

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 1st February 2012, 6.45pm

Minutes

The Meeting Commenced at 6.45 pm.

Present:, Mr J James (Chairman), Mr G Pearce-White (Vice Chairman), , Mrs S Jones, Mr P Kinnish,

In Attendance: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P. Burgess (Clerk). Mr S Haddock

115/11 Planning Matters

Action

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Amendment Notice No 11/01696/B of 18.01.12 in respect of amended plans for alterations and extensions at Glevum, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3558]. Refused by LVC. **PH**

JJ declared an Interest and withdrew from the meeting. The Board did not believe that the amendments addressed or altered their original grounds for refusal as detailed below.

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that,

(a). The development is over intensive and un neighbourly,

(b). The lane into which the rear entrance is proposed is too narrow to afford safe egress and access and is prejudicial to road safety.

- b) Planning Application No 12/00047/B of 17.01.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows at Rusticana, Rencell, Laxey, IM4 7BN. [LVC Ref: 3561]. *Approved.* **PH**

- c) Planning Application No 12/00061/B of 18.01.12 in respect of extension to dwelling at Mill House, Wheel Hill, Laxey, IM4 7NL. [LVC Ref: 3562]. *Approved.* **PH**

Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

- d) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01308/B of 12.01.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at Veg Veen, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3551]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

- e) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01703/B of 18.01.12 in respect of extension to form additional living accommodation and replacement garage at Drum Shee, Ballacollister Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3559]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

- f) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01733/B of 27.01.12 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling including improvements to vehicular access and alteration to retaining wall at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3560]. {Delegated Powers}. *Refused by LVC. A discussion took place following examination of the amended plans and the Board did not believe that the alterations were sufficient to alleviate their objections and therefore it was decided to appeal in writing against the decision made by the Planning Department. Appeal.* **PH**

Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- g) Planning Refusal Notice No 11/01275/B of 12.01.12 in respect of creation of off road parking and vehicular access at Veg Veen, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3549]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

- h) Planning Refusal Notice No 11/01641/B of 19.01.12 in respect of retrospective application to install replacement windows at Glen Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3557], {Delegated Powers}. *Refused by LVC. Noted.*

Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- i) Planning Appeal Notice No 11/01264/B of 14.12.11 in respect of appeal against approval to allow extension to rear elevation at 31 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3548]. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

116/11 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Mid Monthly Meeting held on 18th January 2012 were presented for approval.

SJ – 113/11(a) – Stated that the entry should have read **SH** and not **SJ**. The Minutes were altered.

SJ – 113/11(c) – Questioned as to whether her appointment had been changed to **GPW** and a discussion took place. It was agreed that the item had been misunderstood and that the minute should have stated being involved in the planning of the event with the Police and Laxey Traders. **GPW** was changed to **SJ**.

The amended minutes were presented for approval and it was agreed that they represented a true record of the Meeting. Proposed by **GPW**. Seconded by **JJ**.

117/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of 18th January 2012.

There were no matters arising.

118/11 General correspondence

a) Muriel Garland has requested that the following invitation be extended to all. Ruth Llewellyn from Wales Community Recycling Network is visiting the Island on Thursday 22nd March 2012 at 1900 hours at The Pavilion, Nobles Park for a discussion. Find out more from www.cylch.org/wales_event_recycling. *Noted.*

b) Richard.Selman@gov.im e-mails at 1811 hours on 17.01.12 a Consultation on the Wild Animals (Restriction on Importation etc) Act 1980 to change Annex II. The purpose is to make changes to the types of animals that may or may not be imported into the Island. Subs by Wednesday 29th February 2012. *PH* briefly outlined the purpose of this consultation and it was noted.

c) *Item brought forward from private meeting 7th December 2011*

Chris Littler e-mails at 1510 hours on 30.11.11 a letter regarding a request that Laxey Commissioners co-fund a project to photograph and interview the vast majority of shops and visible businesses and organisations in Laxey to be published on dedicated website and archived at the Manx Museum. It is likely that the total cost would be £3300.00 and he would be seeking £1650.00 from LVC. A higher level of funding would enable an earlier start. A similar project was completed in Peel and was a success. See www.Peel2011.com/about.html. Please indicate your interest and support over the financial years 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14. **Clerk's Note – Please visit the Peel 2011 website at www.Peel2011.com/about.html**

Update: Chris Littler emails 17.01.12 advising at their meeting last Friday the Manx Heritage Foundation approved 50% (£1,650) funding for the Laxey project subject to the other 50% being secured. A discussion took place during which SJ confirmed that she had examined the above website and found it to be very good. It was agreed that the Board would contribute 50% of the costs based on the fact that £1,650.00 was the total cost and not an annual cost for three years. PH to confirm this fact and inform Mr Littler that if it is the former then the Board would agree to the funding without further reference.

d) Malew Commissioners Invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 4th March 2012 at 1500 hours at Malew Parish Church. *No Commissioners available, apologies to be sent.*

e) Susan Jones emails on 20.01.12 passing on a request from the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust that the Commissioners consider the possibility of funding the painting of the Snaefell Wheel. **SJ** informed the Board that a quotation would be obtained for the information of the Board but that she believed that it would be between £1,500.00 and £2,000.00. The matter would be revisited upon receipt of the quotation, but the Board were not opposed to it in principle.

