

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Mis-Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 15th August 2018 7.00 pm

Papers to Meeting

Present: Mr N. Dobson (ND) (Chairman), Mrs M. Fargher (MF) (Vice Chairman), Mr S. Clague (SC), Mr T Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr. J Smith (JS).

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO, Mrs Julie Peel (JP), Housing Manager.

Apologies: Mrs J. Pinson (JPn), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr J. Quayle (JQ).

The meeting opened

ND advised that **SC** had asked for item 64.18.a to be moved forward to the start of the meeting. This was agreed and the matter discussed. **ND** referred to correspondence from himself to **SC** dated 6th of August 2018 regarding an assertion made during the discussion of item 62.17.b at the meeting on the 1st of August 2018 in which an allegation had been made. **SC** made an apology for the statement he had made. This was accepted by **ND**.

62/18 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

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| a) | PA 18/00803/C – Browns Café, Dumbells Terrace, Laxey. Additional use of existing ground floor café as class 1 retail.
<i>There were no objections to this application.</i> | |
| b) | PA 18/00802/B – Field 622432, Adjacent to Dhoon Loop Road, Maughold. Erection of an agricultural building.
<i>Comment was made regarding the size/impact/location and need of this barn. It was noted that a previous application 05/01212/B had been refused by the Planning Committee and at Appeal. The Policies in the Strategic Plan were also noted. The clerks were instructed to express the above concerns, and where necessary, seek clarification through the planning Authority.</i> | clerks |
| c) | Planning Application: 18/00826/B Barnston Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey, Replacement composite door and pvc side panel to front elevation.
<i>There were no objections to this application.</i> | |
| d) | Planning Application: 18/00829/B Ballakille Beg, Dreemskerry Hill, Alterations including adjustments to the window and door openings and installation of solar panels, and erection of first floor extension.
<i>There were no firm objections to this proposal. However, it was agreed to seek the advice of the conservation officer, and, once received, revert to the Board for further instruction.</i> | clerks |
| e) | Planning Application: 18/00835/B Harbour View, Back Shore Road, Laxey, Replacement of existing rear window with upvc unit.
<i>It was agreed to consult the conservation officer in the light of recent comments made by that Office regarding the use of uPVC in a conservation area. It was agreed that once received, revert to the Board for further instruction.</i> | clerks |
| f) | Planning Application: 18/00386/B Hunters Moon, The Crescent, Baldrine, Replacement of existing detached garage with a log cabin (Amended Plans).
<i>Concerns were raised regarding the suitability of the proposed structure to provide adequate habitation. JPI advised that she was aware of the type of proposed structure and considered it appropriate for such purpose. Nevertheless, it was agreed to raise this aspect as a concern for investigation by the Planning Officer. The clerks were instructed to request conditions to ensure that the structure was only used in association with the main dwelling, and that it revert to use as a store etc, as described in the application documents, once the intended occupier vacated the structure.</i> | clerks |

G	<p>Planning Application: 18/00531/B The Willow, Hibernia, Conversion of existing detached garage to provide ancillary living accommodation (Amended Plans). <i>There were no direct objections to this application. The clerks were instructed to reiterate the previous comments on this application in regard to the use of the converted garage only being used in association with the main dwelling.</i></p>	clerks
	Planning Approvals	
c)	<p>PA 18/00452/B – Bun-Ry-Skyn, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. Alterations to height of existing windows on west and east elevations. <i>This matter was noted. No further actions.</i></p>	
	Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)	
d)		
	Planning Appeals	
e)	<p>PA 18/00091/B – Denizli, Booilushag, Ballajora, Maughold. Appeal dismissed and application approved. <i>This matter was noted.</i></p>	
f)	<p>PA 17/01137/B – Ballagorry Heights, Ballagorry Drive, Glen Mona, Maughold. Conversion of garage for additional living accommodation. <i>This matter was noted.</i></p>	
g)	<p>Planning Appeal: 17/01043/B Copper Top, Booilushag, Appeal against the approval of the re-alignment of driveway access and erection of gateway pillars/piers. Appeal hearing 9.30 am, 11.09.18 Government Office. <i>It was noted that there was a condition in the approval that a full drainage plan be submitted and approved before the development commenced. This aspect was noted. PK proposed that this be monitored by the Commissioners. This was agreed. The clerks were instructed accordingly.</i></p>	clerks
	Planning Other Correspondence	
g)	<p>PA 18/00618/B – Henry Bloom Noble Shelter, Laxey Promenade, Installation of four replacement windows to front elevation. Conservation Officer has asked whether the existing window could be repaired or replaced with timber rather than uPVC. <i>A discussion of the comments of the Conservation officer took place. It was noted that there were instances of uPVC installation in the Laxey Conservation Area in recent years. It was agreed to request that PK and the clerks meet the Officer on site to discuss the situation and the apparent change in approach.</i></p>	clerks
63/18	Approval of Minutes	
a)	<p>Approval of minutes of the meeting of the 1st August 2018. <i>These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed, MF. Seconded, TK.</i></p>	
64/18	Matters Arising & Other Business	
	<p>- <i>MF referred to the resolution made to take over the operation and administration Lonan Burial Authority subject to due diligence. She also referred to the proposals emanating from the Cabinet Office for an All Island Leisure Rate. MF expressed concern that this was a questionable initiative which would exacerbate the unfairness of the current rating system which she felt had become outdated. The general consensus was that this was a legitimate concern. She proposed that the Commissioners advise the Cabinet Office that they were intending to appropriate the burial authority. It was noted that ND, MF and MR had requested to have an initial meeting with the Archdeacon; a response had not been received to date. MR to re-send the request.</i></p>	ND, MF, MR.
a)	<p>Letter from Chairman to Mr Stewart Clague – Circulated via email. <i>This request in this correspondence had been resolved at the beginning of the meeting.</i></p>	
b)	<p>Member Interests – Request from SC that the matter of Standing Order 29 'members interests' is discussed by the Board.</p>	

