

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 3rd September 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. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

Action

51/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) Planning Application No 14/00975/B of 14.08.14 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors to dwellings at Alma Cottage and Ivydene Cottage, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3684].

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00975/B.

b) Planning Application No 14/00978/B of 15.08.14 in respect of Alterations, erection of a porch to front and erection of a two storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling at 2, Princes Terrace, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3685].

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00978/B

c) Planning Amendment Application No 14/00438/B of 09.04.14 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling at Farndon, Mateland Drive, Laxey, IM4 7NF. [LVC Ref: 3674].

As discussion took place and it was Resolved the proposed changes do not make any material difference to their original objections, hence they still recommend refusal of the above planning application on the grounds outlined below.

1. *Causes a lack of privacy to surrounding properties and there is a significant increase in the overall floor area,*
2. *It is an over intensive use of the site,*
3. *The size and proportions detracts from the visual amenity of the conservation area in which it lies,*
4. *The proposed windows are too large and out of keeping with the adjoining properties*

d) Planning Application No 14/01013/B of 29.08.14 in respect of erection and operation of a cattery at Highfield, Stoney Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3686].

Resolved – To defer Planning Application No 14/01013/B to meeting on 17th September.

a) Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 14/00702/B of 20.08.14 in respect of approval in principle for erection of a dwelling on land at rear of Olinda, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3678]. Approved by LVC.

Resolved - to note Planning Approval Notice No 14/00702.

b) Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Planning Refusal Notice No 14/00797/B of 22.08.14 in respect of removal of chimney stack at Springfield Cottage, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3687]. Approved by LVC.

Resolved to note Planning Refusal Notice No 14/00797/B.

c) Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

None.

d) Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

Planning Enforcement Officer writes on 01.09.14 to say that the allegation that a designated car park is allegedly being used for the storage of materials and waste recycling, Glen Mill, Glen Road, Laxey. The site has now been cleared to the Department's satisfaction and no further action is being taken.

Resolved to note.

e) **Planning – Correspondence**

None.

52/14 Approval of Minutes

Meeting reference 47/14 item a). **AM** advised it was himself that had request the removal of the Laxey traders notice board, not **JP** and proposed the minutes were amended accordingly. With the proposed amendment the Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 20th August 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed **RB**, Seconded **JJ***

53/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th August 2014.

a) Minute reference 47/14, item e). The Clerk provided an update on the “abandoned” vehicles parked on the Glen Road car park, advising one will be removed in due course and contact will be made with the owner of other vehicles requesting they are removed. PB

b) A Commissioner enquired about the condition of the End Café. A discussion took place and the Clerk advised the office was currently dealing in communication with the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture, Environmental officer regarding another property in the village and advised there were difficulties because the owner of the property was not replying to correspondence. Clerk advised he would contact the Environmental officer and seek advice about the End Café. PB

c) **AM** asked **JP** to provide an update on the Manx Fun Place. **JP** advised see had been asked to look at the information pack for the Glen Gardens Pavilion and advised that “Mother T’s” would be submitting an expression of interest.

d) Minute reference 50/14, item g). **PK** advised he had been contacted by DPM windows in respect of the installation of the new doors to the small promenade store. A discussion took place and it was Resolved in order to maintain constancy the doors should mirror those in the Kiosk in term of Glass etc. PK

e) Minute reference 50/14, item h). **PK** enquired if the Commissioners should object to Campers van parked on the Promenade or ignore them. A discussion took place. No direction given.

f) Minute reference 50/14, item h). **PK** advised he had not had time to speak to the plumber. **AM** requested that **PK** ask the plumber to contact the office with a quote for the works. PK/PB

g) Minute reference 50/14, item j). **PK** reported that 4 of the Promenade street light were still not working. The Clerk advised the electrician had been contacted and they would be attended to in due course.

h) Minute reference 47/14, item a). **JP** requested permission from the Commissioners to erect a menu board in place of the Laxey Traders Notice Board. The Clerk advised that in accordance with the lease Mrs Pinson was required to write to the Commissioners and seek permission to erect the board. Resolved Mrs Pinson to write seeking permission to erect the Board.

54/14 General correspondence

a) Marown Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on 21.09.14 at 1500 hours.

Resolved – no one available to attend.

b) Castletown Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on 28.09.14 at 1500 hours.

Resolved – no one available to attend.

c) BD email on 20.08.14 at 0935hrs - To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks:

A Training Forum meeting for ALL Commissioners and Clerks has been arranged as follows. May I ask Member Authority Clerks to make this known to all of their Commissioners, not just those on the Executive Committee.

Thursday 09 October 2014 at 1800 for 1830 at Ramsey Town Hall, by kind courtesy of Ramsey Town Commissioners. Please note that the entrance is from West Street where there is parking behind the Town Hall, or nearby on the Quay or Shoprite car park. Refreshments will be available. The meeting will close at approximately 2030 or 2100 at the latest.

The Presentation will be given by Mr Oliver Helfrich as a continuance from our Forum meeting earlier this year on the subject of Doleance. If you have any aspects you would like to see covered please let me know at the earliest opportunity.

To facilitate the arrangements please advise me the names of those who wish to attend, no later than two weeks beforehand. For last minute bookings please contact me regarding availability. I will be happy to answer any queries but please note that I shall be off the Island from 6th October for one week.

