

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3rd July 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

25/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Planning Application No 13/00745/D of 25.06.13 in respect of erection of replacement advertising signage at Laxey Service Station, 2, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BB. [LVC Ref: 3644].

A discussion took place and the Board resolved to recommend refusal of the above planning application for the following reasons:

- a) The illuminated advertising signage fails to either preserve or enhance the character of the Laxey Conservation area*
- b) and is detrimental to the visual amenity of the village street scene.*

b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00538/B of 21.06.13 in respect of installation of five replacement windows to south elevation at Wheel View Wheel Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3639][{Delegated Powers}]. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00586/B of 20.06.13 in respect of re-construction of weir at Laxey Woollen Mills Weir. {LVC Ref: 3640}{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice Number 13/00479/B of 27.06.13 in respect of re-construction of scoured river bed at River Bed below the Weir opposite the Fire Station. [LVC Ref:3636]{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice Number 13/00480/B of 27.06.13 in respect of re-construction of river wall at River Bed below the Weir opposite the Fire Station. [LVC Ref:3637]{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

It was Resolved to note planning approval notices – 00538, 00586, 00479, 00480.

c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

26/13 Approval of Minutes

AM stated that a matter raised by JJ in any other business had been omitted from the meeting minutes. It was Resolved the following minute be added:

JJ raised the matter of PK telling children not to play on the Henry Bloom Noble Recreation Ground football pitch. PK denied this was not the case. RB stated her grand children had said PK had asked children not to play on the pitch.

AM stated he was disappointed by the conduct of individuals at the meeting and comments made. AM said it was not acceptable behaviour in a public meeting and asked that it does not happen again. AM stated in future complaints of this nature should be directed to Harry Wade at the Football Club. An apology was given to PK.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 20th June 2013 were examined for accuracy. With this amendment it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events with the inclusion of the minute detailed above.

Proposed RB, Seconded JJ

27/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th June 2013

- a) Meeting Reference 20/13, item a).
The Clerk reported he had received an email from the Properties Division of DoI, requesting the Authority provide a quotation for cutting the grass 8 times between now and the end of the season. The clerk advise he was waiting a quotation from a contractor which would be forwarded to the DoI.
- b) Meeting Reference 22/13, item d).
The Clerk reported the owners of the trees had been written to and a response had been received from on of the correspondents and the deputy Clerk is currently dealing with this.
- c) Meeting Reference 22/13, item c).
Karl.Cubbon@gov.im e-mails at 1421 hours on 19.06.13 a Consultation l in respect of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2013.
Karl.Cubbon@gov.im e-mails at 1521 hours on 19.06.13 a Consultation l in respect of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2013, a copy of the Bill.
Resolved to note.

28/13 General correspondence

- a) Lauren.Staniford@gov.im e-mails at 1549 hours on 21.06.13 - Please find attached presentation provided by David Tolson Partnership for the non-Housing Authorities on Wednesday 19th July at Murray House. Many thanks to those who were able to attend. I would appreciate you circulating the above to your board members.
Lauren.Staniford@gov.im e-mails at 1626 hours on 21.06.13 - Following on from the presentation by David Tolson Partnership this week, the Department of Social Care would like to invite all non-housing Local Authorities to attend the annual Housing Conference. Please find attached invitation from the Director of Housing. Apologies if you have already received this invitation, I am chasing confirmation of numbers. I would appreciate if you would complete the attendee form and return to me at the address below to confirm your attendee(s) once you have discussed this event with your board members.
RB advised she had attended the Tolson presentation and briefed the Board on the matters discussed. RB advised a shared equity scheme on new house had been discussed, this would give more people the opportunity to get on the property ladder. RB advised proposals for 4 housing authorities had been discussed, these being Douglas North, South and Central. RB said the proposal for the central Authority was contentious as it would comprise of Peel, Braddan, Onchan, Laxey, Lonan and possibly Maughold and Peel have indicated they are not keen on this proposal. A discussion took place as to how the respective Board's would be represented on the a large housing Authority Board.
- b) Ivor Hankinson emails at 1053hrs on 23.06.13 – ‘To let you know that the Sculptor Ongky has not been granted a Visa to work in the Isle of Man. The block of stone for the miner, which is presently at the quarry in Ireland and the Welsh Slate Panels stored on the Isle of Man are being shipped to Bali, Indonesia, where Ongky will undertake his work. This has come as a bit of a blow! As a consequence the Statue will not be in place until 2014 with an anticipated opening at Easter time (Easter Sunday is April 20th). Any further news on this I will keep you informed.’
Resolved to note.
- c) Community Officer Report for May 2013. Four offences disclosed.
Resolved to note.
- d) Department of Infrastructure emails on 28.06.13 with draft copy with plan of an Order for no waiting restrictions on a section of Minorca Hill, opposite the school bus stop, see attached. This will be advertised in the press and copies made available at the Commissioners Office. **Submissions by 18.07.13.**
It was Resolved to approve the proposed double lines as detailed in the plan circulated.

