

**GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 7.00 pm

**Present:** Mrs M. Fargher, Mr J. Smith, Mr N. Dobson, Mr. T Kenyon, Mr P. Kinnish, Mr L. Miller, Mrs J. Pinson, Mr. J. Quayle, Mr A. Moore.  
**In Attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr M. Royle, Deputy Clerk/RFO,  
**Apologies:** Mrs Julie Mattin (JM) Housing Manager.

Meeting opened 7.02 pm	<p>Presentation from Mrs Val Kinrade in regard to conversion of the 'Rose Garden' Shelter in Laxey into an 'education centre' for the use of the Visit Laxey Valley Project.  <i>(Information from Dr Hubbard circulated previously to all Members).</i>  <i>Mrs Kinrade was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman and thanked the Commissioners for allowing her to make a presentation in regard to the creation of an Education Centre in the Rose Gardens in Laxey.</i>  <i>Mrs Kinrade gave a brief summary of the project and the latest developments, also advising that the 'Welcome Centre', which would be based in Christ Church, Laxey, was scheduled to open for TT. In this respect an 'information film, was being produced that would provide historical background to mining activities in Laxey and also direct visitors to the key attractions around the village.</i>  <i>Mrs Kinrade outlined the proposal to convert the Rose Garden Shelter into an Education Centre. The Lottery Trust had been approached and had responded positively to the proposals indicating that they were very interested in considering the proposal, but would that planning permission for the conversion would need to be in place prior to any formal consideration of the bid. She outlined how central the Education Centre would be to the project, adding that it would be key to involving the Island's schools and also to maximising the number of visitor footfall; this would then increase the level of 'Visitor Spend' at the various businesses in the area. If successful the Lottery Trust would provide 70% of the funding needed. She advised that the VLV Project were confident that the remaining 30% could be raised from third party outside sources. Mrs Kinrade also stated that the Commissioners could make use of the centre once it was completed for events and community purposes. She advised that the cost of architect's fees relating to submission of a planning application for the conversion were estimated to be in the region of £1,400.00. She asked if the Commissioners would provide funding and logistical assistance to enable this first step to be undertaken. <b>AM</b> proposed that the Commissioners undertake to engage an architect for the purposes outlined by Mrs Kinrade, and that a budget of £1,500 be set aside to cover fees. This was seconded by <b>TK</b>. A vote took place and the Resolution was carried.</i></p>
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| <b>95/19</b> | <b>Planning Matters</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|              | <b>Planning Applications</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>a)</b>    | 19/00468/B Thie Spooyt, Dreemskerry, Alterations, erection of a two storey extension and replacement of existing conservatory with a garden room.<br><i>The various Planning Policies were noted. A discussion took place in which a variety of views were considered. <b>ND</b> proposed that the Commissioners submit comment which noted Housing Policy but did not express an objection to the proposals. This was seconded by <b>JP</b> and carried.</i> |
| <b>b)</b>    | 19/00470/B Green Gables, Laxey Road, Baldrine, Roofing works, window / door alterations to dwelling and creation of additional parking / turning area.<br><i>There were no objections to these proposals.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>c)</b>    | 19/00487/B 16 Baldrine Park, Baldrine, Alterations and erection of a rear extension.<br><i>There were no objections to these proposals.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>d)</b>    | 19/00221/B Rosebank, Baldrine Hill, Baldrine, Alterations and erection of a rear extension.<br><i>There were no objections to these proposals.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

e)	19/00310/B Niaara, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine, Alterations, erection of two storey extension and creation of a first floor (additional plan). <i>There were no objections to this amendment.</i>	
f)	19/00497/B Ramillies, Clay Head Road, Baldrine IM4 6DN, Erection of a 2 storey extension and single garage (amendment to PA 18/00405/B) <i>There were no objections to these proposals.</i>	
g)	19/00507/B Avoca Old Laxey Hill Laxey, Installation of replacement roof tiles. <i>There were no objections to these proposals.</i>	
<b>Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)</b>		
d)	19/00078/B - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling, Ardmay, Clay Head Road, Baldrine – Approved 03.05.19. <i>This approval was noted. No further action.</i>	
e)	19/00296/B - Alterations, erection of extensions and replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with tiles, Ballacowle, Agneash, Laxey – Approved 03.05.19	
f)	19/00297/B - Alterations and erection of a first floor extension to dwelling, Ard Aalin, Pinfold Hill, Laxey – Approved 05.05.19. <i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
g)	<i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
h)	<i>This approval was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
<b>Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) -ntr</b>		
<b>Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr</b>		
g)	<b>Planning Withdrawal Notice – 18/01160/B Laxey Harbour and Promenade Sea Wall, Construction of a reinforced concrete cantilever retaining wall of varying height to harbour along the sea wall – Application Withdrawn.</b> <i>This action was noted. No further instruction at this stage.</i>	
<b>96/19 Approval of Minutes</b>		
a)	Approval of minutes of meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> of May 2019 (AGM). <i>The Minutes of this meeting had been circulated. <b>ND</b> proposed that they were a correct record of decisions made. This was seconded by <b>JS</b> and Resolved.</i>	
<b>97/19 Matters Arising &amp; Other Business</b>		
a)	<i>To discuss the future of the Beach/Changing Huts on Laxey Promenade (Report circulated 01.05.19).</i> <i><b>MF</b> advised that there were matters in regard to the perception of a Member's Conflict of Interest that required assessment before this matter could be discussed. For these reasons she withdrew the item from the evening's agenda advising that the item would be rescheduled once the matters had been resolved.</i>	
b)	To consider Government Consultations on parking in Douglas/Onchan/Union-Mills/Laxey. Details available at the following links (closing date: 27.05.19). <i>These consultations were noted and their relevance to Laxey questioned by Members, despite the inclusion of the Village in the title of the consultation. It was noted that the questions and opportunities for answers were written in a manner that was only applicable to those parking in Douglas. <b>JS</b> stated that the Commissioners should have been contacted much earlier. The consensus was that there were urgent parking issues in Laxey which needed to be addressed and that these problems were being exacerbated by the imposition of parking restrictions on New Road during TT/MGP, etc. It was agreed to submit a letter to the consultation on this matter that demanded a more relevant consideration of the particular parking and traffic issues in Laxey.</i>	clerks
c)		

