

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 6.45 pm

## Meeting Minutes

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

### 59/12 Planning Matters

#### Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/01071/B in respect of re-development of existing coach park including creation of three coach parking bays, manoeuvring/drop off area, waiting area, paving, seating and lighting, Coach Park Mines Road, Laxey.

*Further to a meeting of Laxey Village Commissioners on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012, I am directed to inform you that the Board were still unable to make a decision at this meeting.*

*The Clerk reminded the Commissioners that in the letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 the Board requested that Bus Vannin and Tours Isle of Man were invited to comment on this application. Tours Isle of Man responded with a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> August, there has been no response from Bus Vannin.*

*Following a further examination of the scheme drawings the Commissioners expressed concerns the proposed plan does not give adequate space for the coach to turn in, and have resolved to accept Tours Isle of Man's offer of an on site demonstration with full size coaches. The Commissioners have requested Mr Mike Barnes (Department of Infrastructure) and David Miller (Dalrymple Associates) attend the trial. Unfortunately Mike Barnes is on leave until 17<sup>th</sup> September, therefore the trial will need to be scheduled after this date.*

*The Commissioners expressed concern in respect of the loss of car parking and propose the restrictions applying to 'Coach parking only' should be seasonal and tie in with the visitor season of the Laxey Wheel, at other times the coach park could be used by other vehicles. The Commissioners also request the manoeuvring area of the coach pack is hatched yellow.*

*It was unanimously resolved the Clerk write to the planning department advising of the above concerns and the proposed trial, the letter to be copied to Tours Isle of Man, Mike Barnes and David Miller, and to accept Tours Isle of Man offer of a trial.*

- b) Planning Application No 12/01142/B of 10.08.12 in respect of re-instatement of window to side elevation at the Hairdressers, 4 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3594]. *Approved.*
- c) Planning Application No 12/01146/B of 14.08.12 in respect of alterations to existing detached garage at Ballagarey, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3595]. *Approved.*
- d) Planning Application No 12/01154/B of 16.08.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows to front elevation at Glenwood, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3596].

*4 in favour, 1 against - Approved.*

#### e) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

*It was unanimously resolved to note the following Approval Notices.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00916/B of 13.08.12 in respect of erection of a two storey extension to side elevation at Kittiwake Cottage, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3508]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00942/B of 13.08.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at 3 Harbourside Cottage, Tent Road, Laxey, IM4 7DB. [LVC ref: 3590]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00834/A of 21.08.12 in respect of approval in principle for erection of a dwelling on land to rear of Olinda, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3586]. {Planning Committee}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00796/B of 22.08.12 in respect of erection of a replacement ticket

kiosk at the ER Station, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3585]. {Delegated Powers}.

*Approved by LVC.*

**f) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

*It was unanimously resolved to note the following Refusal Notice.*

Planning Refusal Notice No 12/00763/B of 22.08.12 in respect of creation of wheelchair access in section of rear boundary wall at 1 Gretch Noa, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3584]. {Delegated Powers}.

*Approved by LVC.*

**g) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

*It was unanimously resolved to resubmit objections in respect of the following Appeal Notice*

Planning Appeal Notice No 12/00925/B of 15.08.12 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow erection of an animal shed/food store at Winterbrook Cottage, Ballaragh. [LVC Ref: 3589].

*Refused by LVC.*

**h) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

**60/12 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed AM, Seconded PK.*

**61/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

- a) A Commissioner stated there were a number of vehicles parked during the day and over night at the Henry Bloom Noble Recreation Ground Car park, this car park designated for drop off and pick up of Laxey school children and for specific event at the facility. *It was unanimously resolved the clerk place notices on the vehicles advising the parking restrictions.*

**62/12 General correspondence**

- a) MEA e-mails at 1518 hours on 14.08.12 regarding the changes that are currently taking place with the closure of MEA showrooms across the Island, our Chairman, Mr Lowey MLC has requested that we advise all Island Commissioners' of arrangements being put in place, alternative ways to pay, prepayment charging key stations and ways to contact MEA going forward into the new regime. Following are some links to our website, which I hope you may find useful for both yourselves and should you receive enquiries from residents in your area.  
<http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/mea/questionsandanswersretail.pdf>.  
<http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/mea/customer/qaappliances.pdf>. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kind regards Alison Cottier.  
*It was unanimously resolved to note the new arrangements.*
- b) Maughold Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1500 hours at Kirk Maughold followed by refreshments.  
*Unanimously resolved that SJ and RB would attend.*
- c) Consultation on the Post Office Amendment Bill 2012 which seeks to broaden the role of the Post Office due to the declining volume of mail brought about by modern technology. **Subs** to Gary Lark, Department of Economic Development on [gary.lark@gov.im](mailto:gary.lark@gov.im) by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012**.  
*It was unanimously resolved the matter would be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.*
- d) Mike Barnes e-mails at 1550 hours on 24.08.12 a schedule of requests by residents for double yellow lines in Ballaragh Road and Minorca Hill. See Blue papers.  
*It was unanimously resolved to note the proposals in relation to Minorca Hill, and request the DYL on Ballaugh Road end two car lengths before the, 'Lane' shown on the plan.*
- e) Scope of Government Consultation. See Blue Papers.  
*Following a discussion on contents of the Consultation documents and a report from a member that the Municipal Association would be compiling a response on behalf of it's members, it was unanimously resolved to noted the contents of the consultation document.*
- f) Consultation on Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Covenant would be an official

