

**GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 7.00 pm

<b>Present:</b>	Mr N. Dobson, Mrs M. Fargher, Mr. T Kenyon, Mr P. Kinnish, Mr L. Miller, Mrs J. Pinson, Mr. J. Quayle, Mr J. Smith, Mr A. Moore.	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr M. Royle, Deputy Clerk/RFO, Mrs Julie Peel Housing Manager	
<b>Apologies:</b>	All present.	
	Meeting began 7.01 pm	Action
<b>81/19</b>	<p><b>Election of Chairman</b>  <i>PB took the Chair for the purposes of the election of a Chair. He announced the nominations as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Mrs Marinda Fargher (Proposed <b>JQ</b>, Seconded, <b>TK</b>);</i></li> <li>2. <i>Mr Andrew Moore (Proposed <b>PK</b>, Seconded <b>LM</b>).</i></li> </ol> <p><i>A secret ballot took place under PB's supervision. The result of the ballot was declared as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Mrs Marinda Fargher – 6 Votes</i></li> <li>2. <i>Mr Andrew Moore - 3 Votes</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Mrs Fargher was duly elected as Chair of the Commissioners for the year 2019/2020. Mrs Fargher took the Chair. She thanked Members for their support and faith in her. Mrs Fargher noted that the Commissioners were undertaking an increasing level of services, advising that she would focus on working together with her fellow Commissioners to 'get things done'. Mrs Fargher thanked Mr Dobson for his chairmanship over the past three years, adding that he had devoted himself to undertaking the role and to supporting all staff members. She advised that 2019 marked her 30<sup>th</sup> year as a Commissioner, also advising that Mr Kinnish had now served the commissioners and Community for twenty years. Members offered their appreciation and congratulations.</i></p>	
<b>82/19</b>	<p><b>Election of Vice Chairman</b>  <b>Nominations received:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <i>Mr Jamie Smith (Proposed <b>TK</b>, Seconded, <b>JQ</b>).</i></li> </ol> <p><i>Mr Smith's nomination was noted. A vote took place. There being eight votes for Mr Smith and one abstention, he was elected as vice-chair for the coming year.</i></p>	
<b>83/19</b>	<b>Board Representation – The following representatives were agreed:</b>	
<b>a)</b>	Municipal Association – <b>TK &amp; JS</b>	
<b>b)</b>	Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust – <b>ND &amp; TK</b>	
<b>c)</b>	Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities – <b>JP &amp; LM</b>	
<b>d)</b>	Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee – <b>Any Member/s as required</b>	
<b>e)</b>	Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting – <b>Any member/s as required.</b>	
<b>f)</b>	Regeneration Committee – <b>TK, JP &amp; AM</b>	
<b>g)</b>	Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee – <b>ND &amp; TK</b>	
<b>h)</b>	Northern Civic Amenity Site - <b>JQ</b>	
<b>i)</b>	Northern Swimming Pool Board - <b>JQ</b>	
<b>j)</b>	Northern Sheltered Housing Committee - <b>MF</b>	
<b>k)</b>	Waste Management Steering Group - <b>TK</b>	
<b>l)</b>	Cool Roi Sheltered Housing Complex: Election of Lead Member – <b>ND was proposed by AM, and seconded by LM.</b>	
<b>m)</b>	Employment Sub-Committee – <b>ND, JP, JS.</b>	
<b>n)</b>	Glen Road Recreation Area Sub-Committee – <b>ND, JP, PK, TK,</b>	

