

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 4th July 2012 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

33/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application Amendment Notice No 12/00587/B of 19.06.12 in respect of amendments to installation of replacement windows and front door at Rencell Cottage, Rencell, Laxey, IM4 7BN. [LVC Ref: 3574]. Original approved by LVC. *Approved.*
- b) Planning Application Amendment Notice No 12/00681/B of 18.06.12 in respect of amendments to creation of 2 windows on north west side elevation at Verndale, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AN. [LVC ref: 3581]. Original approved by LVC. *Approved.*
- c) Planning Application No 12/00834/A of 06.06.12 in respect of approval in principle for erection of a dwelling on land to rear of Olinda, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3586]. *Approved.*
- d) Planning Application No 12/00882/C of 18.06.12 in respect of change of use of ground floor café to residential at Craigmere, Tent Road, Laxey, IM4 7DB. *Approved.*

d) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00658/B of 20.06.12 in respect of erection of dwelling on land adjacent to Westwood, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3579]. {Delegated Powers}.

Approved by LVC.

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00639/C of 25.06.12 in respect of continuation of use of conservatory as a beauty therapy treatment room at 5, Lower Cronk Orry, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3577]. {Planning Committee}.

Approved by LVC.

Noted.

e) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

f) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

g) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

34/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 20th June 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded AJ.

35/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 20th June 2012

- a) 32/12 item f). – PK to provide email the Clerk with contact details of Laxey Football club secretary.

36/12 General correspondence

- a) Onchan District Commissioners writes on 18.06.12 regarding Partnerships. Following the recent Seminars it was suggested that one of the barriers to successful partnerships was that the Authorities were not aware of what services were carried out by others. To that end they attach a schedule of services provided by Onchan. *Noted.*
- b) Community Officer Report for May 2012. Eleven breaches of Dog Bye Laws on the Beach detected. *Noted.*

- c) Onchan District Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 29th July 2012 at 1500 hours at St Peter's Parish Church. **RSVP.**

RB said she would attend if the Chairman was unavailable.

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- d) Consultation on Proposed Draft Building (Fees) Regulations 2012. The object of the proposed changes is to improve efficiency and deliver a value for money Building Control service to the Island and their customers. These proposals will include increases in charges.

Noted.

- e) Sam.McCauley2@gov.im e-mails at 1042 hours on 25.06.12 a Consultation on the Draft Carers' Charter. The Charter is intended to create a framework for developing appropriate support for carers on a partnership basis across the public, private and third sectors. It also includes clear actions which, working together, the partnership will implement in order to improve outcomes for carers. *Resolved – Clerk to forward consultation documentation to Cooil Roi Housing Authority Clerk and Board members.*

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- f) Karl.Cubbon@gov.im e-mails at 1414 hours on 25.06.12 a Consultation on the Bribery Bill 2012. *Documentation passed to JJ.*

- g) Consultation on Bus Speed Limits. This proposes to increase the permitted speed of buses from 40 mph to 50 mph on various specific stretches of road. Applicable to Laxey and Lonan is the Coast Road to Ramsey excluding Laxey. A twelve month trial will take place. *Noted.*

- h) Planning & Building Control Department writes on 27th June 2012 regarding the most recent User Group Meeting. At this meeting some members expressed the desire that Local Authorities should take a more proactive role in planning matters and to that end the Department is proposing to hold a session with the Authorities as more of a joint participation rather than a lecture. They suggest that the meetings are split into areas, placing amongst others, Laxey & Lonan with Santon and Maughold with Ramsey. They suggest that such a session should take place either in September or October. The request now is are the Commissioners interested in this and if so how many would like to attend. Replies to Senior Planning Officer Sarah Corlett.

Resolved – Clerk to write and advise the Commissioners would prefer to attend a meeting in Ramsey. RB, PK and AM expressed an interest in attending.

