

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 4th January 2012, 6.45pm

Minutes

Present: Mr J James (Chairman), Mr G Pearce-White (Vice Chairman), , Mrs S Jones, Mr P Kinnish,

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr S Haddock, Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

102/11 Planning Matters

Action

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 11/01641/R of 28.11.11 in respect of retrospective application to install windows at Glen Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3557].

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that,

- (a) *They believe the development to over intensive, and*
(b) *The window detail in respect of front elevation top and bottom left and centre is unclear.*

- b) Planning Amendment Notice No 11/01295/B of 15.12.11 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling including the installation of replacement windows at Burnside, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3550]. Refused by LVC.

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that the windows should be like for like and in the style of sash windows.

- c) Planning Application No 11/01696/B of 08.12.11 in respect of alterations and extension to dwelling at Glevum, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3558].

JJ declared an Interest and withdrew from the meeting.

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that,

- (a) *The development is over intensive and un neighbourly,*
(b) *The lane into which the rear entrance is proposed is too narrow to afford safe egress and access and is prejudicial to road safety.*

- d) Planning Application No 11/01703/B of 12.12.11 in respect of extension to form additional living accommodation and replacement garage at Drum Shee, Ballacollister Road, IM4 7JR. [LVC Ref: 3559].

Approved.

- e) Planning Application N0 11/01733.B of 19.12.11 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling including improvements to vehicular access and alteration to retaining wall at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3560].

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that,

- (a) *There is no material difference between this application and the former application numbered 11/01180/B such that,*
(b) *The development is out of keeping with the surrounding properties and would have an unacceptable visual impact due to it's prominent location.*

Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

- f) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01077/B of 06.12.11 in respect of creation of vehicular access and alterations to existing outbuilding at Stream Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3541]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

- g) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01516/B of 16.12.11 in respect of demolition of rear annex and outbuildings and erection of a single storey extension at 19 Dumbells Terrace, Mines Road. [LVC Ref: 3552]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

- h) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01561/B of 22.12.11 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors and rear porch roof at Edgeworth, Rencell Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3554]. {Delegated Powers}. *Refused by LVC.*

- i) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01597/B of 23.12.11 in respect of erection of a replacement garage and extension of driveway at Nirvana, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3555]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC*
- j) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01604/B of 23.12.11 in respect of installation of flue to dwelling at Thie Grian, Ballacollister Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3556]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC. Items f) to J), noted.*

Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- k) None.

Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- l) Planning Appeal Notice No 11/01264/B of 14.12.11 in respect of appeal against approval to allow extension to rear elevation at 31 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3548]. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

103/11 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 7th December 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed GPW, Seconded PK

104/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of 7th December 2011.

None.

105/11 General correspondence

- a) Queens Diamond Jubilee Working Group e-mails at 1558 hours on 07.12.11 asking for update on events planned by the Authority. Also states that there will be an extra bank holiday on 6th July. *There are no events planned for Laxey.*
- b) Mr and Mrs Ackerley of Ballacowin, Glen Road, Laxey writes on 08.12.11 requesting that double yellow lines are extended to outside their house and beyond due to vehicles parking outside their house causing difficulty in getting in and out of their driveway. They say that they have complained to Laxey Commissioners several times about this but they have not done anything about it, especially the former Laxey Blacksmith van. *A discussion took place and the Board resolved the Clerk write to Mr and Mrs Ackerley to advise they contact the owner of the van and request it be moved.*
- c) Thank you card to the Commissioners from the WMI. *Noted.*
- d) Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association, Lonan & Laxey Branch writes on 10.12.11 to thank the Board for the offertory collection from their Civic Service. *Noted.*
- e) Martin Cannell submits application to hold charity event on behalf of Manx Muscular Dystrophy Branch for the annual New Years Day Dip on Laxey Promenade at 12.00pm. A collection will be taken on Laxey Promenade. *Noted.*
- f) Peter McEvoy e-mails at 1059 hours on 14.12.11 a Weeds Act 1957 Consultation regarding a proposal to remove Section 1 which makes it an offence to harbour listed species unless a notice has been issued by DEFA. This Section is unachievable and contrary to sound environmental practice and convention. Go to www.gov.im/lib/docs/daff/weedsactconsultation.pdf. *Noted.*
- g) Ruth.Flaherty@gov.im e-mails at 1455 hours on 14.12.11 correspondence regarding a Consultation on a new look Local Government Pension Scheme. Go to www.gov.im/transport/consultations.gov?menuid=16916&type=current. *SJ said she would try to attend the Employer Briefing. Clerk to forward time and date of meeting when available.*
- h) Debbie Bridson of 33 New Road writes on 20.12.11 requesting action regarding the parking of a van on the pavement outside Blacks which is causing danger to traffic entering New Road from Captains Hill. Also complains about large puddles that form in the road over the bridge by the WMI and asks

if it can be drained.

