

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, two members of public.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mrs J. Pinson.

Action

120/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) **Planning application no. 16/00035/B**, in respect of Construction of a new bridge over Laxey River with refurbishment of section of road to both sides of bridge, including re-surfacing of road, re-alignment and re-paving of footpaths and installation of lighting. Laxey Bridge Glen Road Laxey Isle Of Man. LVC ref 3741.
Sixteen Items of correspondence with comments, circulated to Commissioners for consideration. A detailed discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to approve planning application 16/00035/B and include a request that the proposed bridge railings are a bespoke design, incorporating panels depicting scenes around village.
- b) **Planning Application No 16/00049/B** of 18.01.16 in respect of installation of a replacement door and side window to dwelling at Harbour View, Back Shore Road, Laxey, IM4 7DQ. [LVC Ref: 3742].
It was Resolved to approve planning application 16/00049/B.
JJ declared an interest in the application and withdrew from the discussion.
- c) **Planning Application No 16/00054/B** of 20.01.16 in respect of alterations to existing vehicular access including the erection of walls and entrance gates at Woodlands, Ballacollister Road, Laxey, IM4 7JT. [LVC Ref: 3743].
It was Resolved to approve planning application no. 16/00054/B. **PK** expressed concern stating the proposed walls and entrance gate were not in keeping with the rural setting of the property.
- d) **Planning Application No 16/00085/B** of 27.01.16 in respect of erection of a detached double garage and workshop on land adjacent to Hillcrest Cottage, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3744].
Deferred to meeting 17.02.16.
PB declared an interest in the application.
- e) **Planning Application No 16/00092/B** of 27.01.16 in respect of replacement of disused shop front window and door with a window, removal of an external ramp and erection of a boundary wall at Digby House, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AF. [LVC Ref: 3745].
It was Resolved to refuse planning application no.16/00092/B. The Board recommends in order to balance the appearance of the property a second window should be included to the left hand side of the ground floor of the front elevation.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- f) It was Resolved to Note planning approval notice no's 15/01182/B and 15/01183/B
Planning Approval Notice No 15/01182/B of 26.01.16 in respect of installation of replacement windows and door to dwelling at Barnston House, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AJ.; [LVC Ref: 3736].
Approved by LVC.
Planning Approval Notice No 15/01183/B of 26.01.16 in respect of installation of replacement windows at Barnston Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AJ. [LVC Ref: 3735]. *Approved by LVC.*

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- g) Nil.

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- h) Nil.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

- i) Nil.
- Planning – Correspondence**
- j) Nil.

121/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded PK

122/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th January 2016.

- a) **All Saints Church, Lonan – RB** requested an update from the Clerk. The Clerk advised he had spoken to Mr Steve Rodan MHK, who had advised he had a very productive meeting with the Arch Deacon to discuss options for limited use of the church for funeral services and religious festivals. The Arch Deacon had been actioned to investigate further and report back in due course. Resolved to Note.

123/15 General correspondence

- a) Building Control Act 1991 – Section 15, Lapse of Deposit of Plans – renewal of roof structure and coverings at LVC Building. Permission has lapsed.
Resolved to Note.
- b) Planning Enforcement letter of 20.01.16 confirming that complaint regarding work carried out at Glevum, The Promenade, Laxey, PA 12/01370/B is in breach of said permission. (Steps placed on land not belonging to Glevum and not part of application. [LVC Ref: 3607].
Resolved to Note.
- c) Douglas Corporation letter of 22.01.16 offering free membership to Douglas Library for twelve months to everyone on the Isle of Man.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to raise the matter of Library Provision at tonight's Garff Joint Initiative meeting.
- d) Sandra Henderson from the Mobile Library e-mails at 1530 hours on 26.01.16 - Thank you for your support this last year we have appreciated it. We still have a loyal following in Laxey and have some new members at Cooil Roi which is most welcome. Will you be able to support us in any financial way this year? I realise you are going through some changes with your Commissioners. We do visit Maughold and Lonan so we offer a service to all these areas. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.
See 123/15, item c).
- e) Malew Parish Commissioners Invitation to their Civic Sunday on Sunday 6th March 2016 at 1500 hours at the Abbey Church, Ballasalla followed by refreshments. RSVP.
Resolved - no one available to attend.
- f) Consultation in relation to the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2016, together with the associated documents. I am sharing this with all of the Island's campsite owners and operators and would like to draw your attention to *Clause 46 – Regulation principally of overseas caravans coming to the Island*. There is an opportunity for you to submit your individual views online. To do so you must follow the relevant link below before Friday 19 February: <https://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=559>
The Department is also reviewing the consultation paper and would be interested to hear your views prior to making any submission. The closing date of the consultation is 19 February 2016; therefore to allow us sufficient time to co-ordinate the information please forward your responses to me no later than **Friday 12 February 2016**.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved **RB** would review the documentation and report back to the Board.
- g) **Consultation on DDA Guidance and Code of Practice**. Following Tynwald approval of the Appointed Day Order for the Disability Discrimination Act 2006 at the December 2015 sitting, a time-

table for the introduction of the Act has been established. As part of the implementation of the Act the Department of Health and Social Care has prepared two documents for consultation, Guidance on matters to be taken into account in determining questions relating to the definition of disability (the Guidance) and a Code of Practice (the Code). I am contacting you to make you aware the consultation begins today and invite your comments on both documents. Please find attached a consultation document, which provides an overview of the two items, and the Guidance and the Code. These documents are also available at <https://www.gov.im/consultations.gov> and the Code and Guidance on the Department's website at <https://www.gov.im/socialcare> If you require a printed copy of the Guidance or the Code, or if you require them in an alternative format please contact us on (01624) 695794, and we will arrange for a copy to be sent to you. If you have any questions regarding the content of the documents please contact us on DDA2006.DHSC@gov.im and we will be happy to assist. Could you please submit any comments in writing by **5.00pm on Friday 4th March 2016**.

