

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3rd June 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman), Mrs J. Pinson (arrived 1005hrs).

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk

Action

17/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 15/00514/B of 12.05.15 in respect of erection of extension to dwelling at Bwaane Grianagh, 1, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3720].
It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00514/B, however the Board expressed concerns about the provision of off road parking given the narrow and restricted nature of the road.
- b) Planning Application No 15/00530/B of 12.05.15 in respect of erection of an extension and a detached garage to dwelling at Primrose Cottage, Minorca Vale, Laxey, IM4 7DZ. [LVC Ref: 3721].
It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00530/B.
- c) Planning Application No 15/00567/B of 21.05.15 in respect of erection of extension to existing shower block facilities at Laxey Campsite, Quarry Road, Laxey, IM4 7DU. [LVC Ref: 3722].
It was Resolved to note planning application 15/00567/B.
- d) Planning Application No 15/00584/B of 26.05.15 in respect of installation of steel flue on side elevation at Sperryd Ny Marrey, Old Laxey Hill, Laxey. [LVC ref: 3724].
It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00514/B, however the Board request that measures are put in place to dull the reflective nature of the stainless steel flue and thus reduce it's visual impact.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

d) Nil.

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

e) Nil.

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

f) Nil.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

g) Nil.

Planning – Correspondence

h) Nil.

18/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: RB. Seconded by: JJ.

19/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th May 2015.

- a) **Harbour Toilets – PK** asked if a response had been received from the Department with reference to the proposal that Laxey Commissioners take over responsibility for cleaning of the Toilets. **PK** advised that at the recent Local Authority meeting with Minister Gawne he had indicated that Castletown Commissioners were in the process of taking of responsibility for Castletown Harbour

toilets. The Clerk advised he was still awaiting a response from the department. It was resolved the Clerk write again copying Minister Gawne and the member for Garff.

- b) **Watercourse management leaflet** - Malcolm Cowin e-mails at 1141 hours on 06.05.15 - Please find enclosed a copy of the draft watercourse management leaflet based on the Environment Agency's living on the edge leaflet. Please read through the leaflet and send through any comments the Commissioners may have by 29th May 2015. The intention is that the leaflet will be displayed on our website for public information. If you have any queries on the leaflet please contact me.
JJ briefed the Commissioners on the content of the leaflet, in particular with respect to land owners responsibilities.
- c) **Orienteering in Laxey**
Chris Littler e-mails at 1516 hours on 18.05.15 regarding the proposal to create an Orienteering Map for Laxey.
Chris Littler emails at 1204 hours on 27.05.15 with draft 'heritage orienteering' maps produced by Peel Town Commissioners as an 'example' of what could be done in Laxey. *Circulated by post prior to meeting.*
A discussion took place and it was Resolved instruct Chris Littler to proceed with mapping exercise.
- d) **Regeneration Committee**
Press Release from the Chief Minister regarding wider remit for Local Regeneration Committees to be tested.
Resolved to note.
- e) **Village way marking/signage** – Details of proposed signage – Draft Document prepared by David Miller – DMP Consultants.
As detailed discussion took place regarding the placement and location of the proposed information point and finger post signs around the village. The Clerk advised that there was possibly some funding available within the regeneration scheme, however this was yet to be confirmed. JP stated she had visited a number of hotels in Douglas and felt there was a requirement a small pocket map of Laxey with a key showing cafes, cash point, toilets and visitor attractions in the village. The discussion then moved away from way marking and the Commissioners discussed replacing one of the 'Story of Mann' signs at the end of Mines Road with a large map of the village with a key. Proposals to be taken back to the next Regeneration Committee for consideration. No further direction given.
- f) **Rose Gardens – RB** enquired if the Commissioners had been sent a bill for the works they had agreed too. The Clerk advised the bill had not been received but would advise the Commissioners if and when it did.

20/15 **General Correspondence**

- a) Consultation on proposed Consumer safety Regulations Prohibiting Sales of Sky Lanterns in the Isle of Man - The Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading is seeking your views in relation to its proposal to ban the sales of sky lanterns in the Isle of Man. Please find attached a copy of the consultation paper which sets out the Office's proposals. Comments should be submitted in writing by post, fax or email no later than 5.00pm on **Friday 3 July 2015**. Additional copies of this document can be obtained from the Office by telephoning (01624) 686567. Electronic copies are also available at www.gov.im/oft/consultations.gov. If you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
It was unanimously resolved to support the proposed ban on sky lanterns. Clerk to respond accordingly.
- b) The Parish of Lonan and Laxey – Island Flower Festival 5th July to 11th July 2015. Your Local church at Laxey is participating in this event again and seeks help with displays, donations, stewarding, baking or other assistance.
A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to make a donation of £100.00 towards the cost of flowers.