<b>84/19</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>	
	<b>Planning Applications</b>	
a)	19/00412/B Croit-Ny-Meagh Rhenab Road Cornaa, Erection of a detached three door garage. <i>The location and potential visual impact of this proposal were discussed. It was agreed that the Commission would make a submission indicating that they would reserve comment and defer to the expertise of the Planning Officer and Planning Committee.</i>	
b)	PA 19/00454/B Crossags Farm Camp Site, Alterations and extension to toilet block and replacement tools hut (partial retrospective). <i>There were <b>No Objections</b> to this application.</i>	
c)	PA 19/00132/B Laxey Valley Gardens, Erection of 2 storey Public Convenience building (amended plans). <i>These amendments were noted. No further instruction.</i>	
	<b>Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)</b>	
d)	19/00171/B Ballagorrey Beg Bungalow, Glen Mona, Replacement of existing conservatory – Approved 17.04.19. <i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
e)	19/00226/B Sunny Glen, Lower Rencell Hill, Laxey – Approved 16.04.19. <i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
f)	19/00146/B, Installation of replacement roof tiles, 22 Mines Road Laxey. <i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
g)	19/00249/B Quiet Hills, Jacks Lane, Maughold – Approved 23.04.19. <i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
	<b>Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) -ntr</b>	
	<b>Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)</b> <i>MR advised that:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>an appeal had been requested by the applicant in regard to the refusal decision for the retrospective planning application to remove a Manx Hedge and installation of fencing. A written submission would be forwarded from the Commissioners.</i></li> <li>• <i>An Appeal Hearing in regard to PA 18/00870/C (change of use Liverpool Arms) would be held on 18.06.19. Officer to attend on behalf of the Commissioners.</i></li> <li>• <i>An Appeal Hearing in regard to PA 18/00802/B (Agricultural Barn, Dhoon Loop Raod) would be held on 19.06.19. Officer to attend on behalf of the Commissioners.</i></li> </ul>	clerks
	<b>Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control) - ntr</b>	
<b>85/19</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
a)	Approval of minutes of meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> of May 2019. These were agreed to be a correct record. Proposed, <b>ND</b> . Seconded, <b>TK</b> . <b>Resolved</b> .	
<b>86/19</b>	<b>Matters Arising &amp; Other Business</b>	
a)	Visit Laxey Valley – Request for assistance with conversion of the Rose Garden Shelter into a 'Learning Centre'. <i>Documents had been circulated to Members. It was agreed to invite a representative from the Visit Laxey Valley Project to a future Commissioners' meeting to discuss the involvement of the Commissioners in this aspect of the process. Clerks to contact Mr Hubbard with a view to inviting Mrs Kinrade to attend the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.</i>	
<b>87/19</b>	<b>General correspondence</b>	
a)	Office of the Clerk of Tynwald – Invitation to Tynwald Ceremony 2019, Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019. <b>MF to attend.</b>	
b)	Onchan Commissioners – Invitation to Civic Service, May 19 <sup>th</sup> , St Anthony's Church, 3.00 pm. <i>This was noted.</i>	

c)	Elliott Construction – Regarding a plot of land adjoining Ard Reayrt. <i>The Clerk referred a previous planning application for the site, PA14/01189/A. This application was refused for reasons relating to zoning and tree coverage, the main reasons stated for refusal relating to the existing tree coverage which the Forestry Officer considers to be woodland. A plan showing the extent of the land owned by the Commission was examined and it was noted this also formed part of the woodland referred to in the Planning Officer’s report. A discussion took place and several members stated they were strongly opposed to allowing access across the land which would require removal of mature trees on both the land owned by the Commissioners and the application site. It was noted that loss of woodland that would result from development of the proposed site is contrary to the provisions of both Policy L/OSNC/PR/6 of the Laxey and Lonan Area Plan Order 2005 and also Environment Policy 3 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan. The consensus was that development of this site and the granting of access by the Commission, would be actions that were detrimental to the natural environment.</i> <i>LM proposed that the request for access to be granted across the land owned by the Commission be refused. This was seconded by JP. A vote took place and the motion was carried.</i>	
d)	Mobile Food Vendor – Request to operate in Garff. <i>The operator had expressed an interest in operating a ‘creperie’ from Laxey Promenade during TT fortnight. JP declared a potential conflict of interest in regard to her business and left the room for the duration of the discussion. It was agreed that permission could be granted for a trial during the TT Festival this year once further discussion of opening hours had taken place with the vendor in regard to operating times. It was also agreed that a ‘cut-off’ time of 9.00 pm be included as a condition of any permission. Clerks to contact the vendor.</i>	clerks
e)	Douglas Corporation – Invitation to Civic Service, Sunday June 9 <sup>th</sup> 2019, St George’s Church, 10.30 am. <i>JS advised that he would attend on behalf of the Commissioners.</i>	
<b>88/19</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
a)	<b>Municipal Association</b> – <i>A report of matters from the last meeting had been circulated and was noted. TK stated that powers of compulsory purchase had been discussed at the April meeting. JS advised that this was particularly in regard to powers available in legislation to Manx Utilities.</i>	
b)	<b>Laxey &amp; Lonan Heritage Trust</b> – ntr	
c)	<b>Laxey &amp; Lonan Sports and Community Facilities</b> – ntr	
d)	<b>Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee</b> – ntr	
e)	<b>Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting</b> – ntr	
f)	<b>Regeneration Committee</b> – ntr	
g)	<b>Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee</b> - ntr	
h)	<b>Northern Civic Amenity Site</b> – ntr	
i)	<b>Northern Swimming Pool Board</b> - ntr	
j)	<b>Northern Sheltered Housing Committee</b> - ntr	
k)	<b>Waste Management Steering Group</b> - ntr	
l)	<b>Employment Sub-Committee</b> - ntr	
m)	<b>Glen Road Recreation Area Sub-Committee</b> – <i>It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, at 10.00 am. MR to circulate a report on progress with determining viability &amp; costs of the proposed options prior to the meeting. No further instruction given.</i>	MR
<b>89/19</b>	<b>Officers Report</b>	
	<b>Officers’ Report (New Road Matters)</b> - ntr	
	<b>Officer’s Report (Coil Roi Matters)</b> –	

