

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5th August 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 at 1004hrs).

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk. Two members of public.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk

Action

39/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Amendment notice - 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]. *Approved by LVC*
Resolved to approve Planning Application No 15/00530/B.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- b) Planning Approval Notice No 15/00642/B of 16.07.15 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at Icari, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AB. [LVC Ref: 3726]. *Approved by LVC.*
Resolved to approve Planning Approval Notice No 15/00642/B.

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- c) Nil.

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- d) Planning Appeal Hearing Notice No 15/00275/B of 31.07.15 in respect of Partial Conversion of Pavilion to provide a children's nursery at Laxey Glen Pavilion. Hearing to take place on Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 1400 hours at Government Offices. [LVC Ref: 3712]. *Approved by LVC.*
*The Clerk reported that this application had been submitted in March this year and was originally being dealt with by the Department of Infrastructure, however recently the planning function had been transferred to Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture who are also the Landlord of the Pavilion and Glen. As a consequence of his change the planning application had been passed to planning appeals officer at the Cabinet Office and would be dealt with by an independent inspector, this had inevitably caused delays. The Commissioners considered the additional documentation submitted which included creation of a footpath to provide pedestrian access separate from the existing access road to the Pavilion. **RB** stated she had raised the matter of car parking at the Pavilion with the Minister at the previous evenings Local Authority Transition meeting in respect of the notices stating the upper carpark is not for public use. A discussion took place with respect to enforcement of the restrictions and it was agreed that while it cannot be enforced it would put off visitor from parking there.*
It was Resolved to note Planning Appeal Hearing Notice No 15/00275/B.

- e) Planning Appeal Hearing Notice No 15/00508/B of 31.07.15 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow enclosure of yard area at 16 New Road, Laxey. Hearing to take place on Wednesday 9th September 2015 at 0930 hours at Government Offices. [LVC Ref: 3717]. *Approved by LVC.*
A discussion took place. Resolved to note Planning Appeal Hearing Notice No 15/00508/B.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

- f) Nil.

Planning – Correspondence

- g) Nil.

40/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: JJ, Seconded by: JP.

41/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 15th July 2015.

- a) 35/15, a). Car Parking in the Village - Telephoned Oliver O'Meara at DEFA on to enquire about the Glen Gardens car parking and meeting with the Commissioners. Oliver state that the Glen Street car park will be tidied up and relined in the next few weeks. They had considered putting up notices restricting length of stay, however it would be extremely difficult to enforce. The responsibility for maintenance of the Glen itself including the Children's play area is part of the Children's Centre's lease. The area just past the rifle club will be resurfaced soon and this along with the upper car park will be for the use of the children centre and signs will be put up advising this. Mr O'Meara states he is still happy to meet with the Commissioners if required.

The Clerk advised.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to invite Oliver O'Meara and representatives from the children's centre to a future meeting to discuss provision of car parking in the Laxey Glen.

- b) 35/15, a). Car Parks Amendment Order 2015, Dumbells Terrace Laxey – Currently awaits Department of Infrastructure works order to carry out line marking and erect new signage.

Resolved to note.

RB advised she had raised the matter of line marking along the stretch of New Road between the Coop and tram crossing at the recent NTMLG meeting and this would be dealt with in due course. The Clerk advised the department had recently submitted a revised Road Traffic Order for this stretch of road and this was probably still in the consultation period.

PK raised the matter previously discussed for moving the on road car parking on Captains Hill to the Valley Gardens side of the Road to avoid the issue of bird dropping and other detritus falling on vehicles from the trees on the land belonging to the Manx Electric Railway. It was Resolved this would be raised at the next NTMLG meeting. PK referred to the car parking area next to the Service Station and proposed this could be used for off road parking. A discussion took place and AM advised he had raised the matter with the Department some time ago and there were issues with sightlines and visibility. AM enquired as to the whereabouts of the Laxey Salmon, the Clerk advised the Salmon was with the Blacksmith. A discussion took place with respect to the location of the Salmon at the Northern end of the Rose gardens and it was generally agreed that this location was not suitable and could be better displayed elsewhere in the garden.

- c) 38/15, b). [RB and JP to debrief commissioners in respect of discussion at the Garff Joint Initiative meeting 1st July. Draft Garff Order.](#)

Discussion took place in Private,

- d) 38/15, b). [Update on revisions to Draft Garff Parish Order. Clerk to report. See Private Minutes.](#)

42/15 General correspondence

- a) Letter from the Isle of Man Constabulary regarding request from Superintendent Wilson to attend a Commissioners Meeting to discuss local policing in the Village. Contact Sarah Kennaugh on 631227 or sarah.kennaugh@gov.im.

A discussion took place and it was resolved to invite Superintendent Wilson to attend a future meeting of Laxey Village Commissioners.

