

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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 Hill Deputy Clerk. **Guest:** Mr M. Taylor, Retained Duty Fireman.

**Apologies:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

**Members of the Public:** Mr. W. Snelling, Mrs. P. Burgess, Mr. C. McFarlane, Mr. J. Rosa.

Meeting commenced at 1000 hours.

Action

**91/14** Laxey Retained Duty Fireman Officer to address the Commissioners on matters relating to the Department of Home Affairs proposal to reduce the number of Retained Firemen. *The Officer outlined the proposals being made by the Fire Service to reduce the number of Retained Firemen in Laxey, Port Erin and Kirk Michael and provided examples of the problems this will create in respect of attendance at residential fires and other related cover. A discussion took place during which the members expressed their grave concerns about this situation. AM proposed that a letter be sent to the Department of Home Affairs and the Chief Fire Officer expressing these concerns and a request for a re-think on the basis that public safety is of paramount importance and other ways of cost saving should be fully explored in the first instance. The Officer was thanked for his attendance and presentation and he left at 1012 hours.*

### **92/14 Planning Matters**

#### **Planning Applications**

- a) Planning Application No. 14/01287/B of 11.11.14 in respect of replacement of existing glazed annexe roof with light weight roof tiles at Iona, Ramsey Road, Laxey, IM4 7PT. [LVC Ref: 3697]. *Approved.* PH
- b) Planning Application No. 14/01294/C of 11.11.14 in respect of change of use of existing hall to provide a children's nursery at the former Salvation Army Hall, Shore Road, Laxey, IM4 7DJ. [LVC ref: 3698]. *Approved with caveat that the submission should clearly state that the Board believes that this facility is a much needed asset for the Village.* PH
- c) Planning Application No. 14/01297/B of 12.11.14 in respect of alterations and erection of ground floor and first floor extensions to garage at Whitebeam, South Cape, Laxey, IM4 7HY. [LVC ref: 3699]. *Approved.* PH
- d) Planning Application No. 14/01300/B of 13.11.14 in respect of installation of replacement windows at La Mona Lisa Restaurant, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AB. [LVC ref: 3700]. *Approved.* PH
- e) Planning Application No 14/01332/A of 21.11.14 in respect of approval in principle for erection of a dwelling addressing siting and means of access at land to rear of Briardale, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3701]. *Approved.* PH
- f) Planning Application No 14/01346/D of 27.11.14 in respect of erection of Signage at the Cooperative Store, Whitehouse Buildings, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BB. [LVC Ref: 3702]. *Approved.* PH
- g) **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**  
Planning Approval Notice 14/01150/B of 14.11.14 in respect of extension to existing side elevation kitchen and change roof from pitched to flat at 1 Princes Terrace, Minorca Hill, Laxey, IM4 7DR. [LVC Ref: 3690]. *Approved by LVC.*  
Planning Approval Notice No 14/01197/B of 21.11.14 in respect of erection of an extension to dwelling at Sea Haven, Ballacollister Road, Laxey, IM4 7JR. [LVC Ref: 3692]. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 14/00861/B of 26.11.14 in respect of repaving of public footpath, erection of highway signs and erection of a bus shelter at bus stop at New Road, corners of Church Hill and Captains Hill. [LVC Ref: 3683]. Approved by LVC.

**h) Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**

None.

**i) Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**

None.

**j) Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)**

None.

**k) Planning – Correspondence**

None.

**93/14 Approval of Minutes.**

The Minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: **RB**. Seconded by: **JJ**.

**94/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

**a) PK – 88/14(a)** – Asked if the cost of undertaking a waste audit by Douglas borough Council had been obtained. **PH** was unable to provide an answer, but would revert to **PB**. PH/PB

**b) JP – 88/14(f)** – asked if the Projector had been successful, to which **PH** replied that he understood there had been reliability issues with the Unit. She requested that if it was of no use then please could she have it back. PH

**c) JP – 88/14(g)** – Stated that the approved minutes of the meetings were not being placed on the Laxey Website quick enough and asked for an improvement in this regard.

**d) RB – 88/14(e)** – Stated that she had viewed the new fencing erected by Laxey's maintenance operative and it was extremely good.

**95/14 General correspondence**

**a)** An anonymous Resident copies LVC into a letter of complaint to DoI about the general state of Rencell Hill including rubbish, poor surface and no road markings. **RB reported that the hedges and road surface had been made good within the last three weeks.**

**b)** Proposed Order for Glen Road Terrace - Please find attached a draft copy with plan of an Order for the revocation of a reserved parking place on Glen Road Terrace which the Department is proposing to make and which will be advertised in the local press advising the public that this draft copy will be available for inspection at your offices. Could you please ensure that this is done and that a copy is brought to the attention of your Commissioners. *A discussion took place and it was resolved that they had no objections to the proposals contained therein.*

**c)** On 21.11.4 - Please find attached and below, a news release issued by the Department on Local Services. *AM read the letter from the Minister and the contents were noted*

**d) MWD e-mails at 1413 hours on 24.11.14** - Please find attached: JPEG proof of signage, we have just completed a batch of these signs for Rushen Parish Commissioners and were wondering if you would be interested in having anything similar made to put up in your parish ? Kind regards, Simon. Opening hours: Mon - Thur 8.30am - 4.30pm Fri 8.30am - 3.30pm *Noted.*

**e)** Diocese of Sodor and Man writes on 25.11.14 regarding Mission and Pastoral Measure (Isle of Man) 2012 in respect of All Saints Church, Lonan. The Commissioners have given preliminary thought as to the future of Lonan Church if it were closed, and suggestions are invited as to possible uses of the building in that event. This might include persons who may be interested in taking on ownership (with certain provisos) of the building. The Commissioners wish to stress that the suggestion that Lonan Church be closed and any proposals for its after-use are merely a basis for discussion, and that they are not committed to implementing closure or any particular proposals. They would be grateful for PH

views of interested parties to be forwarded to them in writing as soon as possible and in any event not later than 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015. A comprehensive discussion took place when it was resolved and proposed by **PK** that it was important to save the Parish Church. With the permission of the Chairman, the Lonan Clerk, (**PH**), outlined the position taken by the Lonan Commissioners at their recent meeting, which endorsed the views expressed here. He added that he had had a meeting with Rev. Jo Dudley, and that she will provide the Lonan Board with a copy of the full electrical report and other information as it becomes available. **PH** stated that he would pass on these copies to Laxey for their information.

