

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5th November 2014 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mrs J. Pinson.

Action

77/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 14/01189/A of 16.10.14 in respect of approval in principle for erection of a dwelling addressing siting and means of access at land adjoining Ard Reayrt, (behind Wayside, Ramsey Road located at j/w Ard Reayrt). [LVC ref: 3691].

Letters of objection delivered in which complainant's point out that all of the services run under the embankment that they intend to level to gain access and that the proposed access road could breach the covenants contained in the title deeds.

Resolved to defer comments on Planning Application No 14/01189/A pending obtaining legal advice for the Authority Advocate in respect of the Covenant contained in the title deeds.

- b) Planning Application No 14/01197/B of 17.10.14 in respect of erection of an extension to dwelling at Sea haven, Ballacollister Road, Laxey, IM4 7JR. [LVC Ref: 3692].

Resolved to approve planning application no.14/01197/B.

- c) Planning Application No 14/01204/B of 21.10.14 in respect of window and door alterations and installation of a condenser to retail premises at the Co-operative Shop, Whitehouse Buildings, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BB. [LVC Ref: 3693].

Resolved to approve planning application no. 14/01204/B.

- c) **Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**

Planning Approval Notice No 14/00438/B of 20.10.14 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling at Farndon, Mateland Drive, Laxey, IM4 7NF. [LVC Ref: 3674].

Resolved to note planning application no. 14/00438/B.

- d) **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**

None.

- e) **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**

Planning Appeals Notice 14/00799/B of 21.10.14 in respect of hearing in connection with refusal to allow removal of chimney stack at Springfield Cottage, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3682]. Date of Hearing 0930 hours on Wednesday 19th November 2014.

Resolved to note Planning Appeals Notice 14/00799/B.

- f) **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)**

None.

- g) **Planning – Correspondence**

None.

78/14 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of mid monthly meeting held on 15th October 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded JJ.

79/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 15th October 2014.

a) **PK** reported that the Department of Infrastructure had undertaken on behalf the Ports division. A discussion took place and **AM** proposed that the same contractor be engaged next spring to move beach stones away from the promenade wall. To be reviewed in May.

b) Julie Pinson emails 04.11.14 at 1700hrs.

73/14 a) The hedges have now been cut, so that should help the bus visibility, Also the hedge at Breaside, on Glen Road, by the other bus stop have been cut.

Resolved the Commissioners to inspect hedges to ensure they have been cut back to a satisfactory standard.

73/14 h). I have been unable to purchase three light projectors due to low stock levels. I have managed to buy two. They can be tried and if not suitable for Commissioners use, I will buy them. Please arrange a date to set them up. I have not hear from Andrew on a time to meet in the valley gardens yet - please advise.

AM to liaise with JP to arrange a time.

73/14 g) I have not yet received the notes from the talk given by Oliver Helfrich on Doleance. Following the last Municipal meeting, Barbara said she would requested them. I have received a copy of the April, part I, talk he gave. As soon as I obtain them I will form a report.

Resolved to note.

80/14 General correspondence

a) S.quayle@manx.net e-mails at 0003 hours on 17.10.14 - My father - F H Bernard Cowley died last December, he was born and had lived all of his life in Laxey,(apart from his last six months), my mother died in 2004. We, his family would like to have a bench on the beach dedicated to both. Would this be possible and if so how could I arrange it? I have contacted the DOI who have advised me to contact Laxey Commissioners in the first instance regarding this request. Yours sincerely S Quayle.

Resolved to approve a memorial bench in Memory of Mr F.H Bernard Cowley.

b) Margaret Kewley emails on behalf of Geoff Bolt, Borough Treasurer as Treasurer to the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme, on 21.10.14 at 0856hrs, in respect of Employers Pensions Training Seminar by Hymans Robertson. I have pleasure in inviting you to the above Seminar to be held in the **Council Chamber in Douglas Town Hall on Wednesday, 12th November 2014 at 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

Hymans Robertson representatives will be in attendance. Mr Douglas Green will explain the actuarial valuation and Mr Mark Freeman the investment strategy.

Actuarial:

- An explanation of how the valuation is done
- An explanation of the findings, the possible options available under the Isle of Man Regulations to address the issue and the option actually chosen

Investment:

- An explanation of how the pension fund is invested
- How the Investment Strategy ties in with the valuation process
- Steps currently being taken to change the asset allocation percentages and fund managers

Please bring this invitation to the attention of the Responsible Financial Officer for your organisation and any other colleague that may find the training of interest.

Please indicate if you will be able to attend or who will be attending from your organisation by e-mailing my Secretary no later than Friday, 7th November 2014 at mkewley@douglas.gov.im

I look forward to meeting you on the 12th November 2014.

Resolved Clerk to attend.

c) Rachel Bevan e-mails at 1603 hours on 21.10.14 - Please see the attached letter from Mr Gillespie, concerning the Local Government (Members Attendance Allowances) Order 2013. Comments about system before 28.11.14.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write and express concerns regarding how the claims would be evidenced, in particular during the Audit.

