

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday 16th March 2022, 7.00 pm

Laxey Football Club Function Room

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Mrs M. Fargher (MF) (Chair), Mr J. Smith (JS) Vice-Chair, Ms M. Christian (MC), Ms A. Creer (AC), Mr T. Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mrs J. Pinson (JP), Mr S. Ryzak (SR).

Officers: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO.
Mrs J. Mattin (JM) Housing Manager (*by Zoom*).

Apologies: Mr S. Clague (SC)

7.00pm 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.

Cooil Roi Report

JM referred to the relaxing of Covid regulations and advice that was coming into operation at the end of March. It was noted that Covid rates had been fluctuating over the past months and that currently they were increasing markedly. JM recommended that staff Members who had symptoms or tested positive should not come into work as there were vulnerable residents at Cooil Roi.

JM referred to the There followed discussion of staff pay if they had contracted Covid and were asked not to attend work. JP proposed that, in this circumstance, staff who could not work from home should still continue to be paid. This was seconded by.....and unanimously Resolved.

JM advised that there had been issues with the ventilation system at the complex and further advised that engineers had been engaged to assess the ventilation system at the complex and advise on any necessary maintenance.

38/22 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) 22/00207/B - Deepdale Laxey Launderette Glen Road Laxey. Removal of 3.2m of boundary wall to widen existing access.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. There were no Objections to this application.

b) 22/00208/B - Fields 624234 & 624235 Via Ards To Cornaa Myehill Cornaa. Erection of temporary accommodation and access in conjunction with the construction of approved dwelling under planning approval PA 19/01063/B.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. The consensus was that the Board would support the proposals if a condition limiting the use of the building for residential purposes to a five year period.

c) 22/00279/B - Ard Beg Pinfold Hill Laxey. Alterations, erection of extension and decking.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. There were no Objections to this application.

d) 22/00282/B - 4 Keyll Lhiarjee Laxey. Lowering a portion of raised hardstanding area to front of property.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. There were no Objections to this application.

e) 22/00283/B - 4 Keyll Lhiarjee Laxey. Erection of fencing and replace existing conservatory roof with insulated tile. *The details and impact of this his application were considered. There were no Objections to this application.*

f) 22/00286/B - Hunters Moon Baldhoon Road Laxey. Alterations, erection of extension and installation of a flue.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. There were no Objections to this application.

g) 22/00245/B - Savannah Clay Head Road Baldrine. Erect gate posts, gate and bin store.

The details and impact of this his application were considered. It was agreed that the development would act to 'tidy-up' the area and in this respect the Commissioners recommend Approval.

	Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) <i>The following approvals were noted. No further instruction.</i>	
f)	21/01363/B - Port E Vullen House Port E Vullen Maughold. Alterations and extensions to dwelling.	
g)	21/01476/B - Shell Seekers Fairy Cottage Laxey. External alterations and additional use of dwelling as tourist accommodation.	
	Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) <i>The following refusals were noted. No further instruction.</i>	
h)	21/01332/C – Greenbank, 33 Mines Road, Laxey. Additional use of summerhouse as self-catering tourist accommodation.	
i)	21/01263/B - Land Adjoining Ard Reayrt And Rear To Wayside Laxey. Erection of a double garage.	
	Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr	
	Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control) <i>Potential planning enforcement matters relating to three sites in the Sheading were discussed and the Clerks given instruction.</i>	
39/22	Approval of Minutes	
a)	Approval of minutes of meetings of 2 nd March 2022. <i>These were unanimously agreed to be a correct record of the decisions made at the meeting. Proposed TK, Seconded SR. Resolved.</i>	
40/22	Matters Arising & Other Business	
a)	To discuss projects to be included in the five-year financial plan being drafted. <i>A copy of the draft five-year financial plan had been circulated previously and was circulated at the meeting. A range of proposals were considered and discussed. MF asked if priorities could be set. Current projects and approved projects such as the Skateboard Park on Glen Road & the new flooring for the MUGA were discussed. It had also been resolved to install a beach shower on the main Promenade Green. It was noted that the Christmas decorations would be improved in both Lonan and Maughold.</i> <i>There followed discussion of a range of potential projects and initiatives that might be included in the five year financial plan. Six Members had made submissions which had been circulated and were used to inform the discussion.</i> <i>Harbour toilet refurbishment to include modern disabled facilities. JP felt that these toilets should not be 'unisex' as had been suggested. JP proposed that the whole harbour area be considered and further facilities such as a changing room and shower be installed along with lockers, etc. It was noted that the current building would have to be extended to accommodate this range of facilities, whereas the previous proposal was to rearrange the facilities within the current building to provide modern disabled facilities.</i> <i>Another project that was discussed was refurbishment or replacement of the equipment at the Laxey Promenade play area. Various options were discussed including extension of the area and widening the target age range from 3 – 8 to 3 – 12 years.</i> <i>There followed discussion of a proposal to approach Christ Church with a view to making the disabled toilet accessible to daytime visitors. This would perhaps require the use of a 'radar key' system.</i> <i>It was noted that there was an initiative underway to obtain quotations for an options study to be undertaken on the 35 New Road Building. The result of this, either refurbishment or demolition/rebuild would have to be factored in to the five year plan should it be deemed necessary to start the project in that period. There followed discussion of the inclusion of an options study for sheltered housing provision in Laxey/Garff. The studies would also assess whether there was any scope or value in combining the two projects in any way. The clerks outlined the potential options for new sheltered accommodation that would be assessed in the options study that it was anticipated would take place in the spring/summer of 2022.</i> <i>MR reminded Members that all that was being done was that options studies were being undertaken by professionals. Their findings would be presented to the Board for a decision to be made on the future of 35 New Road and JM would report on the longer term provision of sheltered housing in Garff. He also added that the previous Board had resolved that the officers should initiate</i>	