- f) The Isle of Man Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee sends to all Local Authorities the attached link to the Department of Constitutional Affairs, War Memorials Guidance for Custodians website. The link below provides guidance to custodians of war memorials. The link is: <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/http://www.dca.gov.uk/corbur/war-memorial-guidance.pdf> Under the powers of the War Memorials (Local Authorities' Powers) Act 1927 local authorities have powers and responsibilities around maintaining, repairing and protection of War Memorials. It is of course recognised that many authorities already play a major role in this work, however, hopefully this guide will assist you all in this important work. *Noted.*
- g) Secretary of the Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust e-mails at 1829 hours on 01.12.14 - Just thought I'd drop you a quick email to let you know about a new book which Andrew Scarffe, the author of the Heritage Newsletter, has just brought out – The Railways and Tramways of Laxey. Ideal timing if you are looking for a present for someone as it is an excellent read! He also has another book of old Laxey images which is being launched on 6<sup>th</sup> December. As we don't currently have an online shop, if you would like to purchase a copy you can either pop into Presence of Mann which is located at Laxey Woollen Mills or order through their online shop – the web address for which is [www.presenceofmann.com](http://www.presenceofmann.com) If you could quote "LLHT" in the comments box if you order online then the Trust will receive a small commission from each sale. *Noted.*

#### 96/14 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate. **RB** reported that the last meeting had been well attended and the matter of the provision of local services was discussed and fully supported. She added that Minister Gawne was scheduled to attend the meeting at the end of January. Another matter which was raised was in relation to Government employees being moved to the private sector and what guarantees, if any, were there in relation to their rates of pay remaining at the level applicable to the post currently held by them.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. **PK** stated that the matter of the Mines Road Toilet was raised again and a discussion took place at the conclusion of which AM requested that the Clerk provide a full update on all of the works currently under consideration, namely the Toilet, Commissioners Office and Turbine House. PB
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James. **AM** stated that there was a meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December next and would report back.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. **JJ** had nothing to state.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. **RB** stated that there was a meeting tonight. A discussion followed during which **JP** said that at the last meeting it had been agreed that the respective Boards would discuss service costs before this meeting and also minimum standards. **PH** stated that he believed that a response had come from the Department but was not conclusive.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee – (Next Meeting – 21.10.14)**. Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. **RB** informed the Board that a meeting had taken place with the Department to discuss the issues in Laxey Road and Minorca Hill that had caused local concern. **PK** mentioned matters relating to parking places at Laxey School and the painting of the road surface to indicate the school vicinity.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. **RB** had nothing to report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson. **PK** stated that everything was ready to commence work. A discussion took place regarding the arches in the Rose garden and to what area PB

they could be redeployed. *AM proposed that contact be made with the Project Team in order to get a schedule and timing of works in order that Laxey could make any necessary arrangements to deal with such issues as the arches and fountain.*

i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. *AM informed the meeting that with the freezing of the Waste Tipping Charges the impact on next year's rates would be an increase of just £200.00.*

j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. *PK stated that the Clerk was to prepare a list of works for discussion and he hadn't received such information. PH was asked to obtain this information for the next meeting.*

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**97/14 Chairman's Report**

a) There was nothing to report.

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**99/14 Any Other Business**

a) **JJ** – Had no matters.

b) **PK** – Asked if milk could be available at each meeting.

c) **JP** – Asked if they could have an update regarding the toilets in Mines Road. A discussion followed and Clerk to pursue.

d) **JP** – (**As Tenant**), Asked when the doors were going to be replaced at the Promenade Store as the stock in there was in danger of being damaged in the event of any adverse weather and rough seas.

e) **RB** – Stated that she had a matter to raise in respect of Private – Item C and would do so in that part of the meeting.

f) **AM** – raised the matter of Cranleigh Ville, Glen Road that the Commissioners had previously offered to purchase from the Department of Social Care; but it appeared that the sale to another party had fallen through and it was still on the market at a reduced price. A discussion followed as to whether or not the Board should put in another offer. Discussions as to future use if they did so during which **AM** suggested demolishing the building to create a car park in order to remove congestion from Glen Road. He further proposed that they should enter into dialogue again with the Department of Social Care. No instruction was given to the Clerk regarding such contact.

*Note – discussion continued in Private – 2(a).*

g) **Member of the Public – Mr C. McFarlane** – Addressed the Chairman about issues involving pay at the Cooil Roi Housing Complex and the forthcoming retirement of the Warden. He was advised both by **AM** and **JJ** that this was a matter for the Cooil Roi Board and this was not an appropriate or relevant venue to raise these questions. **CM** continued to raise this matter. **AM** stated that the next meeting of the Cooil Roi Board was on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December and they would consider the matter at that time.

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**There being no further matters to discuss in the public part of the meeting it closed at 1150 hours and the public departed.**

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 10.00 am**