

# GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

## Monthly Meeting of the Commissioners

Conducted by remote means due to the lockdown due to Covid-19 Pandemic

### Minutes of the Meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7.00 pm

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs M. Fargher (MF) (Chair), Mr N. Dobson (ND)(vice-Chair) Mr T. Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mr A. J. Moore (AJM), Mrs J. Pinson (JP), Mr J. Smith (JS).
<b>In Attendance:</b>	P. Burgess (PB) Clerk, M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk. J. Mattin (JM) Housing Manager.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr L. Miller (LM), <i>AJM was unable to join the meeting due to technical issues. He gave apologies via telephone. The meeting was chaired by ND.</i>
<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Public Session - Preliminary Matters for consideration</b>
<b>a)</b>	To open the meeting and request that Members consider this agenda and declare any interest that they may, or may be perceived to have, in its business. <i>This matter was noted by Members. MR advised that he would mute &amp; turn camera/sound off for item 1/21.a in which he declared an interest.</i>
<b>1/21</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>
	<b>Planning Applications</b>
<b>a)</b>	20/001167/B 14 Cronk Cardle Corony, Maughold, Alterations and erection of extension to side of elevation and alterations to vehicle access ( <i>Amended Plans Submitted</i> ) <i>PB had circulated comments on the amended plans. These were considered. The consensus being that the amendment was minor, constituted a minor improvement to access that was insufficient. Concern was expressed that the principle of appropriating the Highway would set a precedent for other applications elsewhere.</i>
<b>b)</b>	20/1500/B Regent House Upper Cronk Orry Laxey, Alterations and erection of a two-storey extension. <i>There were no objections to this application.</i>
<b>c)</b>	20/01396/B North Barrule Port Lewaigue Close Port Lewaigue, Erection of a replacement conservatory with roof terrace over and replacement of bedroom window with patio door to provide access to proposed roof terrace, erection of a conservatory to replace existing rear canopy and formation of additional parking. <i>There were no objections to this application.</i>
<b>d)</b>	20/01478/B Minglestone Glen Roy Laxey, Erection of a two-storey extension to provide ancillary living accommodation. <i>There were no objections to this application.</i>
<b>e)</b>	20/01496/B 5 Bay View Terrace Laxey, Installation of replacement windows and door. <i>Members to visit site and assess the proposals.</i>
<b>f)</b>	20/01385/B Glen Road Laxey, Construction of reinforced concrete wall with stone cladding for the purpose of providing flood protection. <i>Correspondence received from a resident had been circulated. This expressed concerns with the works that had already been completed at Gretch Veg and previous correspondence in November had also expressed concern with the demolition of the current wall and the effect on structures that formed an important part of Laxey's Heritage. These comments were considered. It was noted that the section of wall in front of Hollywood Cottage would be raised and that the wall section after the floodgate up to opposite the Woollen Mills would be rebuilt. JP expressed concern over visibility for vehicles accessing the bridge. It was agreed to contact planning and stress that the development was in a conservation area. It was also agreed that a concrete facing on the riverside was unacceptable and the clerks were instructed to request that any new wall that was approved be stone clad on both faces.</i>
	<b>Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) – The following approvals were noted. No further instruction.</b>
<b>g)</b>	20/01200/B Erection of first floor extension to rear elevation, Strawberry Cottage, Glen Mona, Maughold – Approved 22.12.20.

