

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 2nd November 2011, 6.45pm

Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr S Haddock, Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

78/11 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) None

Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

- b) None.

Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- c) Planning Refusal Notice No 11/01200/B of 19.10.11 in respect of erection of a porch and detached summerhouse and creation of an access gate with wall alterations at Mines House, Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3546]. {Delegated Powers}. Refused by LVC.
- d) Planning Refusal Notice No 11/01180/B of 22.08.11 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling including improvements to vehicular access and alterations to retaining wall at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3545]. {Delegated Powers}. Refused by LVC.

Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- e) None.

79/11 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th October 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed GPW, Seconded JJ

80/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of 5th October 2011.

Department of Infrastructure letter of 29.09.11 regarding Draft Planning Policy Statement – Replacement and Extension of Dwellings in the Countryside. Consultation can be viewed on line. Submissions before Friday 11th November 2011. Circulated to Commissioners with meeting summons.

Noted.

81/11 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 19th October 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed GPW, Seconded PK

82/11 Matters arising from the Mid Monthly Minutes of 19th October 2011.

77/11, Item g). **PK** stated the street lighting on the upper part of Old Laxey Hill was poor and there were two MEA poles that could have lights fitted. Clerk to Obtain costs.

77/11, Item i). A discussion took place reference purchasing and locating additional “Node Recycling Units”. Two locations were suggested at Minorca Crescent and Ard Reayrt.

83/11 General correspondence

- a) GJIC to investigate its compliance with UK HSE polices with reference to refuse collection. MR to investigate and provide information of any new requirements for May meeting. Copies information and a report compiled by Martin Royle were circulated to the Committee. **MF** said she wished to thank Martin Royle for his efforts researching and compiling the report. A discussion took place and

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it was resolved by all present to ask their respective Boards to adopt the recommendations detailed in the report. Proposed **ND**, Seconded **JF**. Agreed by those Members present.

Extract from GJIC Meeting Minutes of 25.05.11. See Blue papers.

*The Clerk recommended the Authority adopts and formalise the recommendations detailed in the report. Proposed **SJ**, Seconded **GPW**.*

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- b) Letter from the Isle of Man Model Engineering Society asking if the Authority has any land, minimum of half an acre and level, that they would be willing to lease for a period of at least five years for the purpose of setting up a raised track to run ride on model steam trains. *A discussion took place and the Board resolved the Clerk write and advise the Authority has no suitable land.*
- c) Invitation by the Chief Minister to the National Service of Remembrance at St Johns on Sunday 13th November 2011 at 1445 hours. Details of attendees to Mrs Caley before 04.11.11. ***SJ** to Attend.*

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84/11 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association – Meeting 27.10.11 – No Report.
- b) Cooil Roi – Next Meeting 15.11.11
- c) Laxey Traders – Next Meeting TBA.
- d) L&LHT – Next Meeting 03.11.11 at 1930hrs.
- e) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee – Next Meeting To Be Confirmed.
- g) Regeneration Committee – Next Meeting 28.11.11. **PK** stated he had concerns the proposals for relocating the MER Café would have a negative impact of the amenity of the area. **GPW** said he would raise the matter at the next Regeneration Meeting and as if the plans could be discussed in public.
- h) Working Mens Institute – Nothing to Report.
- i) Ecas – Next Meeting To Be Confirmed.
- j) GJIC – Next Meeting 09.11.11 – The Clerk advised that Steve Rodan **MHK** would be attending this meeting and Lonan Commissioners who were chairing the meeting had invited all Commissioners to attend.

85/11 Chairman's Report

JJ reported the public toilets on the promenade had been locked overnight on .31st October.

JJ referred to a letter **PK** had written in response to 74/11, item c). and complaints from residents he had contravened Laxey Dog Bylaws on Friday 9th September 2011. **JJ** read out the letter and said the Board want **PK** to include an admission of guilt and to state he was aware he was in breach of the Bylaws. **SJ** advised **PK** there was a typing error in the letter.

86/11 Any Other Business

- a) Frances Butler of Mines House, writes dated 28.10.11, to advise that there are a number of scruffy camper vans parked on the coach park at the Mines Road Fire station. These vehicles have been parked for several months and would seem to be there for the winter. Mrs Butler is sure the Commissioners are anxious to remove the vehicles at the earliest opportunity to ensure that our surroundings are free of this eyesore.

The Clerk provided an update stating an email had been sent to Mark Christian at Fire and Rescue service following a report from another Mines Rd resident that a coach had blocked Mines Road as it could not turn into the Coach park because another coach a off loading it's passengers and stated there had been no response.. The Clerk continued stating on receipt of the above letter permission was sort from Mrs Butler to forward the letter to Mark Christian, this had been done but there had been no response. The Clerk advised he telephoned Mark Christian on Monday 31st October and was told he was tied up all week and a message had been left for Mark Christian to call the Clerk back.

***PK** stated there were some curbs stones at the Coach park and the Commissioners could use these to*

replace the wooden railway sleepers. The Clerk advised the land where the sleepers were located was not the owned by the Authority and that the Coach park belonged to the Dept of Home Affairs and the grass area belongs to Dept of Environment, Food and Agriculture, however the Land on which the Mines Road toilet is located is owned by Laxey Commissioners. The Clerk stated that when Mark Christian makes contact he will raise the matter of the curbs with him.

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- b)** Paul Cowin of Douglas Borough Council emails on 31.10.11 with Agenda for ECAS committee meeting on 07.11.11 at 1600hrs at Strathallan Suite, Strathallan Crescent Douglas also minutes from meeting 12.09.11. *Noted.*
- c)** Barbara Dunworth of the Isle of Man Municipal Association emails dated with letter attached from RD Pearson Director of Highways, inviting Municipal Association Members to attend a meeting at St Johns Mill beginning at 2pm on Tuesday 8th November 2011 where the results of the “Keep Mann Tidy- Word on the Street” surveys will be presented. Please advise details of members attending. *Noted.*
- d)** Andrew Scarffe emails to thank everyone involved in the Great Mine Railway Hop tu Naa event. The final numbers for the Halloween trains:
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| Sunday 23 rd October | 171 |
| Saturday 29 th | 357 |
| Sunday 30 th | 827 - This was the busiest ghost train day to date. |
| Total | 1355 |
- Noted.*
- e)** Laxey Fire Brigade annual Firework display and bonfire. Saturday 5th November 1830hrs for 1900hrs. *Noted.*
- f)** Regeneration Committee meeting, Monday 28th November at 1830hrs, Venue - Laxey Commissioners Board Room. *Noted.*
- g)** Torchlight procession and lifeboat Service Monday 5th December at 1830hrs. Father Christmas will arrive by lifeboat at 1900hrs followed by the torchlight procession. Lifeboat service will commence at 1930hrs (approx) at Minorca Methodist Church, Minorca Hill. *Noted.*

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 16th November 2011 at 6.45pm.