

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 10.00 am

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk,

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

Action

141/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) **Planning application no. 16/00347/B**, in respect of Conversion of existing garage into a self-contained residential accommodation with additional tourist use. Lower Ballachrink, Abbey Cottage Lane, Ballaragh Road. IM4 7PH. [LVC ref 3755]
It was Resolved to approved planning application no. 16/00347/B.
- b) **Planning application no. 16/00349/B**, in respect of Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to dwelling. Beach Cottage, Back Shore Road, IM4 7DQ. [LVC ref 3756]
It was Resolved to approved planning application no. 16/00349/B.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- a) **Planning approval notice no. 16/00202/B**, in respect of Stroanville House, Fairy Cottage, Laxey, IM4 7BR. [LVC Ref: 3750].
It was Resolved to note planning application 16/00202/B.
- b) **Planning approval notice no. 15/00993/B**, in respect of erection of three detached dwellings to replace existing single dwelling at The Mariners, South Cape, Laxey, IM4 7JB.
The Clerk advised that the Commissioners had refused this application on a number of grounds, including road safety/parking, over development of the site and matters relating to the lack of information regarding surface water drainage. A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to lodge an appeal against the decision and request it be dealt with via inquiry rather than written representation. Proposed **RB**, Seconded **JP**.

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

c) Nil.

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

d) Nil.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

e) Nil.

Planning – Correspondence

f) Nil.

142/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 16th March 2016 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.
Proposed **JJ**, Seconded **JP**

143/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 16th March 2016.

a) **Ring Fenced Funds** – Confirmation sort on monies ring fenced for specific projects. Document Circulated.

The Clerk advised that an additional provision of £55K had been included for replacement play equipment. The ring fenced funds for Laxey total £300K. It was unanimously Resolved to approve the revised ring fenced funds document.

- b) **Glen Road Car Park/Recycling area.**
The Clerk advised that Colas were preparing quotes for overlaying with Tarmac.
Resolved to note.

144/15 General correspondence

- a) **MER Sub Station** - Awaiting Heads of Terms agreement.
The Clerk advised the Department of Infrastructure had written advising that prior to any entering into legal agreements, licences and leases they wished to enter into a heads of terms agreement. It was Resolved in principle the Commissioners would enter into a heads of terms agreement with the Department in respect of lease agreement for the MER sub-station. This will be subject to advice from the Authority Advocate.
- b) **Moddey Dhoo Laxey Bike Show 2016** – Derek Peters emails on 29.03.16 I hope this e-mail finds you all well.
The Moddey Dhoo MCC have (as you are aware) been planning for the 10th Anniversary of the bike show that has been held in Laxey for the past 9 years, and as part of our planning this year, we had to show a contingency in the event of the bridge not being repaired in time for the June 2016 show. Whilst it is not a foregone conclusion, there is some doubt surrounding the completion of the bridge for the TT period, and as such the Moddey Dhoo MCC have agreed with the local Police and the event safety team, that the show would not go ahead as planned if the bridge was not operational. As we near the end of March the Moddey Dhoo MCC management committee have met, and have had an open and frank discussion in order to make a decision on whether we risk losing the 10th Anniversary show due to the non-completion of the bridge or we instigate our contingency to ensure the 2016 show could go ahead.
The Moddey Dhoo MCC management team have decided that the risk of losing the show and its profile in the TT festival was not a sensible option, if we wanted to retain the long term reputation of the show. Therefore the committee have decided; that despite our personal attachment to Laxey, and our years of working together to create what has become one of the biggest and best events on the TT calendar, that the 2016 show will be moved to its contingency site in Peel.
It is exceptionally regrettable that due to circumstances beyond our control, that we as a local club have been forced to make a decision. Whilst we fully understand it could have been left longer, we only have finite time and funding to submit all our plans, our marketing and getting our team in place and unfortunately this is all required and committed at least 2 months before the show date.
We have as a club thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful and tranquil setting Laxey has offered us and the way in which the residents have opened their doors to us, and we will be saddened not to be there this year.
I do hope you understand that this was very difficult decision for the members of the Moddey Dhoo MCC to make.
A discussion took place and the Board expressed disappointment that the event was to be moved to Peel this year, but hoped it would return in 2017.
- c) **Land Search - Lane next to Promenade Green** – Nigel Crowe emails on 30.03.16 with fee proposal and standard terms for carrying out searches in respect to the Lane next to Promenade Green.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to instruct Mr Nigel Crowe to carry out searches on behalf of the Authority.
- d) **South Cape – LED light fittings** – Pat Newton letter dates 16.03.16, expressing concerns with respect to the light levels. See attached. Clerks note – MUA has written to Ms Newton advising a deflector will be fitted to this light fitting.
Resolved to note.

- e) **Tynwald Garden Party 2016** – Invitation from The Hon. Clare Christian MLC, and Members of Tynwald, Sunday 3rd July 2016. RSVP no later than 29th April 2016.
Resolved to note.
- f) **Miners Statue** – Mr Ivor Hankinson writes dated 29.03.16, advising the statue has been entered for the Marsh Awards organised by the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association. Information provided.
Resolved to note.

145/15 **Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate, Julie Pinson - – **RB** reported that Dr Malcolm Couch Director, of Health and Social Care, had addressed the meeting on various matter including budgets, initiatives for people to be accountable for their own health and online doctor’s appointment booking system. The Municipal Association will take place on 26th May, new and old Commissioners representatives are welcome to attend.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish - No Report.
- c) **Cooil 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. – 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. – No Report
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – No Report
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish – No Report
- k) **Eastern Area Housing Steering Group** – **RB** Reported that further consideration had been given to a combined waiting list for the Eastern region and letters will be sent to applicants on the respective waiting lists providing information on the proposal. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th June at Laxey Working Mens Institute, all Commissioners are invited to attend.

146/15 **Chairman’s Report**

No Report.

147/15 **Reports**

- a) **VAT Registration** - Following recommendation by Isle of Man Gov Custom and Excise Division the Clerk seek Resolution to transfer Laxey Village Commissioners VAT registration no. to Garff Parish District Commissioners. Form VAT1MAN and VAT68MAN to be signed by Chairman. It was unanimously Resolved to transfer Laxey Village Commissioners VAT registration no. to Garff.
- b) **Regeneration/Laxey Station Maintenance** – Following a meeting at Laxey Station to discuss outstanding matters with respect to the project, the Department of Infrastructure has asked if the Commissioners are able to assist with the ongoing maintenance of the station, in particular grass cutting and strimming.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk contact the Department again and ask they can carry out a start of season clean up, ie removal of leaves and pressure washing paved areas.
- c) **Internal Audit Report year ending 31st March 2016** – Presented for approval. See attached. It was unanimously Resolved to approve Internal Audit Report year ending 31st March 2016.
Proposed **RB**, Seconded **AM**.

148/15 Any Other Business

- a) **Planning approval notice no. 15/00993/B** - Pat Newton emails 01.04.16 – Requesting the Commissioners lodge an appeal against the Planning approval notice no. 15/00993/B, in respect of erection of three detached dwellings to replace existing single dwelling at The Mariners, South Cape, Laxey, IM4 7JB.
See meeting reference 141/16, item b).
- b) **Promenade Shelter Flooring** – A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk seek advice on suitable floor covering from Swales Flooring.

Meeting Closed at 12.10pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 20th April 2016 10.00 am