GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of the Commissioners
Laxey Working Men's Institute

Any Other Business

Wednesday 1st July 2020, 7.00 pm

Present: Mr J. Smith (JS) (Chair), Mrs J. Pinson (JP) (Vice-Chair), Mr N. Dobson (ND), Mrs M. Fargher (MF), Mr T. Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr L. Miller (LM), Mr A. J. Moore (AJM), Mr. J. Quayle (JQ).

In Attendance: Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO, Mrs J. Mattin (JM) Housing Manager, Mrs S. Gower-Jackson (SGW).

Apologies: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk.

19/20	**Any Other Business**	
a)	To discuss the decision to close Laxey Harbour to pedestrians for a temporary period from 25th June 2020 (see Appendix 1 below).	
b)	To discuss notification from the Planning Authority that they are intending to bring the application for a sewage treatment works at the Cairns Site in Laxey (PA 20/00082/B) to a forthcoming DEFA Planning Committee. The Commissioners have been advised that the announcement of a date for the application to be considered by the Planning Committee is due imminently.	
c)	To consider acceptance of the Street Light Maintenance contract with Manx Utilities *(documents circulated).*	
	Any Other Business - In Private	
	Date of next meeting: 15th July 2020.	

Appendix 1.

25.06.20 -PRESS RELEASE-
Swimming in Harbours - Safety Closure – Laxey Harbour

Regrettably, and with apologies to those who enjoy the amenity value of our harbours, the decision has been taken to close two areas of Laxey Harbour to the public. This action is due to continued disregard for safety advice and Bye-Laws. The area of the Outer Breakwater and Harbour Office Jetty will be closed to prevent increasingly dangerous conduct from swimmers. This action is not taken lightly but reflects the level of concern which the activities are now causing.

The Harbours Division of the Department of Infrastructure again urges members of the public to be aware of the dangers of associated with the harbour environment and refrain from activity which involves jumping into or swimming in a harbour. Swimming and jumping into a harbour channel, especially when near to entrances, increases the risk of injury or death from collision with a vessel. It is an offence under the Harbours Act and Bye-Laws to swim, bathe or dive from any harbour pier or any part of a harbour which lies within a pier head. The Bye-Laws also give the power to instruct swimmers to leave the harbour and failure to comply with any instruction given by a Harbour Officer can lead to prosecution and a fine up to £5000.

The Harbours Division has responsibility for public safety in all its harbours and as such will look to exercise and enforce its powers under the Harbours Act should this dangerous activity continue.

Director of Harbours
Harbours Division