A discussion took place and the Clerk advised the DoI had been informed about the Bridge drain. The Board resolved the Clerk contact Inspector Mark Britton reference the issue with the van parked on the pavement outside Blacks.

- i) Tourism Awards 2011 – Summary of comments about Laxey.
Noted.
- j) Charlotte.Geoghegan@gov.im e-mails at 1656 hours on 20.12.11 a Consultation Document regarding creation of an Health & Safety Consultative Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to contribute to the development of legislation and strategies to be adopted by the Health & Safety at Work Inspectorate.
The Board discussed the proposed constitution of the Committee and agreed the Local Authority representation on the Committee should be two members, one representing the Town and District Authorities and one representing the Villages and Parishes. Resolved - Clerk to respond.
- k) Deputy Clerk of Tynwald writes on 21.12.11 regarding The Electoral Reform Bill 2011 which recommends that firstly the Island should be divided into eight constituencies and secondly that each constituency should return 3 MHKs. Full Text of the Bill is available on Tynwald Website. The Committee would like to receive **comments, concerns or views before Wednesday 1st February 2012.**
*A discussion took place and SJ proposed the bill should be discussed by the Garff Joint Initiative Committee, also Steve Rodan should be asked if there are any comments he wishes the Commissioners to consider when compiling their response. Resolved - Clerk to contact SR and Lonan and Maughold Commissioners.
Item Deferred to Meeting – 18.01.12.*
- l) Mrs Grubb telephones at 1045hrs on 21.12.11 to enquire if the Commissioners would consider doing something to recognise Mark Cavendish's recent achievements.
A discussion took place and the Board agreed a letter of congratulation signed by the Commissioners be sent to Mr Cavendish.
- m) Road Traffic Order 2011, Temporary Imposition of One Way Traffic Minorca Hill. Order Commences 6.00am on 11 January 2012, until 6.00pm on 13 January or until new gas supply work is completed.. No person shall travel in a Northerly direction on that section of Minorca Hill, Laxey from a point adjacent to Sunnyside Terrace to the junction of Ramsey Road. *Noted.*
- n) Planning Enforcement Officer writes on 14.12.11 regarding scrambling and tipping on Field 614452, Ballaragh Road, Laxey and requests that the Commissioners view the land and serve notice under Section 14 of the Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984.
*The Clerk produced a map indicating the location of the field and asked the Commissioners to visit and report back to the meeting 18.01.12.
Item Deferred to meeting - 18.01.12.*
- o) Rocky Sharrock of rocky.sharrock@fieldsintrust.org e-mails at 1618 hours on 16.12.11 regarding the making of Recreational Fields Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields for ever. *Noted.*

106/11 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association – *No Report.*
- b) Cooil Roi – *SJ reported JJ had attended the Christmas party organised fro the residents. SJ stated they had a good year with the new Clerk and was looking forward to the New Year.*
- c) Laxey Traders – *No Report.*
- d) L&LHT – *No Report.*
- e) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee – *PK reported correspondence had been received from an Ard Reayrt resident about the Ard Reayrt Bus stop and issues with children crossing the Road. No further information was available and PK agreed to speak to Mike Barnes for further clarification on the matter. Other matters discussion included passing places on Old Laxey Hill and reducing the speed limit on Mines Road to 20mph. A discussion took place and it was resolved the*

Clerk write to Inspector Mark Christian to seek comment/support on the Mines Road speed limit..

- g)** Regeneration Committee –*Next Meeting 31.01.12.*
- h)** Working Mens Institute – *No Report.*
- i)** Ecas – **JJ** *reported he had attend a meeting to sign off the accounts.*
- j)** GJIC – *Next Meeting 11.01.12 or 25.01.12.*

107/11 Chairman’s Report

JJ reported that the Board meeting scheduled for 21.12.11 had been cancelled due to Commissioners having other commitments. All items were moved to meeting 04.01.12.

108/11 Any Other Business

- a)** Lonan Commissioners e-mail at 0659 hours on 03.01.12 regarding planned Garff Meeting on either 11.01.12 or 25.01.12 for the purpose of meeting Mr Ronan. Mr Ronan cannot attend in January, but does the Board wish to go ahead without him on either date. Maughold is in the Chair for this meeting. *See General Correspondence 105/11, item k). Clerk to contact Lonan and Maughold Commissioner proposing a meeting on 25.01.12.*
- b)** Xmas tree recycling – Clerk seeks approval from the Board to deal with the trees in the same manner as 2011. *Resolved – the arrangements to be the same as 2011, with a drop of point between the two tennis courts.*

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm
Date of next meeting: Friday 18th January 2012 at 6.45pm