- b) Sophie from FlyBoard IOM emails on 21.07.15 at 0901hrs - I am writing to you on behalf of Flyboard IOM, a small local business. We are looking to hold an end of summer family fun day the weekend 5th and 6th September which would include,

- Flyboard championships 2015

- Bouncy Castles
- Catering Vans
- Face Painting
- Candy Floss machine
- Beach Games
- Stalls

and much much more...

We have looked around the island to find the best possible place to do this, and yesterday we thought that Laxey would be the perfect place.

Do you think you could give us permission to run the day in Laxey? We have a few other businesses who are happy to help with the production off this (Energy FM, Davisons Ice Cream, Switched On events).

We really hope to create a fun day for all, and hopefully something that will bring a lot of people into Laxey for the weekend.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to approve the request to hold the End of Summer Family Fun Day subject to provision of evidence by the organiser that they had carried out the necessary risk assessments and submitted an 'event notice' to the Department. JP raised concerns in respect of car parking and evidence of food safety certificates and public liability insurance also requested. Subject to the organisers being able to demonstrate they have completed the necessary Health and Safety requirements it was Resolved to approve the event. JP declared an interest and signed the register.

- c) Angie Brook emails on 25.07.15 – with reminder of the Geocaching event that will take place in Laxey on 17.08.15.

Less than a month to go to our event on the Washing Floors. Up to now we have 56 people showing that they will attend this event, although I expect a few more.

Here is a link to the published event on the geocaching website <http://coord.info/GC5KRN8> As you can see we have specified the car parking places as per your email. We also hope to have a local photographer on site to record the event.

Also here is a link to all the events that week <http://events.manxcachefest.com/>

A full press release will be issued on 1st. August with a follow up release on the 7th.

Commissioners were notified of this event and approved use of the Valley Gardens at their meeting 07.01.15.

Resolved to note.

- d) Andy Crook emails at 10.32hrs on 29.07.15 in respect of contract for transferred services - Further to our telephone call, just to confirm that a meeting was held on Monday to progress the GARFF service at which I advised the meeting that the current priority list was being addressed by contractors. It was suggested that during the original discussions, the understanding was that the hedgetrimming requirements were to take place from September to November but predominantly during October and that was how the Parks section had prepared their schedules, although it was acknowledged that the tractor could be made available for a couple of days during August for priority matters relating to highway safety.

The parks have also asked me to stress that the hedgetrimming price is based on a day rate with an estimated time to do the locations specified, and it maybe they get round the areas a bit quicker or equally they may take a bit longer, but obviously we will use our best endeavours to keep as close to our estimates timings as possible.

A discussion took place and the Clerk advised that both Lonan and Maughold Commissioners had had significant requirements to undertake hedge cutting due to road safety issues, unfortunately Douglas Borough Council were unable to provide this service at short notice and an alternative contractor had been engaged to carry out this work including the short section off Old Laxey Hill as requested by the Commissioners at the meeting 17.07.15. JP asked if the issue with Douglas BC

difficulty in resourcing the hedge and verge cutting was going to cause issues moving forward. The Clerk reported that both Lonan and Maughold Clerks had expressed concerns about this and would be raising it with the respective Boards.

- e) Garff Joint Initiative meeting Minutes (01.07.15) and agenda (05.08.15) – Circulated.
Resolved to note.

43/15 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. **RB** advised that no representatives had attended from Laxey, however the Liverpool City Councillor who was scheduled to speak had been missed his flight and was unable to attend. **RB** continued reporting that this had enabled the meeting to discuss the recent issues regarding Elected Representative being listed on the published Register of Electors. **RB** stated there was a conflict of opinion as to how this should be dealt with. The Chairman of the MA had suggested members should resign if they are not on the published register where as other members had said common sense should prevail and members should have leave of absence until the next published list comes out by which time they would be registered. **AM** stated for the record that all 5 Laxey Commissioners appear on the published register of electors. **RB** stated she was having difficulty attending the meeting due to disabled access at Braddan Commissioners office. A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk contact Braddan Commissioners. It was Resolved the Clerk contact BPC and request instructions for the use of the stair life be made available.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish. **PK** to report in Private.
- c) **Cool Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James. – Next meeting Monday 10th August.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – A discussion took place with respect to the date of the next meeting. **PK** advised there was a meeting on Thursday evening.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson. Next Meeting 05.08.15.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. Next Meeting 21.07.15. **RB** reported that very little had come up. An updated had been requested on the provision of an additional disabled car parking spaces outside the Commissioners office, however an update was not available.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. No Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson. Next Meeting 19.08.15.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. No Report.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. No report.

44/15 **Chairman's Report**

AM reported he had attended the open day organised by the Children's Centre at the Laxey Glen Pavilion.

45/15 **Reports**

- a) Nil.