f) LHT letter of 25th January 2012 appealing for funding during the financial year ending 31st March 2013. A discussion took place and it was suggested that £1,000.00 had already been allocated in the budget for 2012 to 2013. **PK** suggested that they should wait for the quotation at 118/11(f) above and say donate £500.00 plus the monies for the wheel. This was not agreed. The amount budgeted for should be confirmed and LHT informed.

g) Andrew Scarffe emails on 24.01.12 advising the Mine Railway volunteers have been giving some thought to the recent request from the model engineers seeking a site to create a line for their model steam engines, and wonder if consideration could be given to siting this track on the area adjacent to the “up valley” terminus of the mine railway where it was previously planned to have a wild flower garden. We believe that if it was for demonstration purposes only, the miniature railway would be an additional attraction for Laxey and would add further interest for passengers on the mine railway.

However, we would be concerned if the miniature railway sought to carry passengers as this may have a negative effect on the Mine Railway. *A discussion took place during which PH suggested that it was his understanding that the Model Engineers Club sought land for private use rather than Public, thus this would not affect the Mines Railway. He stated that he would copy the original letter of application to the Board for further discussion at the next meeting.*

119/11 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association – 26.01.12.
GPW - Reported to the Board topics that had been raised at the meeting including roads; sewerage and water charges to be charged separately; concerns by the larger Authorities that they could be out voted by the smaller Authorities and this was a deterrent to joining the Association; information backup to which he asked **PH** if LVC had back up to which **PH** confirmed that **PB** used an external hard drive and this was kept off the premises; and finally the matter of Boundary Review and Electoral Reform in that the former should be dealt with first. Next meeting 23.02.12.
- b) Cooil Roi –
No matters – next meeting on 16.02.12.
- c) Laxey Traders – PH
SJ – Reported that there were only two active members left but they were trying to enrol more. A discussion took place about the future of the Association. AGM to be held on 14.03.12 at 1900 hours at the Cornmill. **SJ** read from a document entitled Oak/Hazel Woodlands on the Isle of Man and stated that a copy of this document should be made available to those Commissioners seeking one. Also asked **PH** to copy the loose pages for the information of Mr Henthorn.
- d) L&LHT –
SJ – Reminded the Board that it was the 25th Anniversary of the Trust and that a number of events were being planned to celebrate this including proposals to run special trains to Snaefell and Ramsey, music and other festivities. The matter of placing banners around the Village was also raised and a number of suggestions as to suitable printers were aired. The Lieutenant Governor would be attending one of the functions on a date given. An anniversary, invitation only, celebration and buffet would take place on 09.03.12 at 1930 hours at the WMI. She confirmed that Hon Steve Rodan had remained Chairman with Tony Pass being Vice. Finally the Duck race was currently being organised.
- e) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee –
No matters.
- g) Regeneration Committee – PB
GPW – Asked that Mr Miller, Mr Maddox and Mr Bridges be invited to the next meeting on 15th February. He outlined various projects that had been agreed subject to funding approval and that Manx Workers would be used; some trees at Laxey Station were in need of removal; a change in the Coach parking layout would be made to improve the facility; Protours is now operating under its original name; The matter of benches at the location in Mines Road was discussed and it was suggested the bench subject of 121/11(a) below could be put there instead of the promenade. **PH** stated that the applicant had special memories on the Promenade and it would lack significance. **SJ** commented on recycling and suggested that putting such a facility at Mines Road would be detrimental to the environmental appearance of the Village at this key location. **PH** informed them that he had received a letter from a resident expressing the same concern.
- h) Working Men’s Institute –
GPW – Informed the Board that they were going to the AG to apply for formation of an Ordinary Company and that after that the role of the Commissioners would cease.
- i) ECAS – GPW
JJ – Stated that **GPW** would attend the next meeting to be held on 06.02.12 at 1600 hours at Strathallan Suite. **PH** handed GPW the correspondence.

- j) GJIC –
SJ – Stated that the members followed the Municipal view that the Boundary Review needed to be completed prior to Electoral Reform.

120/11 Chairman's Report

JJ – Reported that last Friday youths were seen on the Promenade Toilet roof and that this was unacceptable. A discussion took place. To be further discussed on 15.02.12.

121/11 Any Other Business

- a) Anita Edwards writes asking if she can erect a bench on the Promenade to the memory of her Aunt & Uncle, who lived in Laxey and can this be done before March. After a discussion about capacity on the Promenade the application was approved. **PH**
- b) Laxey and Lonan Allotments Association submit photo and plans of communal shed, reference planning application 10/00654/B, approved by Laxey Commissioners. For information only. *Noted.*
- c) **SJ** – Stated that the Chain of Office needed to be updated with past Chairmen such as PK, SH, SJ and JJ subject to individual agreement. **PH** stated he would seek to arrange this. **PB**
- d) General discussion regarding the Chairmen's Board and that a new one needs to be made and updated. It was suggested using a local contractor at the Woollen Mills. **PH** stated he would refer the matter to **PB**. **PB**

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15th February 2012 at 6.45pm