

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 4th November 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman),

Action

The Clerk advised apologies had been received from the Chairman. In the Chairman's absence the Vice Chairman took the Chair.

81/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) Planning Application No 15/01147/B of 15.10.15 in respect of installation of replacement windows at The Craig, 16, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BF. [LVC Ref: 3733].

It was Resolved to refuse this planning application no. 15/01147/B on the grounds outlined below:

- *The original windows to this property were sliding sash with external Georgian glazing bars, the replacement windows should match the type and style as seen on the attached photo of the property dated 1895.*

b) Planning Application No 15/01174/GB of 22.10.15 in respect of installation of external air conditioning units in association with 15/01175/CON, Laxey Working Mens Institute, 17 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3734].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/01174/GB and associated registered building consent 15/01175/CON.

c) Planning Application No 15/01183/B of 26.10.15 in respect of replacement windows at Barnston Cottage, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3735].

It was Resolved to refuse planning application no. 15/01183/B on the grounds outlined below:

- *The type and style of the windows to the rear elevation of the property should match the type and style of the proposed windows to front elevation of the property and Barnston House.*

d) Planning Application No. 15/01182/B of 29.10.15 in respect of Installation of replacement windows and door to dwelling. Barnston House, Glen Road Laxey [LVC ref 3736]

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/01182/B.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

It was Resolved to note planning approval notices 15/01061/B, 15/01069/B and 15/00275/B.

e) Planning Approval Notice 15/01061/B of 21.10.15 in respect of installation of replacement front door at 4, Bay View Terrace, Laxey, IM4 7DG. [LVC Ref: 3730]. *Approved by LVC.*

f) Planning Approval Notice 15/01069/B in respect of installation of replacement patio doors to rear elevation at Mariners House, Back Shore Road, Laxey, IM4 7DQ. [LVC Ref: 3731] *Approved By LVC.*

g) Planning Approval Notice No 15/00275/B of 21.10.15 in respect of partial conversion of Pavilion to provide childrens nursery at Laxey Glen Pavilion. [3712]. *Approved by LVC.*

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

It was Resolved to note planning Refusal notice 15/00878/B.

h) Planning Refusal Notice No 15/00878/B of 20.10.15 in respect of extension to and conversion of detached garage into a dwelling and improvement to vehicular access onto highway at Ballashalom, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3727]. *Approved by LVC.*

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

i) None.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

j) None.

Planning – Correspondence

k) None.

82/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed PK, Seconded JJ.

83/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 21st October 2015.

a) Meeting reference 78/15, item a). Laxey Firework Display.

It was noted that due to the poor weather forecast the Laxey Fire Station firework display had been postponed from Thursday 5th to Friday 6th November.

b) Meeting Reference 77/15, item a). Letter from resident.

JP requested it be noted that her mobile phone no. is listed in the current edition of the Manx Telecom phone book.

c) Meeting Reference 79/15, item f). Signage and Way marking.

RB and **JP** provided the Clerk with copies of the proposals with comments. A discussion took place with respect to new signage erected at the welcome to Laxey sign at the junction of Ballacollister Road and the A2 and at the shore hotel. Concerns were expressed there was no clear signage at the top of Old Laxey Hill with directions to the beach. It was Resolved the Clerk contact MNH and enquire who has approved the new signage and copy in Andrea Hawley at Department of Infrastructure.

d) Meeting Reference 80/15, item k). Parking outside Commissioners Office.

RB advised she had spoken to a local business owner who said they would be writing to the Department to request the existing police parking bay was made into a loading bay. This would allow a number of adjacent businesses to be able to load and unload. It was Resolved the Clerk contact the Department advising the Commissioners had been approached by local businesses requesting the bay be made into a loading bay rather than a disabled parking bay. **PK** advised a resident had suggested that the MER land at the substation could be used for off road parking. A brief discussion took place and it was generally agreed that because of vehicle movements associated with the railway and visibility when exiting onto New Road that this proposal would not be acceptable to the Department. **PK** also suggested that the grass area forming part of the valley gardens off Captians Hill could be used for off road parking. The Clerk advised that in the Laxey and Lonan Area Plan this area was zoned as public open space for recreation purposes and the zoning would need to be amended before planning would consider a car park scheme in this location. A discussion took place with respect to parking alongside the Rose Gardens and whether the Department would be actively enforcing the 2 hour restriction and whether issuing residents parking permits would be acceptable. It was Resolved the Clerk write to the Department requesting they improve signage for long term parking around the village.

