

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5th February 2014 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

120/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

b) Resolved to defer Planning Applications no's 14/00101/B and 14/00111/C to meeting 19.02.14.

Planning Application No 14/00101/B of 28.01.14 in respect of alterations and erection of a second floor extension to create a self-contained apartment being an amendment to 13/00617/B, (LVC Ref: 3641) at Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, Laxey, IM4 7DD.

Submissions before Friday 28th February 2014.

c) Planning Application No 14/00111/C of 30.01.14 in respect of additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodation at 2, Sunnyside Terrace, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3665].

Submissions before Friday 28th February 2014.

d) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

e) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Resolved to note – Planning Refusal notices no's 13/91310/B and 13/91434/B

Planning Refusal Notice No 13/91310/B of 21.01.14 in respect of alterations and first floor extension to provide additional living accommodation at Flat 1, 1 Whitehouse Close, Laxey, IM4 7BA. [LVC Ref: 3655] {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Refusal Notice No 13/91434/B of 29.01.14 in respect of creation of a flat roof dormer to rear elevation of dwelling at 3 Lower Cronk Orry, Laxey, IM4 7EG. [LVC Ref: 3661]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

f) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

g) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

121/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 22nd January 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded JR

122/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 22nd January 2014.

a) Meeting Reference 109/13 item c), and 116/13 item c).

Mr Wrigley writes on 24.12.13 regarding Alternative Means of Service Delivery Municipal Waste Management. The letter states – "Recommendation 5 of the Council of Ministers response to the Scope of Government Report states: 'CoMin will set out proposals for reform of two of the biggest areas of expenditure and commonality of Local Authorities, which are housing and waste collection and disposal activities and report to Tynwald by Autumn 2013.' The Department has undertaken a high level review and identified three options to the Council of Ministers. As a stakeholder, we want your views on the three options, which are outlined in this letter. The key services considered were: **Waste Collection** – (Refuse Collection/Civic Amenity Sites/Bring Bank and Kerbside recycling collections, and **Waste Disposal**, (Energy from Waste Plant/Landfill). Mr Wrigley would be happy to attend Local Authority Meetings to discuss these proposals and in any event responses to the

document must be submitted before Friday 7th February 2014.

PK enquired if Mr Wrigley had been invited to the Garff meeting. The Clerk advised Mr Wrigley had accepted an invitation to attend the Garff meeting on 12.02.14 at 7.00pm.

PK stated did not understand how the department could justify implementing any of the changes proposed without first consulting with the Local Authorities to gain an understanding of local issues. A discussion took place and it was pointed out the refuse collection was a statutory responsibility of the Local Authority and the question was asked why is Government reviewing this. Concerns were expressed that the SITA had approached the Department with a view to undertaking all island refuse collection. JR proposed that the question be put directly to Mr Wrigley. PK reported this matter had been discussed at the recent Municipal Association Meeting.

- b) Meeting Reference 119/13, item i) – Deferred to allow Commissioner visit the site and review proposals.

Mike Barnes Department of Infrastructure emails on 21.01.14 with proposals for amending the traffic order in respect of car parking on Mines Rd. Copies Circulated.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved that signs should be erected restricting parking for Class A vehicles only ie. Cars and light vans. It was agreed that time restrictions would not be enforced therefore would be ineffective. During the discussion a number of references were made to the Shore Road car park and it was Resolved that this be placed on the agenda for the meeting 19.02.14.

123/13 General correspondence

- a) Paul Cowin, Douglas Borough Council emails at 1614hrs on 23.01.13 advising A special meeting of the Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee has been arranged to take place at **3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 6th February, 2014**, at the Strathallan Suite. An agenda will be circulated tomorrow, the items for consideration being the budget and legal advice received in respect of the charge by the Department of Infrastructure for use of the Site. The current situation with regard to Douglas is that the Council has not approved the minute of the Joint Committee fixing the budget and has not made any budgetary provision for payment of its proportion of the charge in 2014/15. I am conscious that the other participating local authorities will be resistant to the additional burden as well but I have not yet heard from any about approval or disapproval of the Joint Committee's budget. It may be helpful to know in advance of this special meeting what each authority's stance is.

AM advised he would be attending on behalf of Laxey Village Commissioners.

- b) Sian.Scott@gov.im e-mails at 1118 hours on 24.01.14 - Please find attached a letter from the Hon Chris Robertshaw MHK, Minister for Department of Social Care, regarding the public consultation on the Special Guardianship Regulations. The consultation documents can be found at the link below: <https://www.gov.im/socialcare/consultations.gov?menuid=16916&type=current> Regards Siân Scott Change Coordinator Learning & Organisational Change - The Department of Social Care is consulting on Special Guardianship Regulations made under the Children & Young Persons (Amendment) Act 2011. The Act introduced a new legal option for children who cannot be looked after by their parents – known as Special Guardianship Orders. The Regulations are required to set out further information in relation to Special Guardianship such as who can apply and, access to support, and we welcome any comments people may have. **Subs by Friday 21st February 2014.**
Resolved to defer to meeting 19.02.14.

