questioned whether the Commissioners should be pursuing this project and the All Saints Church project at the same time.* ***PB*** *reported that a meeting of the sub-committee had taken place at which Paul Renard, Mike Murley, and Dudley Butt had been present along with the Commissioners. Representatives. The outcomes being that the clerks were instructed to:*   * *Contact Paul Bridson of MS&R regarding demand for recreational activities with a view to producing a report on the need for such a facility at an early stage.* * *Contact the insurers for details of any implications or considerations relating to insurance issues.*   *These actions were Resolved. Proposed,* ***JP****. Seconded* ***JQ.*** | Clerks’ office |
| **i)** | **Alasdair Campbell of Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust** has requested attendance to speak with the Commissioners at the meeting to be held on the 4th of October.  *It was agreed to invite Mr Campbell to the meeting on the 4th of October.* | Clerks’ office |
| **j)** | **To discuss proposal for ‘Prash Laxaa’, the Great Laxey Brass Band Festival.**  *The clerks were instructed to continue investigating the viability of such an event in the summer of 2018.* | MR |
| **k)** | **Minorca Bus Stop re-siting: update on discussions with the Landowner.**  ***MR*** *had contacted the landowner on the 15th of September. Unfortunately the gentleman was unable to enter into discussions at this stage. He advised he would contact the Commissioners when he was in a position to discuss the matter. Noted* |  |
| **l)** | **Lonan Play Areas – Plans submitted to DEFA on 08.09.17.**  *This matter was noted.* |  |
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| **82/17** | **General correspondence** |  |
|  | **DOI – Notice that Dreemskerry Road will be closed at Summerhill/Dreemskerry Lodge from 25.09.17 to 05.11.17 from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm each day.**  *This was noted.* ***JQ*** *was concerned regarding access for the refuse contractor.* ***PB*** *reported that* ***MR*** *had spoken to the contractor and there should be no issues as they operate in this area well before the daily closures take effect.* |  |
|  | **Isle of Man Transport** – Request for input to their five year review of local bus service provision.  *It was agreed that the Commissioners should share this consultation through their social media so that Garff residents were aware that they could submit their views.* ***JPL*** *advised that there were issues with the number 13 service for Cooil Roi residents. It was felt that a better service could be provided between Lower and Upper Laxey. The matter will be placed on the agenda for the meeting on the 4th of October to enable further discussion before the Commissioners submit to the review.* | Agenda 4th Oct |
| **c)** | **Residents** – Copy of correspondence to the DOI regarding warning signage and other highway matters at Fairy Cottage.  *This correspondence to DOI was read and noted.* |  |
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| **83/17** | **Committee Matters -** *ntr* |  |
| **a)** | **Cooil Roi –** *it was agreed that under J****PL****’ s guidance the Cooil Roi sub-committee should discuss the level of rent increase that it felt was appropriate this year and feedback to government who wet the level of increase after island wide consultation. The discussion will take place at the next sub-committee meeting on the 29th of September 2017.* |  |
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| **84/17** | **Officer Reports** |  |
|  | **Health and Safety** – *there had been no incident or near-misses to report since the last meeting.* |  |
|  | **Works and Amenities**   * Report on actions to repair the ‘wet-pour’ surface at Laxey Promenade Play Area. * *It was noted that a repair was required. Quotes had been obtained, the lower being £900.00. It was agreed that this should be accepted and the contractor asked to undertake the works as soon as possible. Until this occurs the roundabout will be cordoned off and explanatory signage erected on the play area perimeter.* | Clerks’ office |
|  | **Finance** – *Monthly Statement Circulated. This was noted.* |  |
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| **85/17** | **Staffing Matters –** ntr |  |
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| **86/17** | **Chairman’s Report –** The chairman advised that he had attended Onchan Civic Service on Sunday 17th September at St Anthony’s church. |  |
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| **87/17** | **Any Other Business** |  |
| **a)** | Clerks to report on the Consultation regarding **Government Retirement Policy.**  ***ND*** *briefed members on the Consultation and a discussion took place. It was agreed to monitor the matter.* |  |
| **b)** | **Proposal from a resident regarding the installation of the Lonan Parish Commissioners ‘Members’ Board’ in the Garff Boardroom.**  *Instruction was given to the clerks’ office to investigate retrieval of the Board from the Public Records Office store with a view to installation of the board in the Garff Boardroom. Proposed,* ***JPN****. Seconded,* ***PK****.* | Clerks’ office |
| **c)** | **To discuss Email correspondence from a resident regarding the planning application for installation of play equipment in Lonan.**  *A sequence of correspondence between a resident opposed to the installation of play equipment in the Church Close play area and the Clerks’ Office was circulated, read and noted. It was also noted that currently there was no children’s play equipment at any location in Lonan.* |  |
| **d)** | *Recent damage at* ***Baldrine MER Halt*** *had been reported by* ***SC*** *and was noted with disappointment. The police had been informed and it was hoped that the perpetrators could be identified and dealt with.* |  |
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| **88/17** | **Private Session -** ntr |  |
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|  | The meeting was closed by the Chair at 8.59 pm. |  |
|  | Date of next meeting:- Wednesday 4th October 2017 7.00pm |  |