

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 1st October 2014 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

Action

64/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Amendment Application No 14/00335/B of 29.09.14 in respect of (refused) erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking on land adjacent to Cliff Cottage, Back Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3670].

Resolved to approve planning application no. 14/00335/B. Confirmation of decision deferred to meeting 15.10.14.

- b) Planning Application No 14/01127/B of 08.09.14 in respect of installation of replacement windows and door to dwelling at Cranford, Breeze Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3688].

Resolved to approve planning application no. 14/01127/B.

c) Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 14/00975/B of 16.09.14 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors to dwellings at Alma Cottage and Ivydene Cottage, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3684].

Approved by LVC.

Resolved to note planning approval notice 14/00975/B.

d) Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

None.

e) Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

None.

f) Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

None.

g) Planning – Correspondence

None.

65/14 Approval of Minutes

Following amendment of two typing errors, the Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 17th September 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

66/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 17th September 2014.

a) Meeting Reference 64/14, item b).

PK asked if the Clerk had contacted the Department of Infrastructure in respect vegetation over hanging the highway at two properties on Glen Rd. A discussion took place and **JP** said she would speak to the owner of one of the properties.

PK advised the goal posts were still on the bowling green and would be moved in due course.

JP reported that the soil and plants in the Boats on the Promenade Green had been cleared out and new top soil had been obtained and plants were being provided from Greenfield Disability Employment Centre on Glencrutchery Road. **JP** advised she would be providing refreshments in return for their services. **AM** proposed a vote of thanks to **JP** for organising this.

b) Meeting reference 64/14, item e).

JP reported she had spoken to the person involved and they had concerns about the proposed regeneration ribbon paving scheme which directly affects vehicular access to the property. A detailed discussion took place and it was resolved this particular matter should be raised with the Department of Infrastructure and the Regeneration Committee. It was resolved **JP** would email the regeneration committee and advise residents concerns.

c) Meeting reference 64/14, item g).

RB reported that the works at Cooil Roi had been completed.

d) Meeting reference 60/14, item b).

The Clerk advised he had contacted to the school and been advised that they had not issued a directive with regards to reception school children travelling on buses, however an email had been sent to Bus Vannin and was currently waiting response.

e) Meeting Reference 63/14, item f).

AM enquired if the Clerk had received any correspondence from the proprietor of the Kirk Michael chippy, The Clerk replied no, however stated he believed the proprietor was currently applying for permission from the Department of Infrastructure. A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk draft a number of proposed conditions to be attached to a traders licence.

Proposed conditions:

- Licence valid for 12 months.
- Specify location/site.
- Specify the day and time of opening.
- Trailer removed from site by 10pm on the same evening.
- All litter removed from site and surrounding area.
- All grey water removed off site.
- Road surface protected to prevent damage by trailer legs.
- Licence limited to one vehicle/ trailer.
- Specify noise levels.

67/14 General correspondence

a) RBL letter of 10.09.14 requesting assistance for the 2014 Poppy Appeal Collection that will take place between 26.10.14 and 11.11.14.

Resolved to approve.

b) Woodland Trust, Hayley Pilling, writes on 15.09.14 asking if there is any available land that could be used as a memorial garden to plant trees for persons to have solace.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Authority reply ad vising it does not have any land available that meets the specified requirements.

c) Legal Aid Committee writes on 18.09.14 regarding a review of how legal representation is provided to those without the means to pay for it themselves. They seek your views on the current system and how it can be improved. Submissions to legalaiddconsultation@gov.im before 28th November 2014 or to Kevan Cubbon, Legal Aid Committee, General Registry, Isle of Man Courts of Justice, Deemsters Walk, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3AR.

Resolved – JJ to read and report to Commissioners in due course.

d) Andreas Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 12th October 2014 at 1115 hours at Andreas Parish Church. RSVP.

Resolved - no one available to attend.

e) Ann Reynolds email at 1730hrs on 19.09.14 – Advising of planned works to repair river bank opposite the boat park, advising that stones removed will be placed on Laxey Beach.

I haven't yet had the opportunity to meet the Laxey Commissioners to discuss the work the DOI Ports Division is carrying out in our island harbours, which I hope to rectify over the next few months,

however I wanted to give you advance notice of some work we are looking to carry out in Laxey over the next 2 – 3 weeks.

You may be aware of the collapsed bank, on the opposite side to the Harbour Officer. We are looking to reinstate the collapsed bank with stone filled Gabion baskets and to remove the stone from the river. We are aiming to do this work before the end of September.

This work will cost the Department several thousands of pounds and the most cost effective option is to put the removed stone back onto the beach area (rather than haul the stone away) something we have done previously.

We will be placing the work orders early next week, so should you have any comments, please don't hesitate to let me (or Chris Clark, Ports Manager, 686923) know.

Separately, if you and the Commissioners would like me to come and talk to you about the works of the Ports Division, or if you have comments to make about the harbour, I would be pleased to meet the Commissioners.