29/13 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate. RB said it had been agreed that the Authority's should notify each other as to when they plan to hold there civic service. RB stated discussions had taken place in respect of the ongoing Whitley Council pay negotiations and a proposed 1.5% conditional offer. RB also stated a proposal had been tabled asking for views as to where all local Authority Clerks should have standard Contracts of Employment and that Onchan Commissioners had withdrawn from the Richmond Hill consultative committee. RB advised Peel Commissioners had raised the matter of dog fouling and a discussion had taken place with respect to chipping dogs and increasing the licence fees.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. PK here had been an update on the mines statue, but otherwise nothing of note to report.
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa. No report.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. No report.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa. **New Date is Wednesday 10th July 2013.**
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish No report.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. No report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa. PK reported discussions had taken place with respect to the MER station track relay and the Rose Garden landscaping works.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – No report.

30/13 **Chairman's Report**

AM advised he had attended Laxey Fair on Saturday 29th June and wished to publicly thank Andrew Smith, the Fair Committee and Laxey School for there efforts. AM said it would be good if the teachers could dress up in costume as well as the children. AM advised he would be representing the Commissioners at the Tynwald ceremony on Friday 5th July 2013.

31/13 **Approval of Year End Accounts**

Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2013 were circulated for approval. See white papers.

The Clerk, having advised the Members that a full copy of the above Accounts had been circulated with the meeting summons, sort resolution from the Board to approve the Accounts.

*Resolved – The Statement of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2013 were approved by the Board.
Proposed AM, Seconded JJ*

32/13 **Reports**

Works and Amenity Update – Circulated separately prior to the meeting.

PK circulated paperwork with additional tasks identified. AM pointed out that PK had duplicated some of the tasks the Clerk had already reported on. A discussion took place and it was resolved to progress works to smarten up the Mines Road toilets. A discussion took place with respect to options for resourcing some of the works. .AM asked the Board members to consider options and report back.

33/13 **Any Other Business**

- a) Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Building Control letter of 28.06.13 regarding Consultation on Proposed Draft Building Regulations 2013. The purpose is to ensure that reasonable Regulations are in place for protection of the public, and ultimately not to hinder economic growth of the industry. It does not encompass Building Control Service Levels. An electronic version of the consultation can be found at the Government Website.

Submissions before 1700 hours on Monday 12th August 2013.

Deferred to August monthly meeting.

- b) Simon Harding of Isle of Man Civil Defence Corps emails on 30.06.13, advising they would like to plan a missing person search in Laxey between 20:00 to 21:40hrs on 24th July, concentrating on Public Rights of Way between Agneash and lower Laxey. The Volunteers, approx 35 in number, would be conspicuous in uniform/high vis. together with vehicles and I anticipate a control trailer being set up to make it as realistic as possible. Likely position Ham & Egg Terrace or prom.
Resolved to approve.
- c) Barbara Dunworth emails of Municipal Association emails on 01.06.13, advising the next Commissioners and officers training session is to be held on 1st August with a presentation by Alan Donnelly and Andy Crook of Douglas Borough Council on the subject of Waste Management. Venue and time yet to be confirmed but likely to be similar to above. Please advise your intention to attend as soon as possible. Again, there will hopefully be no charge for Member Authority Clerks and Commissioners.
PK and RB expressed an interest in attending.
- d) JJ advised he would be attending the start of the 6 peaks challenge.
- e) RB requested the fair committee were advised of complaints from Cooil Roi residents in respect of the noise made by traders delivering equipment to the Valley Gardens at 1230am.
PB to report the matter to the Fair Committee.
- f) RB reported issues with cars causing traffic problem by turning left down Church Hill when existing the MER station. The vehicles were performing several point turns and causing traffic to back up onto New Road. RB said she would raise this at the next traffic management meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 17th July 2013, 6.45pm.