

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 1st April 10.00 am

Minutes.

Present: Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman), Mrs J. Pinson

In Attendance: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk. **Members of the Public:** Mr W. Snelling, Mrs P. Burgess.

Apologies: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk

Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

Action

146/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 15/00338/B of 27.03.15 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at Isabella Cottage, 24, Mines Road, Laxey, IM4 7NH. [LVC Ref: 3713]. *It was resolved to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds that the windows should be of a sash window type.*

PH

PK arrived at 1002 hours and JP at 1004 hours.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- b) None. *Noted.*

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- c) None. *Noted.*

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- d) None. *Noted.*

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

- e) None. *Noted.*

Planning – Correspondence

- f) None. *Noted.*

147/14 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: **JJ**. Seconded by: **PK**.

148/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 18th March 2015.

- a) **PK – 146(l)** – enquired what the status was with regards to these properties and the meetings that had been held with the Environmental health Officer. PH stated that an update would be provided at the next meeting. *Deferred to Mid-Monthly – 15.04.15.*
- b) **PK – 146(m)** – enquired what the status was with regards to the Harbour Toilets. PH stated that an update would be provided at the next meeting. *Deferred to Mid-Monthly – 15.04.15.*

JP out between 1010 hours and 1012 hours to answer a call.

149/14 General correspondence

- a) Resident of South Cape, Laxey, IM4 7HY submits views on Coastal and Wave Overtopping. A discussion took place with regards to the Presentation on Coastal and Wave Overtopping and it was resolved that a deadline for comments should be set; advertisements be placed informing residents of this and then collate the information with a view to meeting with Mr Harding. **JP** believed that the Board should formulate their own submission. *PH*
- b) Resident of Back Shore Road, Laxey writes regarding Coastal and Wave Overtopping. See 149/14(a).

- c) Resident of Breeze Hill writes regarding Coastal and Wave Overtopping. *See 149/14(a).*
- d) Resident of Tent Road writes regarding Coastal and Wave Overtopping. *See 149/14(a).*
- e) Consultation on the compulsory micro-chipping of dogs. Currently it is a requirement of the Dogs Act 1990 that owners of dogs pay an annual duty for a dog licence. The full rate of duty is £20.00 and a reduced duty of £10.00 is payable for dogs that are neutered, dogs owned by persons over the age of 60 and dogs fitted with a micro-chip. Some dogs are specifically exempt from the licence duties. The proposal will lead to the demise of the licensing system and will require that all dogs be micro-chipped. *A discussion took place and it was unanimously considered to be a good idea.* PH
- f) Armed Forces Day Committee invites the Commissioners to the Armed Forces Day celebration on Sunday 28th June 2015 commencing at 1500 hours at Regent Street and leading to a service at the Villa Marina at 1545 hours. PH
Nobody was available to attend.
- g) Mr Gawne writes on 24.03.15 regarding the Transfer of Services and states that the transfer will now go ahead in respect of hedge cutting, street sweeping, gully emptying and weed spraying, verge trimming and tidying. He adds that he will be contacting the Local Authorities in the next few weeks to invite them to a series of meetings to discuss and agree future relationship between local and central government in relation to waste management, housing and other highways matters, administration and any other matters. He foresees a fairly intense nine month period of discussions ahead of the 2016 election with the hope to reach agreements prior to December in respect of additional service transfers. *PH updated the Board with the current status regarding estimates for services and progress towards the possible amalgamation of the three Garff Authorities.*