declaration of the Island's recognition and support for those residents who serve, or have served, in the British Armed Forces. Similar Covenants have been developed throughout the United Kingdom as local expressions of the national Armed Forces Covenant which was formalised by the UK Government in 2011. Armed Forces Community Covenants are voluntary statements of mutual support between civilian populations and their Armed Forces communities. They provide a framework within which communities can work together to ensure that there is recognition for the contribution made by serving and retired members of the Armed Forces, and that they and their families are not disadvantaged by their service. Juan Watterson MHK, Minister for Home Affairs, who is leading the consultation on behalf of the Government, commented: 'An Armed Forces Community Covenant for the Isle of Man would reflect the close and enduring links that exist between the Island and the British Armed Forces. It would demonstrate the respect and support of the community for those Island residents who served and those who continue to serve, often in very challenging and dangerous situations.' Mr Watterson added that although the Covenant concept came from the UK, the content of a Manx version would be for the Island to decide and would take into account responses to the consultation. 'The Government is sympathetic to the idea of an Armed Forces Community Covenant but would like to gather views from the public before developing the proposal further', said the Minister. See Blue Papers.

*It was unanimously resolved the matter would be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.*

### 63/12 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Andrew Moore, Roz Bate - Due increased number of members attending meetings the meeting venue had been moved to Onchan Commissioners Office. Membership now included all Local Authorities with the exception of Andreas, Ballaugh, Bride, German, Jurby and Santon. MA minutes can now be circulated to all elected members, and a discussion took place in respect of private and public minutes.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Susan Jones – No report as the representative was unable to attend the meeting.
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Susan Jones, Andrew Moore – Next meeting 11.09.12
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – Nothing to report.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Susan Jones, Roz Bate. Next meeting Thursday 18.10.12.
- f) **Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – Nothing to report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Susan Jones, Peter Kinnish – Various matters were reported including the scheme for reordering the coach park at Mines Road, the proposal for a statue of a miner to be located at the heritage garden and link bus trial which is due to finish on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – Next meeting 17.09.12.

### 64/12 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reminded that the Authorities Civic Service would take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.00, at Laxey Methodist Church. *It was unanimously resolved to approve a budget of £420 for the buffet and refreshments.*

### 65/12 **Any Other Business**

- a) Request from Neil Morris for the Board to consider replacing a memorial bench that was purchased 10 years ago and has been broken. He requests that the Board would consider doing this at no cost for goodwill. (The memorial is to two racers who were killed and who used to frequent Laxey for rest during the races).  
*It was unanimously resolved to refuse this request and ask Mr Norris to fund the cost of a replacement bench.*
- b) Marine Plan – Statement of Public Participation in respect of then future use of the sea surrounding the Isle of Man and its environmental and economical importance. The purpose of this document is

to seek out those people who have an interest and would like to get involved with the planning process.

*It was unanimously resolved the matter would be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.*

- c) Hodgson Loom Gallery invitation of 04.09.12 to preview of Tom Egan/Rebecca Odessa/Meriel Lloyd Exhibition on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1800 hours.

*It was unanimously resolved to note the invitation.*

- d) Request from resident for sign at Sunnyside Terrace, Minorca Hill, Propose the sign is placed on the garden wall owned by the requester, this would be visible to traffic coming down Minorca Hill from Ramsey Road.

*It was unanimously resolved to refuse this request and suggest they put up their own sign.*

- e) A Commissioner proposed the Board approve funding to replace the Samba Goals posts on the old bowling green Glen. Rd. It was suggested sponsorship may be available to purchase aluminium Goals.

*A discussion took place and it was resolved not to support the proposal.*

- f) A Commissioner raised the matter of the Laxey diving raft which had been removed from the beach on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August following failure of its moorings. A Commissioner proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for his swift actions in arranging to recover the raft. *A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to investigate replacing the rope tails with chains.*

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 6.45pm

Meeting Closed at 9.30hrs.