Resolved - JP to attend with RB.

- d) Ramsey Town Commissioners invitation of 22.08.14 to their Civic ‘Municipal Sunday’ Service on Sunday 28th September 2014 at 1500 hours at St Pauls Church, Market Square. Procession at 1430 hours from Town Hall. Chains of Office. Light refreshments. RSVP.

Resolved AM to attend.

- e) Groudle Glen Railway cordially invites the Commissioners to attend the launch of their new coaches on Saturday 13th September 2014 at 1445 hours at Lhen Coan Station. The Lieutenant Governor will attend at 1500 hours. Dress Code is smart casual. (The coaches have been built by craftsmen at the Village Workshop in Laxey.

Resolved – no one available to attend.

- f) The Chairman, Mr Simon Clucas, and Members of the Board extend a cordial invitation to your Chairman, Members and Staff, to join them on the occasion of the Lonan Parish Commissioners Harvest Thanksgiving Civic Service, to be held on Sunday 5th October 2014 at 11.00 am at All Saints Parish Church, Lonan Church Road, Lonan. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the Service.

Resolved - AM, RB and Clerk to attend.

55/14 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – **RB** reported Eddie Teare, Treasury Minister had given a presentation and various matters had been discussed including banking, pensions and VAT. **RB** and **JP** gave a detailed resume of matters discussed.

- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – Nothing to report.

- c) **Cool Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James – Nothing to Report.

- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – Nothing to Report.

- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson Next meeting 17.09.14. **RB** advised the Board they need to agree how they are going to deal with the Authorities Property/Assets when they merge.

- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – (Next Meeting – 21.10.14). Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. - Nothing to Report.

- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. – Nothing to Report.

- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson – Meeting dates - 27.08.14

Clerks Note: Derek Serwell Department Infrastructure, Steven Stanley Regeneration Committee Secretary, Richard Henthorn, Regeneration Committee member, to attend meeting 17th September to update Commissioners on various aspects of the ongoing regeneration projects.

To demonstrate local Authority buy in to the regeneration schemes and as part of the application for funding the Chief Minister committee will looking for contributions to the schemes such as funding for street furniture, benches, litter bins and signage. For example Douglas BC have provided funding for street lighting and wayfaring/signage, Castletown have made a general contribution towards the whole scheme. To avoid any delay's to the Regeneration scheme funding application the Commissioners need to discuss now and agree.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved that provided the Board have an input on the choose of design that they would contribute towards to the funding for street furniture and signage.

- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. No Report.

- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. The Clerk advised the Laxey diving raft had been damaged and was removed from the beach following a strong South Easterly overnight on 25th/26th August. A brief discussion took place with respect to the construction of the raft and it was Resolved the Clerk arrange for the damaged legs to be made available for inspection by **AM** and **PK**.

56/14 **Chairman's Report**

Nothing to report.

57/14 **Any Other Business**

- a) C.H.K. Kerruish of Ballafayle@manx.net writes to DEFA complaining about the loss of views caused by trees towards the Laxey Wheel and at the Gooseneck.
Resolved to note.
- b) Tricia Roper e-mails at 1444 hours on 02.09.14 - The WI (Women's Institute) as a whole (UK/Wales/IOM/Jersey/Guernsey) will be celebrating its centenary year in 2015. As you will imagine there will be lots of events happening next year and plans have started here on the Island also. We currently have 30 WIs throughout the Island with over 700 members. Although the first WI in the Island started in 1950 we will all be celebrating when the WI first started in the UK/Wales, so as you can imagine we are looking for something that all our members could benefit from. I would like to enquire if it is possible for us to have a dedicated celebratory garden somewhere in Laxey and who would we speak to about this? We will be asking other councils around the Island to assist us also. We would eventually love to have a 'WI garden route' so that members could visit all gardens that were planted to celebrate 100 years of the WI. You may or may not know that we are a charity. Kind regards Tricia For and on behalf of IOM Federation of WIs.
Deferred to meeting 17th September.
- c) Patrick Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 28th September 2014 at 1500 hours at Glen Maye Methodist Chapel.
Resolved – No one available to attend.
- d) **PK** raised the issue of the threat to close All Saints Church Lonan. A discussion took place with respect to Christ Church. **JP** suggested the Church could play a more prominent role in the village e.g. meetings and exhibitions. **JP** suggested that representatives from the Church are invited to a regeneration meeting. The Clerk advised this would be a matter for the Regeneration Committee and suggested **JP** raise the matter at the next meeting.
- e) **JP** requested that the Commissioners state the reason for changing the meeting time from evenings to daytime and the possible increase in cost. A discussion took place and due to the fact the Clerk would not be claiming for additional hours worked and members not claiming all expenses, the consensus was that there would be a difference in cost.
- f) **RB** enquired why the gates to the Henry Bloom Noble Recreation ground were closed on Tuesday 2nd September. **PK** advised that a contractor was undertaking maintenance of the verges and need to cut area around edge of the car park. **JP** requested that in future a notice be placed on the gate advising why it was closed.
- g) **JP** reported she had attended a meeting at Steven Morley Chartered Surveyors in respect of the maintenance works planned to be undertaken at the Promenade shelter. **JP** briefed the commissioners on the works.

Meeting Closed at 12.08hrs.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17th September 2014 10.00 am