- d) MEA email in respect of STREET LIGHT LA109 – OPPOSITE THE PALMS, BALLARAGH ROAD. Further to a site visit by one of our Public Light Engineers it appears the above light is beyond repair. The fitting and arm are badly corroded and require replacing. I have estimated below the cost of a replacement arm and fitting. The estimated cost will be £460.00 + 20% VAT.

Resolved to approve replacement of fitting and arm to street light LA109. RB reported a faulty street light opposite the old police station on Glen Road.

- e) Department of Infrastructure, Highway Services email 24.10.14 at 0914hrs. On Tuesday we have our quarterly NTMLG meeting, and Mrs Bate raised the question if a disabled bay could be marked out on the Promenade. We have agreed this, but I am now seeking the permission from Laxey Commissioners to erect the signage for this space onto the existing lighting column opposite the Café.

Resolved to approve the erection of signage on the lamp post.

- f) Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Building Control email on 24.10.14 at 0901hrs. Consultation on Proposed Permitted Development Order For Temporary Use or Development of Land. Across the island there are many events and activities which take place on a temporary basis either to support local community based events, sporting events or the construction phase of approved developments. In some cases these will be small in nature, and after the event, the site will revert back instantly to the previous lawful use with no lasting impacts arising from its short term use. Other uses, however, may be: more substantial; have a significant economic benefit to the island; and / or take place over a longer temporary period, in connection with events such as the TT or the Southern 100.

The Department is now consulting about a proposed Permitted Development Order which would remove the need for a planning application for certain changes of use on a short term basis, subject to adherence to certain criteria. Any extension of permitted development reduces the burden of application for householders, businesses, landowners, event organisers and anyone else previously subject to the need to apply for planning approval. It also frees up resources in the Planning Department to work on more significant issues.

In this context we would welcome your views. In order to effectively manage this process we are encouraging the submission of responses via an online questionnaire at

<http://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=470>

The consultation will run for 6 weeks from Friday 24th October until Friday 5th December 2014.

Resolved to note.

- g) German Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 16th November 2014 at 1100 hours at St Johns Methodist Church.

Resolved – no one available to attend.

- h) Minutes of Garff – 28.10.14 and associated correspondence.

Resolved to note.

81/14 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate. **PK** reported he had attended with **JP**. Chris Thomas MHK had done a presentation on proposals to review the current rating system and proposals for the future. A discussion took place in respect of rates and the proposals to base the sewerage charge on the rating system.

- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – No report.

- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Jeff James – **AM** reported the current Warden would be retiring and the post had been advertised.

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

- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson - No Report. Next meeting 13.11.14. Phil Gawne MHK to attend.

- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee – (Next Meeting – 21.10.14).** Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. **RB** reported that a number of matters relating to Laxey had been discussed including, the provision of disabled parking on the Promenade, removal of the parking suspension during TT and speed indicator signs.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – No Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson. The Clerk updated the Commissioners advising the lease for Whitehouse Close was with the Attorney General Chambers, and should be signed by the lessee and lesser in the next 2 weeks.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore. – No Report.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish.
PK emails on 04.11.14 at 21.21hrs with works and amenity tasks. List circulated to meeting.
A detailed discussion took place and various matters were discussed. It was Resolved to contact the Village Workshop and seek advice on the repairs needed and to look at painting the playground equipment on Laxey Promenade. Clerk to contact Stephen Morley to obtain an update on Turbine House and Mines Road toilet. It was Resolved that the Campsite Warden be invited to attend the meeting 19.11.14.

82/14 **Chairman's Report**

AM advised he would be attending the National Service of Remembrance at St John on Sunday 9th November and **RB** would be attending the Royal British Legion Service of Remembrance at Laxey Methodist Church also on Sunday 9th November.

83/14 **Reports**

a) **Campsite End of Season Report.**

Discussed in Private decision moved to Public.

The Clerk circulated details of income and expenditure for the last 5 years. A discussion took place with respect to the shower facility at the site and it was Resolved investigations should take place in respect of the costs for extending the amenity block. It was Resolved that the Campsite Warden be invited to attend the meeting 19.11.14.

84/14 **Any Other Business**

- a) Proposed traffic improvements, Minorca Hill – Department of Infrastructure Highways Services emails on 31.10.14 at 1224hrs, with attached a plan and letter to residents for the proposed double yellow lines.
Resolved to note the letter and plan.
- b) Proposed order Laxey Promenade – Department of Infrastructure Highways Administration emails on 03.11.14 at 1327hrs. Please find attached a draft copy with plan of the following Order for which the Department is proposing to make and which will be advertised in the local press advising the public that this draft copy will be available for inspection at your offices. Could you please ensure that this is done and that a copy is brought to the attention of your Commissioners. Any objections to the proposal(s) which you may wish to make should be sent to Highway Services Administration, Department of Infrastructure, Sea Terminal, Douglas on or before Thursday 13 November 2014.
Resolved to note.
- c) Strategy for Offshore Energy Production - Graham Cregeen MHK, letter dated 27.10.14, inviting the Clerk to attend a stakeholder briefing to be presented by Minister Gawne on Tuesday 11th November at 3.45pm in the Barool Suite, Legislative Buildings, Finch Road Douglas.
Resolved Clerk to attend.

Meeting closed at 1240hrs.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 19th November 2014 10.00 am

5th November 2014