

**GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS****Minutes of the Monthly Meeting**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.00 pm

**Present:** Mr N. Dobson (Chairman), Mrs M. Fargher MF) (Vice Chairman), Mr T. Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr. J. Quayle (JQ), Mr J. Smith (JS), Mrs J. Pinson (JP).  
Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO, Mrs J. Mattin (JM), Housing Manager.

**Apologies:** *All Present.*

<b>7.00 pm</b>	<i>The following statements were issued by the Chair:</i>	
<b>Chairman</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request from the Chair in reference to observance of Standing Orders.</li> <li>2. Request from the Chair that Members consider this agenda and declare any interest that they may, or may be perceived to have, in its business.</li> </ol>	
<b>21/19</b>	<b>Planning Applications – Officer’s Report Circulated (01.02.19)</b>	
<b>a)</b>	19/00078/B Ardmay, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling. <i>It was noted that the proposed the new dwelling would have some form of cladding. The type and colour of this is not stated. The clerks were requested to request this information.</i>	
<b>b)</b>	19/00077/C Glen Mona .otel, Glen Mona, Temporary use of public house garden to provide camping for the duration of the TT and MGP Festival with use of existing facilities and parking during these periods. <i>There were no objections to this application.</i>	
	<b>Planning Approvals</b>	
<b>c)</b>	18/01341/B Homecroft, Hibernia, Widening of existing vehicular access – Approved 30.01.19. <i>This decision was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
<b>d)</b>	18/01337/B Rowany, Baldrine Road, Installation of bi-fold doors to rear elevation and construction of timber patio – Approved 30.01.19. <i>This decision was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
<b>e)</b>	18/01319/B Laxey Co-operative, 11 New Road, Laxey, Alterations and renovation of property including repositioning of entrance door – Approved 04.02.19. <i>This decision was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
<b>f)</b>	Pl18/01036/B The Crofts, Chapel Lane, Baldrine, Alterations including demolition of existing glazed gallery, erection of single storey extension to rear of property. And modifications to window opening – Approved 04.02.19. <i>This decision was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
	<b>Planning Refusals</b>	
<b>d)</b>	18/00870/C Liverpool Arms, Main Road, Baldrine – Refused 24.01.19. <i>This decision was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
	<b>Other Planning Matters</b>	
<b>e)</b>	Planning Appeal: 18/00531/B The Willow, Hibernia, Maughold, Appeal against the refusal of the conversion of existing detached garage to provide ancillary living accommodation – Appeal Hearing 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019. <i>This Appeal Hearing was noted. No further instruction given.</i>	
<b>22/19</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of January 2019. <i>These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed, <b>JQ</b>, Seconded, <b>MF</b>.</i>	

<b>23/19</b>	<b>Matters Arising &amp; Other Business</b>	
	<p><i>Matters arising not on this Agenda:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MF</b> asked for an update on the mature trees that required attention on Ballagorry Heights. <b>MR</b> advised that research at the Land Registry had clarified the ownership of the land. <b>MR</b> to contact the landowner and discuss necessary actions that are required.</li> <li><b>TK</b> asked when the planned meeting in February regarding signage in Laxey Village would be taking place. <b>MR</b> advised that not all participants had been able to provide a date, but it was anticipated that the meeting would take place W/C 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.</li> </ol>	
<b>a)</b>	<p>To discuss Garff Beach Management arrangements with Beach Buddies. The current arrangement for beach cleaning operated by Beach Buddies at the Maughold beaches was discussed. The three year contract was coming to the end of its term. <b>MR</b> advised that Beach Buddies had proposed a new three year scheme with an extension of the scheme to Laxey Beach. It was noted that the students at Laxey School had raised funds to provide a Beach Buddies receptacle on the Promenade at Laxey. The possibility of a further receptacle at the far end of the Promenade as part of a new contract with Beach Buddies was also discussed. <b>JP</b> suggested similar arrangements at Garwick Beach. It was noted that there were currently two 240 litre wheelie bins in this location which could also be included under the Beach Buddies 'umbrella'. <b>MR</b> advised that a public beach cleaning event would be taking place at Cornaa Beach in the coming weeks. Beach Buddies had asked for assistance from the Commissioners with removal of collected debris from the beaches. <b>MF</b> raised H&amp;S concerns in regard to the bins being emptied by our contractor; further clarification would be sought from Mr Dale by the clerks in respect to this. <b>MF</b> proposed that Beach Buddies be engaged to implement beach cleaning schemes at the beaches across Garff for a three-year period. This was seconded by <b>JP</b> and Resolved Unanimously. The clerks were instructed to initiate arrangements with Beach Buddies.</p>	
<b>b)</b>	<p>To discuss future use of the River Beach Area (report circulated 01.02.19). A report from the clerks in regard to this area had been circulated and was noted by Members. A discussion took place, that included debate on the current condition of the paving and other built structures in the area and the two drainage channels that enable storm water to run-off from Glen Road. <b>JQ</b> circulated a sketch he had produced of a proposal to create steps down to water level which would permit close access to the river. <b>LM</b> proposed that the area be used for additional parking. He suggested that this would reduce the number of cars parked outside residential properties in the locality. The merits of both of these options were discussed. The outcome being that the Clerks were instructed to undertake further investigations of the two proposals.</p>	
<b>24/19</b>	<b>General correspondence</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<p>Cabinet Office - regarding provision of library services across the island (circulated 01.02.19). The current provision of library services in the east and north of the Island were discussed. It was noted that Garff residents now had free access to the Henry Bloom Noble Library in Douglas, and that Maughold residents could join Ramsey Library for an annual fee. Residents were also able to access the Family Library in Douglas and make use of the mobile library which serves the Sheading on a regular basis for a small fee. The telephone box which had been converted to a book exchange at Port-e-Vullen was also discussed. This was managed by Maughold Parish Social Club.</p> <p><i>The following actions were agreed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was agreed that the Clerks should investigate the conversion of the telephone box on Pinfold Hill to a similar facility as at Port-e-Vullen.</li> <li>It was agreed that the clerks should contact Onchan Library to seek a possible agreement for Garff residents to access their facilities.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerks</p> <p>Clerks</p>