	<i>MR gave a presentation to Members outlining the various options to modify Standing Order 29. These options were discussed by the Board. Members were encouraged by the chair to consider the points made carefully and thoroughly. There was general agreement in regard to basic principles, but there was no consensus in regard to detail at this stage at the meeting. Irrespective of this, it was noted that for such a change a motion would have to be submitted with a seconder seven days in advance of a meeting to give Members adequate time to consider the proposal. One aspect discussed was interpretation of the word 'withdrawal' in standing orders. The clerks were instructed to obtain a definition of the word 'withdrawal'. Members debated whether this meant leaving the room or staying in the room and moving to sit with the public. The distinction between pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary was also discussed in detail. It was agreed to place the item on the agenda for the meeting on September 5th.</i>	
c)	Waste Management Strategy – Request from MF to discuss the strategy document. <i>Due to the meeting running late MF agreed to postpone discussion of this</i>	
65/18	General correspondence	
a)	Request to Place Memorial Bench on Laxey Promenade – Email dated 9 th August 2018. <i>ND ruled that any discussion of this matter should be deferred until the next meeting.</i>	
b)	Request to hold Wedding on Parish Field, Maughold (approved by the Board) – Saturday 27 th July 2018. Confirmation of arrangements. <i>ND ruled that any discussion of this matter should be deferred until the next meeting.</i>	
c)	Royal Air forces Association Battle of Britain Concert and Church Service – Invitation to the Chairman to attend on Friday 14 th September at St George's Church, concert by Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band to raise funds for the Wings appeal. Concert starts at 7pm. On Sunday 16 th September at 11am, there will be a Church Service at St George's Church. <i>This matter was noted. ND indicated that he would attend these events.</i>	
d)	Laxey Sea Wall and Harbour Flood scheme – Email correspondence from residents – Circulated via email. <i>ND reminded Members that the Commissioners had agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the revised plans had been received from the engineers at DoI following the consultation afternoon in July. PB advised that he had been contacted by the lead engineer, Andy Spiers, who had indicated that the Department had taken the decision to postpone further development of the proposal. They had decided to concentrate on the proposed scheme for Douglas sea front and did not foresee returning to proposals for Laxey at least until a planning application for Douglas had been submitted.</i>	
g)	IOM Municipal Association – Invitation to a seminar on Environment and Waste Management Issues. Tuesday 11 th September 2018, 7.00 pm Noble's Park Community Room, Douglas. <i>It was noted that all Members could attend. ND, MF, JS and TK advised that they would attend. Clerks to advise the MA.</i>	clerks
66/18	Officers Reports	
	Health and Safety -	
a)		
	Works and Amenities –	
b)		
	Cooil Roi Sheltered Housing Complex – <i>JPI advised that the Department had written requesting the Board's views on rent increases for YE 2020. ND ruled that any discussion of this matter should be deferred until the next meeting.</i>	
c)		
67/18	Staffing Matters – ntr	
a)		
68/18	Chairman's Report	

a)	<p>ND reported that an article in the Independent of the 16th of August had stated that Garff (along with Braddan and Onchan) had insisted there be no more road closures for motor rallies. He pointed out that this was erroneous and that the Board had not commented in this way. He advised that he had asked the clerks to investigate. MR reported that the DOI had revealed that he now remembered that the actual contact had come from an MHK for Garff. The matter was being investigated by the Department. The clerks had been instructed to request a retraction. This had been done. Clerks to monitor.</p> <p>ND also indicated two matters that might need to be considered when the budgets for YE 2020 were discussed. These being: The office computers and the maintenance van.</p>	
69/18	Any Other Business	
a)	<p>SC requested an update on actions with a Mines Road property that is in a state of disrepair. PB reported he had identified an owner in the UK and had written on two occasions. It was agreed that assistance should be sought from the Garff MHKs. Clerks to contact.</p>	clerks
	<p>SC asked if there was any progress with the plans for the toilets the Valley Gardens. MR reported that the architect had advised that he would be coming back with new drawings by the 17th August. Item to be placed on the next agenda.</p>	
	<p>PK requested that the MUA survey the trees along the river in Laxey to identify any that might be prone to falling. He was concerned that this may cause flooding problems this winter. It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting on the 5th of September.</p>	
	<p>JS requested that the achievement of Samantha Barks be recorded in the minutes. The Commissioners congratulated her for the starring role she had secured on a very high profile production of "Pretty Women" on Broadway.</p>	
	<p>PK asked when the weeds would be attended to in Laxey Village. MR reported that some areas had been done and that the remaining areas were being done currently as a priority, but only when the weather permitted. He advised that all areas of Lonan and Maughold had been sprayed in May/ June by a contractor, adding that the schedule for Laxey would be modified next year to ensure the weeds were sprayed in good time.</p>	
	<p>TK asked if any progress had been made to employ a part-time gardener. ND advised that this was not in the budget for YE 19, but it was a matter that could be considered when the budgets for YE 2020 were being drawn up by the Board.</p>	
	<p>ND advised that he would be meeting with the clerks w/c 20.08.18 to make a list of options for regeneration of the current Glen Road sports area.</p>	
	<p>The public session ended at 9.5 pm.</p>	
70/18	Private Session	
	<p>A discussion took place in regard to the quote from G.H. Corlett for a Garff Chain of Office. There was no decision. It was agreed to put the matter on the agenda of the meeting on the 5th of September.</p>	
	<p>Meeting Closed at 9.31 pm. Date of next meeting: 5th September 2018</p>	