

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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.

**135/12 Mr Paul Renard and Mr Dudley Butt to speak to the Board on behalf of Laxey and Lonan Sports and Community Facilities Ltd (charity).** To discuss proposals for improvement to the club house to provide better facilities for match officials and elections of a new groundsman store with water and electricity.

JJ welcomed DB and PR to the meeting and introduced the members present. PR talked through the proposals and presented a detailed plan of the improvements to the Board. The plan involved internal alterations to the existing changing facilities and conversion of the Groundman store into changing facilities for match officials. PR advised the existing facilities were too small for the number of match officials now attending matches. PR continued advising the Groundsman store would be relocated to a shed located at the east end of the ground adjacent to the Gas Tanks. A discussion took place with respect to the proposed size and materials use to construct the shed. PR advised they preferred to use an 'off the shelf' wooden shed however they were meeting with the planning officer on 07.03.13 to discuss options. RB, AM and JR voted in favour of the proposals as presented, JJ and PK abstained. PR and DB thanked the Commissioners for taking time to meet them. JJ thanked PR and DB for attending. PR and DB left at 7.10pm.

**JJ and PK declared an interest and withdrew from the discussions.**

**136/12 Planning Matters**

### Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/00126/B of 04.02.13 in respect of extension to rear elevation at 41 Ard Reayrt, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3626]. *{Carried over from Meeting – 20.02.13-129/12(a)}*.  
*Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00126/B.*
- b) Planning Application No 13/00148/C of 07.02.13 in respect of change of use of existing first floor restaurant accommodation to residential at Browns Café, Dumbells Terrace, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3627].  
*Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00148/C*
- c) Planning Application No 13/00153/B of 08.02.13 in respect of installation of replacement doors at the Shore Hotel, Old Laxey Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3628].  
*The Board recommends refusal of the application on the grounds that the doors should be mahogany to match existing colour.*  
*Resolved - To Object to Planning Application no. 13/00153/B*
- d) Planning Application No 13/00179/B of 13.02.13 in respect of retrospective application to erect a garden store with terrace over at Pine Lodge, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3629].  
*Resolved – To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00179/B.*
- e) Planning Application no 13/00200/B of 15.02.13 in respect of alterations and erection of extension to dwelling comprising amendments to 02/02146/B and 12/01229/B at Greystones, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3630].  
*Resolved - To Approve the Planning Amendment/Application no. 13/00200/B*
- e) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**  
*Resolved – to note the planning approval notices 13/00049/B, 13/00031/B and 12.01687/B*  
Planning Approval Notice No 13/00049/B of 21.02.13 in respect of erection of a private multi-purpose sports facility with pool comprising amendments to 12/01375/B at land adjacent to Rockwood, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3625]. *{Delegated Powers}. Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00031/B of 26.02.13 in respect of warehouse conversion to provide holiday accommodation with associated parking and alterations to detached garages at Muirs Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3624]. {Delegated Powers}. *Not determined by LVC.*  
Planning Approval Notice No 12/01687/B of 28.02.13 in respect of demolition of chimney stack, installation of roof lights and replacement windows and change external finish to side and rear elevations at Laxey Village Commissioners Office. [LVC Ref: 3623]. {Delegated Powers}.

- f) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**  
Nil.
- g) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**  
Nil.
- h) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**  
Nil.

### 137/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.  
*Proposed AM, Seconded RB*

### 138/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013

- a) Minute Reference 131/12, item a).  
AM enquired if the tenant of the Promenade Store had supplied a key as requested. The Clerk advised a key had not been supplied and that there were now two locks on the store. *A discussion took place and it was Resolved PK and JJ would meet with the tenant.*

### 139/12 General correspondence

- a) Consultation on proposed Draft (Fees) Regulations 2013 which is based on the policy that the developer pays thus over time making the Building Control Service self financing resulting in public purse savings. The document can be found on the Government website.  
*A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk respond advising the Board would like to see developers paying the full costs, however householder undertaking alterations and extensions to their property should not.*
- b) Consultation on Adult Services – Fair Access and Charging. “As part of the broader Department of Social Care (DSC) Adult Services Rebalancing Programme, the DSC is launching a consultation to invite comments on proposals for the introduction of a Fair Access to Care Service (FACS) framework and changes to charging for adult care services.

**The changes are intended to promote the following principles:**

- People will have equal access to services regardless of their age or the nature of their needs,
- People with the greatest needs will have priority,
- The support people receive will help them maintain their choice, independence and inclusion in society,
- People using similar services will be charged more equitably.

The changes are required to enable fairer and more equitable system of assessment and charging to be introduced and to assist in the implementation of the Social Services Act.

I welcome your views on the proposals which can be viewed at:  
[www.gov.im/socialcare/consultations.gov](http://www.gov.im/socialcare/consultations.gov) which contains a link to the online survey.  
Alternatively you can request a paper copy by calling 686182.”