<b>h)</b>	20/01053/B Installation of replacement front door, Tebekwe Mount, Old Laxey Hill – Approved 22.12.20.
<b>i)</b>	20/00754/C Change of use from office use to residential, The Barn Moaney Woods Farmhouse, Church Road, Lonan – Approved 22.12.20.
<b>j)</b>	20/01242/B Alterations and extension to existing sun room, Aysgarth Fairy Cottage Laxey – Approved 21.12.20.
<b>k)</b>	20/01197/B Alterations and extensions to first floor rear elevation, Lower Ballabeg, Ballabeg – Approved 18.12.20.
<b>l)</b>	20/01190/B Erection of sunroom extension, Dolphins Clay Head Road Baldrine – Approved 18.12.20.
<b>m)</b>	20/01188/B Alterations and erection of ground floor extension with first floor, Hillside Upper Rencell Hill Laxey – Approved 18.12.20.
<b>n)</b>	20/00803/B Erection of a conservatory, Thie Varrey The Colony, Port Lewaigue – Approved 17.12.20.
<b>o)</b>	20/01312/B Erection of a detached garage, Thie Gamman Beg, The Crescent, Baldrine – Approved 30.12.20.
	<b>Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr</b>
	<b>Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr</b>
	<b>Planning Enforcement - ntr</b>
<b>2/21</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>
<b>a)</b>	Approval of minutes of the meeting of the 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020. These were agreed to be a correct record of the decisions made at the meeting. <i>Proposed MF. Seconded JS. Resolved.</i>
<b>3/21</b>	<b>Matters Arising &amp; Other Business</b>
<b>1.</b>	<i>PA 18/00979/B - It was noted that the application for a new dwelling had been approved at appeal. MR advised that residents had contacted the office expressing great concern by this decision.</i>
<b>2.</b>	<i>MR advised that the proposed 'Laxey Un-locked' event planned for February half-term was now likely to be postponed until later in the year due to the current lockdown.</i>
<b>a)</b>	To discuss the forthcoming Local Government Amendment Bill ( <i>documents circulated 17.12.20</i> ). <i>The relevant documents had been circulated. Members to forward comments to the clerks.</i>
<b>b)</b>	To discuss Rate Setting and Budgets for YE 2022 ( <i>documents to be circulated W/C 04.01.21</i> ). <i>Documents had been circulated. These figures were discussed, and the clerks were given feedback to It was agreed that the budget</i> <i>JS proposed that the engagement of an 'events' organiser' be considered should any additional events be included in the calendar for 2021. It was noted that Government may provide part-subsidy for new events. JP asked if the Entertainment budget included publicity/marketing for the events. MR confirmed that it was. MF stated that it was important to provide additional entertainments for Islanders while the borders were closed. She noted that staff had not received additional remuneration for organising and running the weekend events. MR advised that the maintenance staff were used sparingly at the weekend events. Generally, the weekend events were covered by MR/PB who volunteered with no remuneration. TK stated that in his opinion the maintenance staff did an excellent job. The level of this budget for 2021 was discussed and the clerks instructed. The cost of the forthcoming election was also noted. This would add around 3p to the general rate. Increases in refuse collection charges, disposal of domestic waste at the EfW plant, and the CA sites were noted. The likely continued loss of income at the campsite was also a matter that had been set out in the draft budget proposals. Continuing marketing of the campsite to Island residents was discussed. JP asked if a training budget had been set. PB advised that Cooil Roi training was covered by their separate budget, and that there was monies included in both office expenses and the professional fees budgets. PK asked if additional staffing for the maintenance team be considered. MR advised that services were already delivered cost-effectively adding that it would be difficult to make any significant savings on core services. referred to managing the level of reserves which aspect needed to be considered by Members.</i> <i>ND requested that a final draft budget be circulated prior to a meeting at the end of January. This was agreed.</i>