	<p>3. <i>It was agreed that the clerks should contact Ramsey Library to seek renegotiation of the current arrangement for Maughold residents; in addition it was agreed to investigate widening the availability of the services to residents of Laxey and Lonan.</i></p> <p>4. <i>The clerks were instructed to forward the information requested by the Cabinet Office.</i></p> <p>5. <i>It was agreed that the clerks would investigate conversion of the ex-telephone box on Pinfold Hill into a 'book exchange' as at Port e Vullen in Maughold.</i></p>	Clerks Clerks
<b>25/19</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust – <i>It was with great regret that Members noted the passing of Andrew Murdoch, the Trust's Chairman. It was agreed that a note of condolence should be sent to Mr Murdoch's family. It was noted that Richard Hubbard would be attending the next meeting of the Trust on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February.</i>	PB
<b>b)</b>	Isle of Man Municipal Association – <b>JS</b> and <b>TK</b> advised that Mr Robinson from Highways had attended the last meeting of the Association and discussion of various Highways and Departmental matters had taken place. Mr Robinson had advised that the Planning Application for the Laxey Sea Defence proposals was with the Planning Authority. This had been noted by Members of the Association.	
<b>c)</b>	NLASPB - ntr	
<b>d)</b>	ECAS – <b>ND</b> advised that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, 2.30 pm at Douglas Town Hall. <b>ND</b> unable to attend. <b>TK</b> to attend.	
<b>26/19</b>	<b>Officer Reports</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<b>Officers' Report (New Road Matters)</b> - ntr	
<b>b)</b>	<p><i>Officer's Report (Cooil Roi Matters) – JM briefed Members on the recent Fire Drill that had taken place at Cooil Roi. She advised that the Commissioners' H&amp;S Consultant had spoken at a meeting of the residents and had advised them on the need to vacate the building quickly in the event of hearing the fire alarm.</i></p> <p><i>JM advised Members that the Commissioners were now 'Community Partners' in the First Point Scheme which provided an additional safeguard for 'vulnerable' Members of the Community who were registered with the organisation.</i></p>	
<b>c)</b>	<b>Health and Safety Report Circulated (01.02.19)</b> The report was received and noted.	
<b>d)</b>	<p><b>Works and Amenities Report Circulated (01.02.19)</b> <i>The report was received and noted.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In addition, MR advised that the Lonan Grass Cutting Tender Document was live. It was anticipated that the Board would be in a position to make a decision to accept a tender at the meeting on March the 6<sup>th</sup>. The successful contractor would then be instructed to activate the contract once the growing season had begun.</i></li> <li>• <i>The hand rail on the Laxey Football Club fence was currently being replaced.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>e)</b>	<b>Financial Matters – Report to be circulated prior to meeting on 20.02.19.</b> <i>This was noted.</i>	
<b>27/19</b>	<b>Staffing Matters – ND</b> advised that the Staffing Sub-Committee had met in January. Contractual matters had been discussed and resolved.	
<b>28/19</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b> - ntr	
<b>29/19</b>	<b>Any Other Business -</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Correspondence from Rob Holden – Regarding continuance of the Commissioners 2017 Road Safety Campaign.	

	<i>There was a brief discussion of the possibility of a new road safety campaign for Garff. The positive reception to the 2017 'Share the Space' campaign which had been launched at Dhoon and Laxey Schools was noted. The Clerks were instructed to contact the various Highway and Government agencies, investigate the options and their viability. Report to be submitted in due course.</i>	Clerks
<b>b)</b>	Resident – correspondence requesting approval in principle for the purchase of a small strip from the developer of land at Reayrt ny Glionney (Land image circulated 05.02.19). <b>JP</b> and <b>TK</b> declared an interest in this matter as they lived in the vicinity. <i>It was noted that Dandara had contacted the Commissioners as a matter of courtesy in regard to this transaction as the land in this vicinity would be transferred to the Local Authority once the housing development was complete. It was agreed that the parcel of land was very small, was at the periphery of the public area, and its disposal would not be detrimental to the amenity of the area. JQ proposed that no objection be raised to the transfer of the land as indicated on the image. This was seconded by MF. A vote was taken. 6 Members supported the proposal, none against.</i>	
<b>c)</b>	<b>PK</b> was asked to submit a list of potholes he had identified to the Office.	PK
<b>d)</b>	<b>JP</b> circulated a photograph of a 'cycle repair workstation' in Australia. She felt that these could be considered in Garff to assist cyclists when they experienced a mechanical problem on the highway. It was agreed that this could encourage cycling in general. The clerks were instructed to investigate their viability.	Clerks
<b>e)</b>	<b>ND</b> requested that the operation of sub-committees be an agenda item at the mid-March meeting. This was agreed.	
<b>30/19</b>	<b>Private Session</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<i>MF read a statement in regard to the use of social media.</i>	
	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2019	