	<p><i>investigations in regard to sheltered housing provision and that at the last meeting approval had been given to investigate options studies for 35 New Road.</i></p> <p><i>At this point, JP stated a proposal that a sum of £17,000 be approved to undertake the options study on 35 New Road. This was seconded by AC and unanimously approved.</i></p> <p><i>Members discussed various proposals for further development of Laxey Promenade. SC felt that decisions should be postponed until DoI came forward with their proposals for a new sea wall, adding that he felt an architect should be engaged. It was agreed that further discussions on a 'coherent' approach to improving Laxey Promenade be discussed at a future meeting.</i></p> <p><i>JP referred to the River Beach area on Glen Road. Various options for development were discussed. It was agreed that this would be a focus for debate with a view to inclusion in the five-year plan.</i></p> <p><i>JP & TK asked if wildflower planting (or cornflowers which it was felt may be easier to succeed with) could be considered in public areas. The clerks advised that this was a project that could be covered by the budget arrangements for YE 2023 and could be initiated. It was agreed discuss possible locations at a future meeting. JP suggested that a 'sensory garden' could be created at the Glen Road Recreation Area. It was agreed that this could be a matter for discussion with a view to inclusion in the five year plan at a future discussion.</i></p> <p><i>JP suggested that the garage adjacent to the public shelter on Laxey Promenade could be refurbished for use as temporary offices during any works that take place at 35 New Road. The building could then become a 'community hub' or some other useful function. PB proposed that this option be considered as part of the various option studies on other properties discussed above. This was agreed.</i></p> <p><i>SR proposed that access to electric power be provided to serve Maughold Village Green for events. It was noted that there were contingencies in the current budget to provide this facility. MF referred to the ongoing discussion regarding the transfer of the Dhoon Field by the Church Authorities to the Commissioners to utilise the land for the benefit of the community. This had stalled in recent months due to further internal discussion of the Dhoon Church Site by the Church Authorities. It was hoped that negotiations could be re-started in the coming months.</i></p> <p><i>It was agreed that the inclusion of the above items in the five year plan would be discussed further at a forthcoming meeting.</i></p>
b)	<i>It was noted that the Governor would be visiting Garff Sheading on July 21st 2022. Clerks to liaise in due course with the Chair and Government House and determine a schedule and itinerary for His Excellency.</i>
c)	<i>MF advised that the Active Travel Survey for Garff created by local residents in conjunction with the Commissioners and DoI would be going live for a month from the 30th of March to the 11th of May.</i>
d)	<i>Works undertaken at the request of the Commissioners by Isle of Man Transport to refurbish the path between Captain's Hill and the Tram Station had been completed.</i>
e)	<i>It was noted that the next political surgery at the Commissioners' offices would take place on the 2nd of April. Mrs Caine MHK and a Commissioner would be in attendance.</i>
41/22	General correspondence -
42/22	Committees & Boards – By Exception
a)	Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team's Community Partnership Meeting to be held in Ramsey Town Hall, Commissioners' Boardroom on Tuesday 22nd March at 9.30am.
43/22	Operational Reports
a)	<p>35 New Road –</p> <p><i>JM had advised that several Members had not registered with the Data Commissioner in regard to GDPR related responsibilities to which they were subject. JM had circulated a reminder to those Members who had not registered to date. PB advised that any Member who was unsure of the process could attend the office. This was noted.</i></p>
b)	Cooil Roi -
44/22	Any Other Urgent Business (to be submitted in writing by mid-day the previous Tuesday to the date of the meeting).
45/22	Matters in Private
a)	Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control)

	<i>Planning Enforcement matters relating to three properties were discussed. The clerks were given instruction.</i>	
b)	<i>Employment matters in regard to the new Assistant Campsite Warden Post were provided to the Board.</i>	
	Meeting Closed at 9.40pm Date of next meeting: 6 th April 2022, 7.00pm Laxey Football Club	