It was Resolved **AM** would review and report back to the Board.

- h) Christ Church Resurfacing** - Tooms Bros – Paul Corteen e-mails at 1151 hours on 27.01.16 – Quotation for surfacing works MER station and Christ Church. Discussion in Private.

Jo Dudley e-mails at 0035 hours on 28.01.16 – Seeking update and requests if two additional street lights could be included in the scheme.

The Clerk updated the Commissioners stating that the contractor had been asked to review the surface water drainage provision for the scheme. It was Resolved the Clerk would investigate costs of two additional streets lights.

- i) Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust Duck Race** - Gail Rock, Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust, emails on 28.01.16.

We would like to move the duck race date and shorten its length. We are now thinking of running it on Monday 1 May and to start at Ballacregga and finish at the Valley Gardens.

This hasn't been agreed by the Management Committee but will be put to them on Tuesday 2 February.

Would the Commissioners be willing to let us use the gardens to have some form of entertainment on the day.

We are going to combine it with an open day at the Fire Station.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to note the new route and approve the use of the Valley Gardens.

124/15 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. **RB** reported the Phil Gawne MHK had attended the meeting and given an update on the progress of the Local Authority Transition initiative. The meeting had been provided with an update with respect to the MUA responsibilities in respect of flood Management and main rivers and a discussion had taken place with respect to flood plans and planning. Chris Thomas MHK would be attending next month meeting.
- b) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. In Private - **PK** briefed the Commissioners on matters discussed at the trust meeting 2nd February 2016.
- c) Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James. **AM** advised the Cooil Roi Board would be meeting Monday 8th February.
- d) Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. Next Meeting. No Report.
- e) Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. Next Meeting 03.02.16. No Report.
- f) Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. **RB** expressed concerns with respect to the Departments Officers attitude to the Local Authorities requests. A discussion took place with respect to the resent appearance of a parking warden in the village. **PK** proposed the Commissioners write to the Department expressing disappointment in the department's response to requests from the Commissioners. It was Resolved the Clerk write and relay Commissioners concerns to the Department.
- g) Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. No Report.

- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson. Awaits written response in respect of uncompleted works.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. No Report.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. In Private. It was Resolved to note the verbal report provided by the Clerk and Mr Martin Royle.

125/15 Chairman's Report

- a) Nil.

126/15 Reports

- a) Nil.

127/15 Any Other Business

- a) **National Strategy on Sea Defences, Flooding and Coastal Erosion** Conference - Richard Ronan e-mails at 1621 hours on 01.02.16 regarding Stakeholder Conference - Good afternoon, On behalf of Hon. Richard Ronan MHK, Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture, I would like to invite you to a stakeholder consultation event regarding the development of a **National Strategy on Sea Defences, Flooding and Coastal Erosion**. This strategy was recently discussed in Tynwald and the Department is committed to bringing the finished strategy back to Tynwald for approval in July. It will be held on Friday 12th February 2016 in the Barrool Suite, 5th Floor, Legislative Buildings, Finch Road, Douglas. The presentation will start at 1pm and we expect to finish at 2pm. Coffee and tea will be provided. I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by replying to this email before Monday 8th February 2016.
It was Resolved **PK** would attend and report back.
- b) **Road Transport Legislation - (Amendment) Bill for Consultation** Chris Hannon e-mails at 0856 hours on 01.02.16 the Road Transport Legislation (Amendment) Bill for Consultation - The Department of Infrastructure is seeking feedback on proposals to update the Isle of Man's road transport and driver and vehicle licensing legislation. The draft Road Transport Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2016 proposes a series of amendments to the Road Transport Act 2001 and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Act 1985. Please find attached a copy of the consultation document which includes a brief explanation of the Bill, an Impact Assessment and details on how to respond to the consultation. Also attached is a copy of the draft Bill for consideration
It was resolved **JJ** would review and report back to the Board. Clerk to obtain paper copies of the Consultation documents.
- c) **Laxey Bridge Comments** - Patricia Newton submits a report on the proposed new Laxey bridge and comments on the planning application, (16/00035/B).
See meeting reference 120/15, item a).
- d) **Festival of Motor Cycling** – Buddy Yerdsley seeks approval in principle to hold a trail event on Laxey beach during this year festival of motorcycling. Riders will come down the Packhorse lane onto the beach and then exit via the Cairn Footpath via Skincoe Farm. They will make arrangement for footpath closures, advertising and signage.
Pending further information being provided, it was Resolved to approve the request in principle,
- e) **Faulty Street Lamp South Cape Corner** – **RB** requested the Clerk report to the MUA.

Meeting Closed at 1.25pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17th February 2016 10.00 am