- c) Community Officer Report for December 2013. No offences reported.

Resolved to note.

- d) Letter from Miss Callow regarding the Town & Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations 2013 & Town & Country Planning (Registered Buildings) Regulations 2013 and requirement to attach Certificate of ownership to applications.

The Clerk briefed the Commissioners on the revisions to the Regulations. Resolved to note.

124/13 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – 29.01.14, Willow House Onchan at 7.00pm.
PK reported he felt the meeting was chaotic with too many ideas being put forward. PK suggested the meeting needed to be more coordinated particularly if for example the chief minister was in attendance. PK reported that Angela Byrne from the Department of Economic development had given a talk on Tourism and the recent Destination Isle of Man Audit undertaken on behalf of the department.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – meeting 30.01.14. *PK reported he had not attended this meeting as he was at the Municipal Association meeting, however he advised the painting of the Lady Evlyn had been discussed and whether the Commissioners would pay for the works. The Clerk reported the Commissioners had agreed in principle to pay however no firm costs had been provided by the Trust.*
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa. *No report.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. *No report.*
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa - meeting 14.01.14 at 7.00pm. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January circulated. See attached.
Meeting Reference 28, item a). *It was further agreed that a joint letter should be prepared and sent to all residents in Garff. Clerk requests input from the Commissioners with suggestions for input into the letter. Clerks Suggestions –*
- Refuse review and consultation (John Wrigley).
 - Housing review update.
 - Scope of Government Report – Proposals for Local Authority reform.
 - Report on the activities of the Municipal Association, and the Chief Minister cancelling his attendance in February.
 - Your Rates bill, and the impact of the increasing in Water and Sewerage charges and the merger with Water Authority and MEA.
- It was noted that AM, RB, JR and PK would be attending the meeting on 12.02.14.*
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate. *No Report.*
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa. Meeting dates 26.02.14, 26.03.14, 30.04.14 and 28.05.13. All meeting at 6.30pm.
Steven Stanley emails at 0922hrs on 27.01.14 -
Please be advised that the meeting on 29.01.14 is cancelled. The next meeting of the Regeneration Committee will be February 26 as scheduled.
It was resolved to note the contents of the update report provided by Mr Stanley.
PK enquired what would happen to the Rose Garden arches and lights. A discussion took place and it was agreed to raise this matter at the next Regeneration Committee meeting.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – meeting 06.02.14 at 3.30pm.
AM to attend.
- j) **Works and Amenity Report** - dated 05.02.14 circulated – *The Clerk provided an update on a number of matters. Resolved to note.*
AM reported he had inspected the Mines Road toilets and the some of the door frames were rotten and the canopy required re fixing and the toilets would require £5,000 spending to bring them up to a reasonable standard, it was Resolved that for the time being no works would be carried in these toilets. A discussion took place in respect of the Beach Garden on Glen Rd, JR reported he had been advised there were access issues the land adjoining the Turbine House and a foot bridge could be put across the river at this point. The Clerk advised that the Board still had to prove they had maintained the land for a period of 21yrs in order to formalise ownership of the land this would require a sworn Affidavit from a reliable witness. A discussion took place and the Clerk was instructed to speak to a named local resident. AM proposed using a contractor to maintain the Rose Gardens and releasing resource for other works within the Village. A discussion took place.

125/13 Chairman's Report

- a) Nothing to Report.

126/13 Reports

- a) Nil.

127/13 Any Other Business

- a) Mr Rodan attaches a copy of a letter that he has written to Mr Corrin on 30.01.14 regarding Dilapidated Buildings. He states that he shares his concerns and that Local Authorities have powers to deal with this matter but it is difficult if the owner cannot be traced or lives off Island. He hopes that Laxey Commissioners will continue to pursue these people.
The Clerk reported that replies were awaited to letters sent to the owners of properties discussed at the meeting 05.02.14.
- b) Onchan District Commissioners writes on 03.02.14 regarding the date of their Civic service which will be on Sunday 18th May 2014 at 1500 hours at St Peters Church. Invitations to follow.
Resolved to note.
- c) Andrew Smith telephones at 0920hrs on 05.02.14 asking Commissioners to consider proposals raised by the 2013 Laxey Fair Committee for a permanent cover over the top of the Valley Gardens stage area. In principle the fair committee would be willing to contribute towards the cost.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk would investigate the cost.
- d) JR reported he was still looking for sponsorship for the Sculpture competition proposed as part of the Laxey Regeneration. JR stated that if sponsorship could not be found then the event would be on a smaller scale than he had hoped. *Resolved to note.*
- e) JR reported he had contacted Andrew Sidebottom at Department of Environment Food and Agriculture with respect to the Laxey Glen and Pavilion. JR stated Mr Sidebottom had agreed to supply details of maintenance requirements and cost for the Gardens. *Resolved to note.*

Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 19th February 2014, 6.45pm.