	<i><b>JM</b> had circulated a report which was noted. Matters relating to the waiting list were discussed, including details of the criteria for the points system. No further instruction given.</i>	
<b>90/19</b>	<b>Health and Safety</b> – <i>A report had been circulated by the office. This was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
<b>91/19</b>	<b>Works and Amenities</b> - <i>A report had been circulated by the office. This was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
<b>92/19</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b> – ntr	
<b>93/19</b>	<b>Staffing Matters</b> – ntr	
	<b>Chairman’s Report</b> – ntr	
<b>94/19</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<i>Laxey Promenade Sea Defences Demonstration by DoI – It was noticed that the ‘mock-up’ demonstration of the proposed sea defence would now take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2019. Further details to be announced by DoI.</i>	
<b>b)</b>	<i>To discuss options for refurbishment of the Laxey Promenade ‘Beach Huts’. (document circulated 01.05.19) An Officer’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter until the meeting taking place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.</i>	
<b>c)</b>	<i>To note dimensions of the River Beach Area, including number of standard-sized car parking spaces the area would provide (document circulated 01.05.19). The officer’s had measured the area and advised that it had the potential to provide five spaces, but two spaces would then be lost on the road itself. The result being that only three extra spaces would be created. <b>AM</b> felt that the works and alterations required would mean that the proposal was not cost-effective. <b>TK</b> felt that options to refurbish as a public space should be considered. <b>JP</b> suggested that Laxey school be contacted with a view to them using the space as a ‘biosphere’ garden. Officers to raise the latter option with staff at the school at the next opportunity.</i>	clerks
<b>d)</b>	<i>To discuss final preparations for ‘Prash Laxaa’, the Great Laxey Brass Band Festival (document circulated 01.05.19). This document was noted. MR advised that preparations were being undertaken. <b>JS, ND</b> and <b>TK</b> to assist with marshalling on the day.</i>	
<b>e)</b>	<i><b>PK</b> asked about the ‘derelict’ garages behind Tent Road in Laxey, which had been the subject of flooding in recent years. He asked Member to consider what could be done to encourage their use in the future. The matter was noted. No further instructions were given to officers.</i>	
	<b>Private Session</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<i>To Discuss recommendations from the Employment Sub-Committee in regard to contracts that have been drafted for staff at Cooil Roi Sheltered Housing Complex. Contractual matters were discussed.</i>	
<b>b)</b>	To discuss annual RPI increase for rental properties owned by the Commissioners.	
<b>c)</b>	<i>A matter raised by a resident in regard to land owned by the Commissioners beside Old Laxey Hill was discussed.</i>	
	The meeting was declared closed at 10.00 pm	
	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 7.00pm	