84/15 General correspondence

a) Please find attached a letter from the Chief Constable, Gary Roberts inviting you to review his Strategic Plan 2015-2018. http://issuu.com/isleofmanconstabulary/docs/strategic_plan

Resolved to note.

b) **Street Light Ramsey Road/Minorca Cross Road North Bound Bus Stop** – MUA email dated 21.10.15. The estimated price for a pole mounted street light would be £520.00+VATea. This would be for LED or a traditional SON/Metal Halide. Recommend SONMetal Halide at this location.

It was unanimously Resolved to approve the installation of an additional street light at this location.

- c) **Street Light Upper Rencell Hill** – MUA email dated 29.10.15. It has been brought to my attention that our overhead line team will shortly be undertaking works in the Rencell Hill area. Part of this work involves removing three spans of overhead line and undergrounding the LV network and associated services which I have highlighted on the attached plan. Streetlight LA160 is currently situated on a wooden pole in this area. The pole is rotten and will be removed as part of the works. Unfortunately this will mean a new streetlight column, fitting and streetlight pillar will be required if the commissioners still require a streetlight in this location.
The estimated cost of a new 6M Column, fitting (either LED or standard) and a streetlight pillar will be £3,000 + VAT (worst case scenario). All excavations and reinstatements will be covered by Manx Utilities.
It was unanimously Resolved to approve the installation of a column and light fitting at this location.
- d) **Garff (local Govt District) Order 2015** – Roy Corlett emails on 27.10.15 Latest Draft. Circulated to Commissioners by email and by hand on 28.10.15.
It was Resolved that the latest draft of the Garff order be approved.
Proposed by JP, seconded by RB
For PK,
Against JJ.
- e) **Local Authority Transition** - Minister Gawne letter dated 28.10.15, with updates on progress of Waste, Housing and Governance Working Groups, Public Toilets and Parking plus other issues.
It was Resolved to approve the letter from the minister dated 28.10.15.

85/15 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. No Report.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. **PK** advised the AGM would take place on Thursday 26th November, 7.30pm, at the Working Mens Institute. **RB** also reported the Great Laxey Mine Railway ‘Spooky Trains’ had be a great success this year with over 1,700 people carried. It was Resolved the Clerk write to the Railway congratulating them on the event. **PK** continued stating he had spoken to Peter Geddes about reinstating the former Browns funicular tramway to the wheel. A discussion took place and it was agreed **PK** would contact Stuart Clague to enquire if he intended to go ahead with the proposed scheme to create a footpath from the upper Salmon Centre car park to the wheel car park.
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Jeff James. No Report.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. No Report
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. Next Meeting. 11.11.15. No Report.
- 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, Julie Pinson Next Meeting. No Report.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. No Report.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. No Report.

86/15 **Chairman’s Report**

None.

87/15 **Reports**

- a) None.

88/15 **Any Other Business**

- a) **Remembrance Concert** - Colin Ring email dated 02.11.15, with invitation to Commissioners to attend the Service of Remembrance on 7th November 2015, 7.00pm, At Laxey Working Mens Institute. “Sorry for the late invite, but we would love to see representatives from Laxey

Commissioners at the Remembrance Concert to be held at Laxey Working Men's Institute on 7th November at 7 pm.

PK and the Clerk to attend.

b) Royal British Legion, Laxey and Lonan Branch, Remembrance Services 2015.

- Sunday 8th November, 3.00pm, Christ Church Laxey.
- Tuesday 10th November, 10.00am, at Laxey School.
- Wednesday 11th November, 10.50pm, Armistice Day Observance, War Memorial, Valley Gardens.

JP to lay the wreath on behalf of Laxey Commissioners on Sunday 8th November and **RB** to attend on Wednesday 11th November.

c) On Minutes Noise Laxey Promenade Sunday 8th November at 12.00pm. **JP** advised the event was taking place.

d) Carol Singing in Promenade Shelter – **JP** advised Rev Jo Dudley would be holding a bell ringing and carol singing event on Saturday 12th December.

e) Campsite Shower Block – **RB** requested an update for the next meeting.

f) Glen Road Water Fall – **PK** proposed a picnic bench be place next to the water fall. Resolved – Clerk to progress.

Meeting Closed at 12.00pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 18th November 2015 10.00 am