46/15 **Any Other Business**

- a) Inspector Kneen writes on 28.07.15 to say that his promotion has been confirmed and that whilst he is based in Peel he still retains responsibility for the North and to that end he would like to attend a Commissioners Meeting in September to introduce himself.
It was Resolved to invite Inspector Kneen to a future meeting of the Commissioners.
- b) Marown Parish Commissioners Invitation of 27.07.15 to their Civic Service on Sunday 27th September 2015 at 1500 hours at Marown parish Church. RSVP to Ian Maule at marown.comm@manx.net or telephone 851630.
No one available to attend. Resolved to note.
- c) **Regeneration Committee** – Next meeting will take place 19th August at 6.30pm.
Resolved to note.

- d) Andy Crook, acrook@douglas.gov.im e-mails at 1652 hours on 03.08.15 regarding transferred services – legal agreement - Dear All, Please find attached draft service level agreement for the above services. I am currently arranging for the following schedules to be drafted for inclusion. Schedule 1 – Designated areas for Street sweeping by Parish, showing approx. mileage by street/road. Schedule 2 – Designated areas for Hedge Cutting by Parish, showing approx. sqm per street/ road. Schedule 3 – Designated areas for Gully emptying by Parish, showing number of gulleys per street/road. Schedule 4 – Schedule of rates for additional works. I will forward these to you in due course, but for indicative purposes I've attached the summary sheet which I presented to the joint board meeting in May. Please advise if the draft agreement is acceptable to your respective boards.
Matter to be discussed at the forthcoming Garff meeting.
- e) **PK** enquired respect to the Local Authority Transition meeting held at Laxey Working Mens' Institute the previous evening. **RB** reported that the three main areas discussed were Waste Management, Housing and Governance, other area covered were public toilets and car parks. The Clerk reported that the matter of the lease for the Laxey Harbour toilets was raised with the minister. **RB** reported the Minister had enquired with respect to the progress of the Garff Joint Initiative draft order and both Laxey and Maughold Clerk had briefed the Minister expressing concerns with delay's with the legislative draftsman at the Attorney Generals Chambers and the Minister had requested a deadline for the Order to be placed before Tynwald and the date actioned was the October sitting. **RB** continued stating the Minister did not expect the car parking and public toilets to be dealt with by the December deadline, however the Housing, Waste and Governance working groups would submit reports by this date. The Clerk reported that regional committees would be set up to feed into the central group for Housing and Waste, Onchan had been tasked with facilitating and chairing the Waste Committee and Braddan Housing.
- f) **PK** referred to the Land next to the Working Mens Institute suggesting that it could be turned into a car park. A detailed discussion took place with respect to the civil engineering works required and issues with respect to zoning and planning constraints. The Clerk reported there had been a number of responses to the article August edition of Laxey Views requesting ideas for improving car parking in the village, however there was nothing that hadn't been considered by the Commissioners previously and a report would be produced in due course.
- g) **PK** raised the matter of car parking around Christ Church and enquired if somebody had spoken to the Church. **AM** replied that he had spoken to the Rev Jo Dudley who had advised the PCC had agreed in principle to the scheme and the quote obtained for the works was less than expected. **AM** continued stating that permission was now required from Department of Infrastructure and Isle of Man Railways after which Jo Dudley would submit a formal request to the senior church officials. Resolved - Clerk seek response from DoI/MER with respect to permissions.
- h) **JP** stated she was having difficulty watering the planted boat on the centre promenade green as the water was running off. A discussing took place and it was resolved the Clerk would investigate reducing the angle of the boat.
- i) **RB** asked for an update with respect to the progress of the plans for the campsite shower block. **PB** advised the plans were currently with building control and would seek an update.
- j) **RB** raised the matter of the Gen Gardens toilets and enquired if the Commissioners were still cleaning then and whether that now the Children's Centre have responsibility for maintaining part of the Glen whether the cost of cleaning should fall to them. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to raise the matter at the requested meeting with DEFA and the Children Centre.
- k) **AM** requested an update on investigations to confirm who was the current owner of the End Café. The Clerk reported he had contacted the Treasury rates office who had confirmed the owner as the same who had purchased the property in 2002, that for the purpose of rates the property was zero rated. The Clerk recommended a search was carried out at the Land Registry to confirm. A discussion took place with respect to a proposal to install shuttering around the edge of the property.
- l) **PK** reported that one of the Gents cubical doors at the Mines Road toilet was sticking. Clerk to investigate.

- m) **PB** advised that the officer at the Department of Infrastructure had advised the disabled sign for the promenade disabled parking place was on order.
- n) **AM** requested the Clerk contact the Department and request an update on the progress of the Harbour Webcam.
- o) **AM** requested putting the Henry Bloom Noble Shelter/store is advertised for tender. Clerk to progress

Meeting Closed at 12.00pm
Date of next meeting – Wednesday 19th August 2015 10.00 am