<b>98/19</b>	<b>General correspondence</b>	
a)	Trader – request for a trading licence to sell gloves and other clothing on Laxey Promenade. <i>JP left the meeting at this point as this item involved consideration of matters in which it could be perceived her own business interests would influence her contribution to the discussions. This request for a trading licence was discussed. The general consensus being that a clothing outlet as proposed would not be appropriate or desirable in this location.</i>	
b)	DEFA – Consultation on the Bathing Water Directive 2006 ( <i>response requested by 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019</i> ). <i>This local authority consultation had been circulated to all Members. It was noted that the various proposals for treatment of sewage being considered by Manx Utilities and the community were of direct relevance to the matters in the consultation documents. It was agreed that further information was required in these matters and that in the first instance the clerks should request a meeting with Mr Renton, the Environmental Protection Unit Manager at DEFA. It was anticipated that further discussion would subsequently take place at the June meeting of the Commissioners.</i>	
c)	Hospice.org – Invitation to the 'Wallabies Gone Wild' Launch Event at the Salmon Centre on 22.05.19 at 5.30 pm. <i>It was agreed that TK would attend this function on behalf of the Commissioners.</i>	
d)	Resident – Email correspondence dated 09.05.19 in regard to the DoI's Laxey Sea Wall proposal. <i>This correspondence had been circulated and was noted as was the withdrawal of the planning application 18/01160/B. It was agreed that the correspondence should be placed on file and considered should a further planning application be submitted by the Department of Infrastructure.</i>	
<b>99/19</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>	
a)	<b>Laxey &amp; Lonan Heritage Trust – ND</b> reminded Members that the 'Duck Race' was taking place on Saturday the 18 <sup>th</sup> of May 2019. This was noted.	
b)	<b>Glen Road Recreation Area Sub-Committee – Next meeting 10.00 am, 17.05.19.</b>	
<b>100/19</b>	<b>Officers Reports</b>	
	<b>Officers' Report (New Road Matters)</b> (W&A / H&S reports circulated 10.05.19)	
	<b>Officer's Report (Cooil Roi Matters)</b> - ntr	
<b>101/19</b>	<b>Health and Safety</b> (Report to be circulated)	
<b>102/19</b>	<b>Works and Amenities</b> (Report circulated 10.05.19) <i>MR advised that the 'wet pour' surfacing was currently being installed.</i>	
<b>103/19</b>	<b>Financial Matters – ntr</b>	
<b>104/19</b>	<b>Staffing Matters – ntr</b>	
	<b>Chairman's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>MF advised that celebrations were being planned to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first tram to Laxey on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2019. LM told Members that a special tram would run into Laxey as part of the celebrations. An invitation to attend had been sent to the Chairman.</i></li> <li><i>MF advised that she had attended a 'focus group' meeting on the future of the Post Office. There had been a good discussion in which the sustainability of the organisation had been discussed.</i></li> <li><i>MF thanked all Members of staff for their hard work at the recent Brass Band Festival which she advised had been greatly enjoyed by the bands and public.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>105/19</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
a)	<i>A proposal from LM that the Commissioners consider requesting a public vote on any new planning application that was submitted for sea defences in Laxey was noted and discussed. It</i>	

	<i>was agreed that this proposal be fully considered should such an application be submitted by the Department of Infrastructure.</i>	
<b>b)</b>	To discuss the need for warning lights at the A2/Laxey Tram Station Junction ( <i>generated by Tim Kenyon 11.05.19</i> ). <i>It was noted that there had been another accident involving a tram and a motor vehicle over the recent Bank Holiday Weekend. <b>AM</b> advised that Highways had been resistant to installing warning lights when they had been formally approached on several previous occasions. It was agreed that the issue should be raised with Highways at the next NTMLG meeting.</i>	NTMLG
<b>c)</b>	To determine the date of the next Meeting. <i>It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2019.</i>	
<b>d)</b>	Climate Change Mitigation Strategy Consultation ( <i>previously circulated</i> ). <i>This document was noted. No further instruction.</i>	
<b>e)</b>	<b>MF</b> noted that there was litter at the Minorca Tram Stop. <b>LM</b> advised that L&LHT took responsibility for this halt, and that it was anticipated that work on tidying the area up would begin in the next few weeks.	
<b>f)</b>	<b>MF</b> asked if a road name sign could be erected at the Port-e-Vullen end of Jacks Lane in Maughold. This was agreed. Clerks to arrange.	clerks
<b>106/19</b>	<b>Matters in Private</b>	
<b>a)</b>	<i>To consider a quotation for a new oil storage tank and associated car park at 35 New Road. A quotation was considered and accepted.</i>	
	Date of next meeting 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.	