150/14 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – *Updated the Board with matters discussed at the last meeting at which Mr Teare attended. Topics discussed included the VAT Agreement; creation of a single benefit type; pension payments and equal rights to entitlement by self-employed; domestic rating system; zero hours contracts. Finally advised the Board that the AGM was to be held on 28th May at a cost of £16.95 per head. JP and RB to attend.* JP/RB
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – *Stated that he had had tickets to the Duck Race. Referring to the Minutes of the last meeting he informed the Board that the matter of Balgilt was raised and whether it was twinned with Laxey, to which PH confirmed that it was; whether they were going to be invited to the unveiling of the Statue to which AM stated that the Clerk was in contact with SR to establish this; that the date of the unveiling had been changed to 23rd May; they were unaware of the current status regarding the Mines Road Toilets; what the status was with regards to local signage to which PH stated that they were being dealt with by Colas, and the matter of other information displays was also raised. AM advised him that PB was in discussion with the regeneration committee to see what type of signage was compatible with their scheme and would report back. Finally, he requested that JP be appointed to the LHT Committee as a representative of Laxey to act as back up or deputy. A discussion took place and it was resolved to establish whether this was possible within the constitution of the LHT.*
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James – *a number of staffing changes were mentioned and details of functions being held were detailed.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – *nil matters.*
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson – *awaits next meeting.*
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – *awaits next meeting.*
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – *nothing to report.*
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson – *awaits next meeting.*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – *awaits next meeting.*
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish – *nothing to report.*

151/14 Chairman's Report

There was no Chairman's Report.

152/14 Reports

- a) To appoint Accountants to prepare the Year Ending 31st March 2015 Statement of Accounts for Audit. The Clerk recommends that the Board re-appoint SMP Tax and Accounting to carry out the necessary pre-audit work for the Financial Year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015. Proposed by: **AM** Seconded by: **RB** and unanimously agreed to continue with SMP Tax and Accounting. PB

153/14 Any Other Business

- a) Resident of Mines Road, Laxey writes on 25.03.15 to complain about (a). The presence of the Kirk Michael Chippy, (b). Camper Vans parked on the Terrace, (c). An English plated car that is owned by the owner of 3 Dumbells Terrace and has been there for more than 3 months. Further to this she states that she believes that residents of the Terrace should have allocated parking spaces. She would like the Commissioners to take action in regards to these matters. She has copied the letter to Mr Rodan. *AM advised the Board that the Department of Infrastructure was bringing in parking restrictions, that the Kirk Michael Chippy had now relocated elsewhere and the other matters referred to in this letter were matters for the Department of Infrastructure to deal with. PH requested to acknowledge her letter as above.* PH
- b) Matter in relation to Promenade Kiosk – **JP** offered to leave the room – matter deferred to the private part of the Meeting – See PRIVATE – 7(h).
- c) **PK** – informed the Board that the Raft was now completed and a very good job had been done. See also PRIVATE – 7(b).
- d) **PK** – Asked if the valuation report had been completed, to which **PH** stated that he had received it but chose not to circulate it to the Board in the absence of the Clerk who would be able to provide information in relation to the topics. The Report will be presented at the next meeting.
- e) **JP** – Asked if the signage included one pointing to the Promenade Toilets to which **PH** stated that it did.
- f) **JP** – Asked if the Report collating all of the information regarding the possible sale of 35 New Road had been prepared to which **PH** stated that he was not privy to that information, but would revert to the Clerk. PH/PB
- g) **RB** – Informed the Board that a camper had reversed into one of the Hook-Ups and damaged it beyond repair. Arrangements were in hand to either replace it or in the interim period, by-pass it. She confirmed that the person responsible had owned up and offered to pay.
- h) **RB** – Informed the Board that she had attended the Tourism Event, which had little relevance to the Campsite, however a meeting afterwards with the smaller sites raised the grading system which was based on the UK Standard. This meant that they would be expected to sell, for example, bread and milk, which was outside their remit. They have agreed to meet in October after the season in order to discuss this further.
- i) Brian Ward e-mails at 1318 hours on 29.03.15 regarding VMCC Diamond jubilee TT Rally - Sirs, the Isle of Man section of the Vintage Motor Cycle Club is hoping that you will permit us the honour of allowing the use of Laxey Promenade as a starting point for our VMCC Diamond Jubilee TT Rally signing on and social run on Sunday 7th June 2015 from approx. 9am until 11 am. Regards Brian Ward Organising Secretary VMCC Diamond Jubilee TT Rally. *Approved.*

The public part of the meeting ended at 1104 hours and the members of the public departed.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 15th April 2015 10.00 am