PK advised the repairs to the river bank had been completed. PK stated he had been put in touch with a consultant who was looking at flood defence's, proposals included a wall at the rear of the harbour and a back stop wall along the promenade. PK reported he had met with Chris Clark, Department of Infrastructure Ports Division, who had advised the department will be reinstating the rock armour in the corner of the harbour pier. A discussion took place and AM proposed that PK was made the Commissioners representative in respect of liaising with the department on matter relating to the promenade and beach, with the caveat that PK liaise with the Commissioners. Resolved – PK to look at matter relating to the promenade, beach and access.

68/14 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate. **RB** advised that a number of members had reported they had attended the 'Big Debate' in Braddan. The impression gained was that the meeting was a waste of time. **RB** reported that Mr Teare MHK would come and talk to the MA after the next budget, Mr Thomas MHK was coming in October and in February Mr Quayle MHK will be speaking. The M.A. was also trying to get Mr Turner MLC to attend a future meeting. **RB** advised a discussion had taken place in respect of swimming pools and rates, along with Government proposals in respect of an all island leisure rate, which would also cover tennis courts, bowling greens and Football pitches. Currently the North, South and West authorities contribute towards the swimming pool Boards, however the Eastern Authorities don't. A discussion took place.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. AGM, 09.10.14. **PK** and **JP** to attend.
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James – Next Meeting, 13.10.14.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. No Report.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Vacancy, meeting 13.08.14. **RB** reported that a discussion had taken place in respect of the Onchan District Order 1986, in particular schedule 4 which dealt with transfer of property, liabilities and employees. **RB** referred to transfer of assets and advised that all the current Local Authority assets would be transferred to the new Authority. **RB** advised a discussion had taken place with respect to the current Boards ring fencing monies for specific projects and an agreement that this would be for a maximum of five years, ie 2021. **RB** continued stating that it had been agreed if any of the current local Authorities were to consider taking out a loan for a capital project they would first consult with and gain agreement from the other two. This was to ensure they would be aware of any potential liabilities. **RB** advised that the Department was preparing a draft order and in principle the new Garff Board would be elected at the Local Authority elections in April 2016. A discussion took place in respect of Chris Robertshaw's comments about Local Authority reform at the recent meeting. A discussion took place in respect of Cooil Roi and entrance requirements and implications of a Garff joint Board.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – (Next Meeting – 21.10.14). Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. No report.

- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson – Meeting dates - 27.08.14. **PK** reported that that street furniture and lights for the MER station had been discussed. The Clerk advised regenerations schemes were dependent on completion the lease for Whitehouse square, however it was hoped this would be finalised very soon. It was planned to commence the schemes in November with completion April 2015.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. **AM** proposed that **PK** look at the beach area and identify and prioritise 5 works and amenity items. Resolved **PK** to report back to the Board.

69/14 Chairman's Report

AM reported he had attended the 'Big Debate' meeting with Chris Robertshaw MHK, Richard Ronan MHK, and representatives from Eastern Local Authorities. **AM** summarised matters discussed which included EFW charges and the new House of Key constituency boundary in Onchan. **AM** stated that Mr Robertshaw had been asked to circulate details of what he was proposing to the Local Authority Clerks for consideration by the respective Boards.

70/14 Any Other Business

- a) Jurby Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 19th October 2014 at 1100 hours at Jurby Parish Church.
Resolved - no one available to attend.
- b) Internal Audit scheduled to commence on Monday 6th October. Last we reviewed -
- VAT
 - Attendance allowances
 - Fixed assets
- Clerk seeks Commissioners suggestions as to any particular areas they feel we need to cover this year?
A brief discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk would determine the areas to review.
- c) Darren Cain emails at 1101hrs on 30.09.14, with update on works to Promenade Buildings. The promenade kiosk works are progressing well:
- Canopy soffits and fascia board replaced and redecorated.
 - Gutters fitted to the front elevation.
 - Re-point predominately complete to the rear.
 - Re-pointing progressing to the side elevations, with mortar raked out.
- We are advised by the contractor that the works are programmed to be complete for the 10th October 2014, weather permitting.
We have the signed contract documents in our office and will hand deliver for signature by Laxey Commissioners.
It was Resolved to approve the contract documents. Two copies of the contract signed by the Chairman. JP requested if the details in the cast iron rain water hoppers could be picked out in a different coloured paint. No direction given.
- d) Manx fun Palace provisional programme of events Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th October. Copies circulated.
A discussion took place and the Clerk advised he had received a request from Manx Fun Palace to erect bunting on New Road Bridge and at Laxey Church. JP requested that bunting and flags were put up at the Promenade shelter. Resolved – Clerk to action.
- e) **JP** requested if signs could be erected on the Promenade directing people to the public toilets.
Resolved Clerk to investigate.
- f) **PK** raised the matter of Christmas tree lighting. A discussion took place and it was Resolved that **PK** and **JP** look at options and report back.
- g) The Clerk reported he had obtained a defibrillator from the Craig Heartstrong foundation and was seeking to obtain a suitable box to house the equipment.

Meeting Closed at 1235pm.
Date of next meeting – Wednesday 15th October 2014 10.00 am