- c) Mr & Mrs Simpson of Croit-Ny-Claughbane, Gretch Voar Road, Laxey, IM4 7PG writes on 20th May 2015 requesting street name plate at its junction with Ballaragh Road.
It was unanimously resolved to purchase and install the name plate as requested. Clerk to progress.
- d) Western Civic Amenity Site Board writes on 25.05.15 requesting a response to their letter of 25.03.15 regarding the height barrier at ECAS and the effect it is having on their tipping figures which they say has increased by 19.75% by high vehicles of which none were carrying commercial waste.
A discussion took place reference the height restriction at ECAS and it was Resolved not to respond.
- e) Garff Joint Initiative Committee Minutes of 20.05.15 for circulation. Please note the section, copied below, which summarises the information that needs to be discussed by the Board next and brought to the next Garff meeting, 01.07.15.
1. The understanding that the new Garff Authority will be made up of 9 members; three members from each of the proposed three wards (Laxey, Lonan, Maughold).
 2. The level and destination of any funds to be ring-fenced.
 3. The future of any assets and liabilities held by each authority once amalgamation has taken place.
 4. The sharing of information between the three authorities on any plans for major projects, expenditure, or disposals prior, during, or following the amalgamation process.
- Concerns were raised over the proposed 3 member per ward representation and whether Laxey would be fairly represented. RB advised this had been discussed at length in the past and it had been agreed that in order to progress the formation of the Garff Board initially there would be three members from each ward and in the future the numbers could be reduced to Seven, three from Laxey and two each from Lonan and Maughold, however this would be a matter for the new Board to agree and progress. A very detailed discussion took place with respect level and destination of any funds to be ring fenced. AM proposed the Board wait until the draft Garff order was available and discuss further at a later date. It was Resolved that initially the Clerk would produce a report to be circulated to the Board for consideration.*
- f) A young resident from Laxey writes on 27.05.15 to thank all of the people who have worked hard to make the Train Station and Rose Gardens so beautiful but hopes that the arches and lights will be put back.
It was Resolved respond thanks advising that the Rose arches are currently in the process of being relocated to the Valley Gardens.

21/15 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – **RB** reported that she had attended the recent AGM and advised the following posts, Chairman Viv Quane, Vice Chairman David Tolbot, Treasurer Peter Hill, Secretary Barbara Dunworth. Due to an increase in membership it had been possible to reduce the membership fees by £20 to £255.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. **PK** enquired if any minutes had been forwarded. The Clerk advised he had spoken to the Secretary and they would be. **PK** the trust had meet last week, however there was nothing relevant to the Commissioners.
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Jeff James. No Report.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. **JJ** advised he had attended two meetings to discuss applications and interview for setting up a pre school/afterschool club. No decision has been made at this time.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. No Report.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. Next meeting 21.07.15.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. No Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson Next meeting 24.06.15.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. No Report.

- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. **AM** reported that the refurbishment had been completed and the toilets were vastly improved from the previous state of repair.

22/15 Chairman's Report

- a) Miner Statue Unveiling – 23.05.15. **AM** proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk, maintenance operative and other volunteers who had assisted with the stewarding of the event, stating it had been an excellent day which was fortunately blessed by good weather.

23/15 Reports

- a) Nil.

24/15 Any Other Business

RB e-mails at 1252 hours on 24.05.15 -. I have been approached by a relative of a Cooil Roi resident to ask if we could ask Highways Services if there is any chance of a footpath on Church Hill now it is one way. I don't think they will agree but if the Board agree I will raise it at the next NTMG in July. A discussion took place and it was agreed to raise the matter at the next NTMLG meeting and request a white line is put down to delineate a walkway. **PK** reported a member of public had suggested that the croquet lawn at the entrance could be made in a car park. **AM** suggested the matter of car parking would need to be looked at once the Children's centre were up and running at the Pavilion.

- a) **AM** reported that there had been issues with a large number of vehicles parked on Ramsey Road in connection with building works at a property. Problem had been reported because it was not possible to see if anything was coming the other direction when pulling out to pass them. **AM** suggested that at a future date the government is petitioned to include contractors parking provision as part of the planning application.

Meeting Closed – 12.10pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st July 2015 10.00 am