- i) Laxey Anti Cancer seeks permission to hold a charity event on 25.08.12, or 26.08.12 if wet. Annual Market Stall. *Unanimously Approved.*

- g) Northern TMLG meeting – Thursday 12 July 2012 at 9.30am in Ramsey Town Hall. Any agenda items to be forwarded to Mike Barnes as soon as possible.

RB advised she was unable to attend and asked the Clerk to forward her apologies to Mike Barnes.

37/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – *RB reported Richard Pearson Director of Highways, Department of Infrastructure had been in attendance. Richard had spoken to the meeting about highway maintenance budgets and proposed legislation which would give powers to seize vehicles in relation to unpaid parking fines. Also a new bill was current being processed through the system which introduces new offences of causing death by reckless driving and careless driving; this will be in place August 2012. Mr Pearson also talked about overhanging trees and un-adopted roads. Roads can be adopted by the department if they meet the relevant standards and grants up to 50% are available to bring roads up to the required standard. RB reported that Whitley Council employer and employee representatives had resumed talks.*

- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Susan Jones – *No report.*

- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Susan Jones, Andrew Moore – *Meeting deferred until Tuesday 11.07.12.*

- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – *No Report.*

- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Susan Jones, Roz Bate – *Next meeting 11.07.12.*

- f) **Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. *Next meeting 12.07.12.*

- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – *No Report.*
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Susan Jones, Peter Kinnish – *The Clerk advised a meeting had taken place on 03.07.12 to discuss the results of Link Bus Trial and the passenger figures for the first two week had been very disappointing however they had picked up during the third week with 166 passengers being carried. This was still well below the number required to make the service financially viable. The Committee had agreed no further under writing should be provided and were waiting communication with Tours (Isle of Man) directors. A general discussion took place in relation to the timing of the trial, and the poor weather recently.*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – *AM reported the contract for running the site, currently with Douglas Borough Council, had been extended to 2015. The site will now start charging for disposal of fridges and freezers and following the installation of a number plate recognition system.*

38/12 Chairman's Report
No Report.

39/12 Review of Standing Orders
This matter is deferred to meeting 18.07.12. Please advise any further changes additions.

40/12 Any Other Business

- a) Mannin Media Isle of Man Visitor Guide 2013 advertising literature. To get 10% discount order before 09.07.12. *Approved.*
- b) Susan.Reid@itd.treasury.gov.im e-mails at 1425 hours on 02.07.12 the Taxation Strategy 2012 to 2016 Consultation which includes radical changes to taxation system from removal of married person's allowances, all other allowances other than tax free but replacement with higher allowances of changes to claimed benefits. Also compulsory on line completion.

Submissions before Friday 7th September 2012

Clerk to circulate full document to Commissioners.

- c) Meeting of the Garff Joint Initiative Committee to be held on Wednesday 11th July 2012 at 7.30pm at Laxey Village Commissioners, New Road, Laxey. Please could you indicate numbers attending. *RB, AM, possibly PK, JJ.*
- d) Item Deferred from meeting
Consultation on The Criminal Justice, Police Powers & Other Amendments Bill 2012, which seeks to ensure that the Police have the powers necessary to deal with evolving demands and to achieve further efficiencies by removing unnecessary red tape or outdated procedures and for connected purposes. This document is 88 pages long. Go to www.gov.im/dha/consultations.gov.

Submissions Before Tuesday 24th July 2012.

Deputy Clerk Report Attached.

Item deferred to 18.07.12

- e) Julia at Hodgson Loom Gallery e-mails at 1542 hours on 03.07.12 an invitation to 2 Connect on Friday 13th July 2012 at 1800 hours. *RB to attend Noted.*
- f) PK stated some of the water charges for some of the authorities public toilets may be on the high side. A discussion took place and RB stated the water usage at the Glen Road Toilet could be exaggerated due to the Campers at the football club using the Public Toilets during the TT fortnight. PK said he was unable to comment.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm
Date of Next Meeting 18th July 2012