<b>4/21</b>	<b>General correspondence</b>
<b>a)</b>	Laxey Football Club – Correspondence regarding proposals to create a new football pitch in the vicinity of Ballaragh. <i>The potential visual impact and potential benefits to the community were considered. It was agreed to give support in principle subject to submission of a detailed planning application.</i>
<b>b)</b>	Laxey Football Club – Correspondence in regard to re-lining the car park at the Football Club. <i>This matter was considered. Four Members indicated support for lining the car park with the Commissioners paying for the appropriate lining paint. One Member was against &amp; one abstained. <b>ND</b> noted that <b>PK</b> had an interest in the matter due to his links with the football club. <b>PK</b> did not vote on this matter. The clerks were instructed to advise the football club of this decision.</i>
<b>c)</b>	Resident – <i>three items of correspondence from a resident had been circulated. These were in regard to the resident’s concerns with the construction works being undertaken by DoI in relation to the Flood Management Scheme being implemented on Glen Road. These were in relation to PA20/01385/B Laxey Glen Road river wall, and the resident’s view that important aspects of Laxey heritage were being destroyed and lost. These matters were considered as part of the discussion at item 1/21.f above.</i>
<b>5/21</b>	<b>Committees &amp; Boards</b>
<b>a)</b>	Municipal Association - <i>ntr</i>
<b>b)</b>	Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust - <i>ntr</i>
<b>c)</b>	Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities - <i>ntr</i>
<b>d)</b>	Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee - <i>ntr</i>
<b>e)</b>	Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Community Partnership meeting - <i>ntr</i>
<b>f)</b>	Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee - <i>ntr</i>
<b>g)</b>	Northern Civic Amenity Site- <i>ntr</i>
<b>h)</b>	Northern Swimming Pool Board - <i>ntr</i>
<b>i)</b>	Northern Sheltered Housing Committee- <i>ntr</i>
<b>j)</b>	Waste Management Steering Group - <i>ntr</i>
<b>k)</b>	Employment Sub-Committee - <i>ntr</i>
<b>l)</b>	Glen Road Recreation Area Sub-Committee- <i>ntr</i>
<b>6/21</b>	<b>Operational Reports</b>
<b>a)</b>	Health & Safety- <i>MR referred to a report that had been circulated. The Authority’s Covid Contingency Plan had been implemented at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. PPE stocks were excellent and would be monitored going forward. PPE was being supplied to the Refuse contractors and to Laxey Lifeline. This was noted.</i>
<b>b)</b>	Cooil Roi – <i>JM advised that the complex was now on full lock down. The appropriate stage of the Covid-Contingency-Plan for Cooil Roi had been implemented. JM advised that there were adequate PPE stocks. JM advised that additional maintenance needed to be undertaken on the stair lift. JM to organise a remote meeting of the Housing Sub-committee in due course. JM to liaise with ND on this. JM left the meeting at 8.03 pm.</i>
<b>7/21</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b> <i>(to be submitted in writing by mid-day the previous Tuesday to the date of the meeting).</i>
<b>1.</b>	<i>MR advised that contact had been made with Laxey Lifeline and all requests from the organisation for PPE &amp; other assistance had been met.</i>
<b>a)</b>	To discuss the decision by Ramsey Commissioners to progress their proposal for changes to the current Garff and Lezayre boundaries. <i>It was agreed to contact the Planning Authority in regard to this matter in terms of matters such as land-zoning and the draft Northern Area Plan. .</i>
<b>b)</b>	To discuss the recent spell of cold weather and the effect on highways and pavements across Garff. <i>This matter was discussed. It was noted that these were matters that DoI were responsible, but the Commissioners maintenance staff had gritted public areas in Laxey Village over the Festive period. It was also noted that the initial ice was not forecast and had caught out DoI in the first instance. The level of staffing over the Christmas period was also an issue. The Commissioners were putting pressure on the Department to re-charge the salt bins. Cooil Roi’s grit box had been re-charged by maintenance staff and the area had been gritted. The clerks were asked to request</i>

	<i>that DoI attach signs to the grit bins that the grit should only be taken for public pavements and public areas. These matters were noted.</i>
<b>c)</b>	<i>To discuss cars parked untaxed on land at the Glen Road recycling area. The options available to the Commissioners in regard to this problem were discussed. The clerks were instructed to investigate a solution.</i>
<b>d)</b>	
<b>8/21</b>	<b>Matters in Private</b>
<b>a)</b>	<i>Contact from the private contractor who provided and serviced the plastic and cardboard recycling was discussed. This was in regard to the level of service provided during the current lockdown.</i>
	The Meeting ended at 8.51 pm.
	Date of next meeting: 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021