

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 6th February 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

Prior to commencement of the meeting RB circulated a letter to the Commissioners the contents of which were read in private. A Commissioner raised a matter in relation to allegations in respect of RB's conduct. A detailed discussion took place in private and RB rejected a request to voluntarily stand down as Chairman. AM proposed a motion that RB stand down as Chairman, this Motion was Seconded by JR and JJ, PK abstained. In accordance with standing order 15, the Vice Chairman, JJ, immediately took the Chair.

121/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/00031/B of 11.01.13 in respect of warehouse conversion to provide holiday accommodation with associated parking and alterations to detached garages at Muir Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AR. [LVC Ref: 3624].

Carried over from Mid Monthly – 23.01.13 – 115/12(a).

The Clerk advised the meeting an email had been received from the application stating the window were likely to be painted wood and the doors unpainted oak. A discussion took place and it was resolved to respond stating the Board could not make an informed decision on this application due to the lack of detail in respect of the design of the windows and doors.

- b) Planning Application No 13/00049/B of 16.01.13 in respect of amendments to PA 12/00375/B in respect of erection of a private multi-purpose sports facility with pool at land adjacent to Rockwood, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3625].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Amendment/Application Notices no. 13/00049/B.

RB, JJ, AM, JR for, PK against

Approved

- d) **Approval Notices (Planning Committee)**

Resolved - To note the following Planning approval Notices no. 12/01081/B, and 12/01678/B.

Planning Demolition Approval Order No 12/01081/B of 31.01.13 in respect of Sarasota, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3593]. *Refused by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/01678/B of 31.01.13 in respect of alterations to dwelling, erection of gardener's chalet and driveway access to South Court, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3622]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

- e) **Refusal Notices (Planning Committee)**

Nil.

- f) **Appeal Notices (Planning Committee)**

Nil.

- g) **Planning Enforcement (Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

122/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 23rd January 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed AM, Seconded RB

123/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 23rd January 2013

- a) Minute Reference 119/12, item d).
Boundary Review Report for submissions before 20th February 2013.
RB reported she had attended a meeting with the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) on 04.02.13, along with Steve Rodan MHK and representatives from Lonan and Maughold Commissioners. RB stated that the representative had made it very clear to the Committee that putting Maughold in with the proposed Northern constituency was not an option and it should be part of the proposed Eastern Constituency, and thus maintain the historical boundary of the Garff Sheading. RB stated discussion had taken place in respect of the inclusion of Rural Onchan and Birchill in the proposed Eastern Constituency and various option discussed for amending and including area such as Harbour Road, Turnberry Ave, Lakeside etc.
It was Resolved the Clerk write to the BRC committee advising the Board fully support the recommendations put forward at the meeting 04.02.13.
Minute Reference 115/12 – Planned and Current Capital projects.
A discussion took place in respect of proposals for the location of new public toilets. It was Resolved the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Conservation officer and Commissioners to discuss the proposals for locating the toilets in the Heritage Gardens at the end of Mines Road.
It was Resolved to continue with the preliminary preparation in respect of the scheme to refurbish 35 New Road, however the Board also requested the Clerk investigate options for renting a suitable commercial property in the village.

124/12 General correspondence

- a) Steve Rodan forwards letter from the Department of Infrastructure detailing the basis of their charging for Energy From Waste Plant (EFW).
RB advised this cost's of running the EFW plant had been discussed at the recent Municipal Association meeting. The £160 per tonne charge is made up of £100 to run the site and £60 capital charges including interest on loans etc.
It was Resolved to note the contents of the letter.
- b) Ruth.Flaherty@gov.im e-mails at 1431 hours on 29.01.13 regarding forthcoming Event Safety Seminar on Monday 4th March 2013 at St Ninians School. If you wish to attend contact her or eventsafety@gov.im.
It was Resolved the Clerk would attend the Event Safety Seminar.
- c) Guild of Silk Painters writes on 25.01.13 to ask the Commissioners if they would fund a Silk banner that is going to portray various heritage sites throughout the Island, Laxey being one. There will be an exhibition on 20th September called The Celtic Kingdom Festival of Silk. Sum requested is £75.00 and you get to keep the banner.
It was Resolved to commission the Guild of Silk Painters to produce a silk banner with the caveat they provide details of the size and design prior for approval by the Board.

125/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – Meeting 30.01.13.
RB reported suggestions were being sort from Local Authorities for topics for the proposed Local Authority Training and Refreshers courses. RB reported that clarification had been sort in respect of a statement David Cretney MHK had made stating there were 32 refuse wagon in use on the Isle of Man. It has now been established there were actually only 26 refuse wagons of which only 18 were engaged in domestic refuse collection. Finally RB referred to a Whitley Council report highlighting issues with the Isle of Man Governments MARS early retirement scheme.
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Andrew Moore
AM reported that as a Director of the L&LHT he was also required to be a member, as he was currently not a member would the Board consider paying the £10 annual membership fee.
It was Resolved to pay the £10 annual membership fee for the Commissioners representative on the

L&LHT.

- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa
Nothing to Report.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James
Nothing to Report.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa
A discussion took place in respect of the letter sent out on behalf of Laxey, Lonan and Maughold Commissioners to residents advising of the proposed charges to the MHK constituency Boundary.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish
RB reported an Ard Reayrt resident had requested a vehicle speed check on Ramsey Rd. The average speeds recorded were 32 coming into Laxey and 37 going out, the maximum speed recorded was 61 mph. PK reported there were still issue with traffic on Minorca Hill at school dropping of times that traffic lights might be the solution.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James
Nothing to Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa – Meeting dates 13.03.13, 24.04.13 & 12.06.13.
JR updated the Commissioners on the timescales for the Rose Gardens and MER station regeneration works which had been delaying due to issues with funding due to escalating costs of manufactured steel required for the MER station element of the works. JR reported representatives from Tours Isle of Man had attended the meeting and discussions had taken place in respect of the link bus and whether it could be run this year. A meeting has been arranging with the Tourism division of Department of Economic Development to discuss the Link bus and coordination of coaches parties coming to the village.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore - Next Meeting Monday 11th February, 2013, 3.00 p.m. at the Strathallan Suite, Strathallan Crescent, Douglas. *Nothing to Report.*

126/12 Chairman's Report

No Report.

127/12 Any Other Business

- a) Mrs A. Williams writes on behalf of a number of Laxey self catering outlets to register a strong complaint regarding the decision by the Government to award the publicity contract for Isle of Man Tourism to an off island company. The website produced by this company positively discriminates against their sector and will be harmful to the Manx Tourist economy. They urge that the old system, that worked be restored.
The Clerk advised there had been difficulties in contacting MyUK Travel representatives in respect of setting up a listing for the Laxey Campsite. It was resolved to note the contents of the letter from Mr Williams.
- b) Community Officer Report for January. No offences disclosed. *Noted.*
- c) Paul Cowin e-mails at 1543 hours on 01.02.13 the necessary correspondence for the forthcoming ECAS Meeting on Monday 11th February 2013 at 1530 hours at the Strathallan Suite.
Noted – AM to attend.
- d) Peter Hill seeks proposals for dates of the next Garff meeting which is due to take place in March, possibly April. Clerk suggests Wednesday 13th March 7.00pm.
Noted.
- e) RB enquired if the Clerk had been contacted by Mrs Pinson in respect of letters sent requesting a key for the promenade shelter. *The Clerk advised, as yet there had been no contact by Mrs Pinson, however the deadline for response had not expired.*
- f) PK requested that Works and Amenities are added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 20th February 2013, 6.45pm.