

GARFF PARISH DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday 16th February 2022, 7.00 pm

Laxey Football Club Function Room

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Ms M. Christian (MC), Ms A. Creer (AC), Mrs M. Fargher (MF) (Chair), Mr T. Kenyon (TK), Mr P. Kinnish (PK), Mrs J. Pinson (JP), Mr J. Smith (JS), Mr S. Ryzak (SR).
In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess (PB), Clerk, Mr M. Royle (MR), Deputy Clerk/RFO. Mrs J. Mattin (JM), Housing Manager.
Apologies: Mr S. Clague (SC), Mrs M. Fargher (MF).

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| 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. <i>This was noted. No Members reported any conflicts of interest in any matters at this stage.</i> | Predicted Timings Item ends: |
| 21/22 | Cooil Roi Report <i>JM briefed Members on the meeting of the Sub-Committee that had taken place on 28th January 2022. There, the notes she had circulated thereafter (dated 15.02.22), and a Report (dated 15.02.22. had been discussion of projects that needed to be undertaken in regard to the Maintenance Budget. JP proposed that an investigation of the necessary works be undertaken. This was seconded by TK and Resolved. H&S & other matters were noted as indicated in the report. A discussion of the rent/rates for YE 23 took place at item 29/22.b below.</i> | |
| | <i>There followed a presentation on aspects of Sheltered Housing Provision at Cooil Roi to Members. JM outlined the criteria for allocation of the units and the 'points' system which related to level of need and residency. JM also outlined to Members how the status of any property held by a potential new resident was factored in to the level of rent set once they took up residency. JM briefed Members on the numbers on the current waiting list, the 'void' targets, and how the level of rent was set by central government, etc. The presentation included an outline on the designation of Sheltered Housing as 'independent living', the role and duties of the Wardens, and the general operation and running of the site. JS thanked JM for the presentation. JM left the meeting at 19.46pm.</i> | |
| 22/22 | Planning Matters | |
| | Planning Applications | |
| a) | 21/01184/B Cruachan Highfield Drive Baldrine, Alterations and erection of extension to existing dwelling and erection of a detached garage. <i>These amended plans were noted and discussed. The information submitted by a third party in regard to height, etc were noted. The Board agreed not to object and to leave consideration of the technical aspects of the application to the Planning Authority. No Objection.</i> | |
| b) | 22/00129/B Goods Shed Captains Hill Laxey, Restoration works including reinstatement of a door and window to North elevation and louvred vent to South elevation. <i>There were no Objections to these proposals.</i> | |
| | Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) – the following approvals were noted. No further instruction given. | |
| c) | 22/00004/B First floor extension above existing garage and a single storey extension to the rear with associated works, 67 Ard Reayrt Laxey. | |
| d) | 21/01553/B Rear/side single storey extension to create utility room, associated internal and external works, Cushag 10 Shore Road Laxey. | |
| e) | 21/01202/B Landscaping and installation of fencing and wall, Sunny Glen Lower Rencell Hill Laxey. | |
| f) | 21/01549/B Alterations and erection of extensions to provide Car Port and additional living accommodation to dwelling, Cooil Ny Cronk, Ballure, Maughold. | |
| g) | 21/00986/B Increase of residential curtilage, Yn Thie My Chree, 36 Mines Road, Laxey. | |
| | Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr | |

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| | Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee) - ntr | |
| | Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control) - ntr | |
| 23/22 | Approval of Minutes | |
| a) | Approval of minutes of meetings of the 2 nd of February 2022. These were agreed to be an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed SR. Seconded MC. Resolved unanimously. | |
| 24/22 | Matters Arising & Other Business | |
| a) | <p>Clerks to report on options and costings for additional facilities in the area of the central promenade in Laxey, including further discussion of options for initiating a project to upgrade disabled facilities in the Harbour toilets.</p> <p><i>Several Members had submitted suggestions for projects to be incorporated into the Commissioners' five-year financial plan. JS requested that all Members who hadn't make a submission at the earliest opportunity.</i></p> <p><i>Refurbishments and improvement of disabled facilities at Laxey Harbour Toilets were discussed. It was agreed that they were currently inadequate and fell short of modern standards, needs & expectations. The owners (DoI Properties) had been approached in this regard and MR reported that their response was that they had no budget to undertake any modernisation and, in any case, did not feel that there was a need to improve current provision; however, they had indicated that they would, in principle, be open to the Commissioners undertaking the work. It was agreed that the clerks obtain costs for engaging an architect/QS to undertake a report on the options for such refurbishment. It was also agreed that the clerks should meet/contact DfE to discuss the range and combinations of grants that could be applied for in relation to improving the Promenade's amenities.</i></p> <p><i>JP suggested that the Board consider installing toilets behind the kiosk that the Laxey Beach Stop Café operated, and that the garage building beside the public shelter be upgraded for use as a temporary office should development/refurbishment take place at 35 New Road. The building could then be used for other amenity purposes.</i></p> <p><i>There followed discussion of the provision of a 'Beach Shower' on Laxey Promenade. SR, MC, AC & PC reported that their favoured location was on the Green just south of the Public Shelter buildings: there was access to a drain owned by the Commissioners. The clerks reported that a drain survey had been undertaken and the report indicated that there was adequate capacity to take a shower. MC proposed that a 'Beach Shower' be installed with overall costs capped at £6,000. This was seconded by AC. A vote took place with 6 Members supporting the proposal and one Member abstaining. The proposal was carried.</i></p> | |
| b) | <p>To discuss the proposals from Recyclecollect.im for a partnership approach to kerbside recycling in Garff (<i>information circulated 11.02.22</i>)</p> <p><i>This proposal was considered. There followed discussion of provision of kerbside collection services, green waste collections, and enhancing current 'Bring Bank' provision. It was agreed that the Clerks should investigate a range of options for additional recycling opportunities that may be implemented in Garff and report back in due course.</i></p> | |
| c) | <p>To discuss a proposal from JP that the Commissioners consider the installation of streetlights powered by dog waste as indicated in information circulated on 11.02.22.</p> <p><i>JP advised that she had visited the area where such a streetlamp had been installed. The proposal was supported. The Clerks were instructed to make contact with the inventor of a dog waste street-light and a body in Malvern (Malvern Conservators) with a view to obtaining further details for the Board to consider.</i></p> | |
| d) | <i>It was noted that the Board had invited the Chair of Manx Utilities and the two Garff MHKs to a meeting to discuss progress with their investigations of sewage treatment options for Laxey and Lonan. This would take place on Wednesday 23rd February 2022.</i> | |
| e) | <i>The consequences of the forthcoming six-week closure of the A18 Mountain Road on Garff residents from Ballure to Groudle were noted and discussed. It was felt that the 'clearway' through Laxey Village would increase the speed of the larger volumes of traffic and this was a health and safety issue for residents. The effect of higher traffic volumes on areas such as Glen</i> | .. |

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| | <i>Mona and Baldrine were also discussed. MR reported that the Commissioners' SID speed signs would be deployed at key locations in Glen Mona, Laxey Village, and Baldrine. The DoI and the RPU had been contacted with a request for mitigating measures to be put in place. These included additional SID speed signs at agreed locations and frequent radar patrols (particularly at morning and evening 'rush hours'. The Commissioners staff would also monitor the behaviours of vehicle drivers along the A2 and 'call-in' the RPU where necessary to implement radar patrols, etc. This was noted.</i> | |
| 25/22 | General correspondence | |
| 26/22 | Committees & Boards – Urgent matters only by exception. | |
| 27/22 | Operational Reports | |
| a) | 35 New Road - | |
| b) | Cooil Roi - | |
| 28/22 | Any Other Urgent Business (to be submitted in writing by mid-day the previous Tuesday to the date of the meeting). | |
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| 29/22 | Matters in Private | |
| a) | To discuss the use of Laxey Promenade Public Shelter by third parties following recommendations from the Local Authority's Auditors and Insurers. Further discussion of this matter was reserved until the meeting to be held on the 2 nd of March 2022. | |
| b) | <i>Cooil Roi Rate Setting YE 23 A discussion took place.</i> | |
| | Date of next meeting: March 2 nd 2022, 7.00pm Laxey Football Club | |