Replies to the public consultation are sought no later than **5pm Tuesday 2 April 2013.**

*Resolved - to note the contents of the Consultation on Adult Services.*

- c) Consultation on the Housing (Standards, Registration) Regulations 2013 and Housing (Definition of House or Flat in Multiple Occupation) Order 2013. The Consultation states “The Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 legalises HMOs and provides the Department with regulatory

and enforcement provisions by way of power to make housing standards regulations and regulations relating to the registration of HMOs and flats.

It is proposed that all flats and HMOs will be required to be registered under the Housing (Registration) Regulations by local authorities within whose area they are situated. Prior to registration being granted, both will need to comply with the standards contained in the Housing (Standards) Regulations. Inspections of both flats and HMOs will be carried out by Environmental Health Officers from the Department, acting as agents and authorised officers of the local authorities in order to ascertain compliance. The purpose of the proposed Regulations is to enable local authorities to control the construction and maintenance of premises used or intended to be used as flats or HMOs. These regulations contain requirements to ensure that reasonable and safe accommodation is provided. In general, these requirements will stipulate that flats and HMOs must comply with certain space standards and be suitably arranged, structurally sound and provided with sufficient bathrooms, water closets, washing and cooking facilities and other essential amenities, including sound and thermal insulation, for example.”

*Resolved - to note the contents of Consultation on the Housing (Standards, Registration)*

*Regulations 2013 and Housing (Definition of House or Flat in Multiple Occupation) Order 2013.*

- d) Zero Waste Mann Invitation. “Your invitation, do you have a vision of how the Isle of Man could look in 20 years-time? Can we learn something from another small island? Could we become an Eco Island? Zero Waste Mann has invited David Green CEO of ECO ISLAND partnership to tell us what they are doing to 'green' the Isle of Wight and make it sustainable in the future. Read about this project here [www.eco-island.org](http://www.eco-island.org). When Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> Where? Keyll Darree Teaching Centre New Noble's Hospital (near main entrance roundabout ) Time 7:00pm tea/coffee 7:30pm presentation in lecture theatre We hope you will be able to come along and share some ideas. Please pass this invitation on to anybody who may be interested. Muriel Garland, ZWM chair.”

*No member available to attend.*

- e) Ellen Callister e-mails at 0837 hours on [e.callister@tynewald.gov.im](mailto:e.callister@tynewald.gov.im) from the Chairman, Mr Phil Braidwood MLC, please find attached the Annual Report of the Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012, for your information.

*Report passed to AM.*

- f) Anonymous complaint forwarded by Peter Whiteway at Ramsey Commissioners 01.03.13 - Garden rubbish - big clear out - but instead of dealing with properly owner has thrown over his garden wall into a lane behind his home at Ard Reayrt, Laxey (lane owned by local farmer). He has also wheel barrowed some through the estate, along a path and dumped into a field owned by Keith Lord. You can follow the trail of leaves, fronds etc from the house along the path to the field! The stuff over the wall into the land wasn't too much BUT it contained plastic plant pots as well as garden refuse. I threw the pots back over his wall into his garden today. I think he just needs a warning - telling off, as it really is not good citizenship! Cars use that lane and the big logs he threw over could have damaged tyres / axels etc.

*Noted.*

## 140/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – Meeting 28.02.13. *RB advised that Richard Ronan MHK had offered to meet with the Municipal Association and asked for agenda items, however it was agreed he should provide the agenda. RB reported Colin Kniveton had been invited to a MA meeting to discuss Scope of Government. AGM to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.*
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Andrew Moore – Next Meeting 21.03.13. *AM reported that works to repair the river wall by the fire station had been delayed due to the Salmon spawning season, therefore the foot bridge would remain close for sometime yet.*
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa. *Nothing of note to report.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. *No Report*
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa. **New Date is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**2013. JJ, PK and RB to attend.**

- 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, Justin Rosa – Meeting dates 13.03.13, 24.04.13 & 12.06.13. *No Report.*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore - Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, 3.00 p.m. at the Strathallan Suite, Strathallan Crescent, Douglas.  
*AM advised that a number plate recognition system and a 2.2m height restriction were to be introduced to discourage builders van abusing the facilities. Consideration was also given to restricting waiting at the recycling shed to 15mins.*
- j) **Tourism Audit Presentation** - Tuesday 5 March at 1pm at Manx Museum – *RB reported she had attended this presentation. The audit had been undertaken by a representative from Matthews Associates and had looked at all visitor attractions and sampled accommodation on the Isle of Man. The report had be very complimentary of the Laxey Beach area. The report stated Laxey was spilt into three areas, the Beach, the village/MER station and the wheel and advised the three areas should be somehow linked. All island signage need improving. The report will be circulated in due course.*

**141/12 Chairman's Report**

JJ reported the Christmas trees washed on to the Beach had been removed; the bank at the end promenade green where the land slide occurred last year had been landscaped.

**142/12 Any Other Business**

- a) **Monthly Meeting:-** The Monthly Meeting dated 5<sup>th</sup> June is within TT Week. May consideration be given to advancing the meeting to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013.  
*Resolved - Meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> June to take place one week early on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.*
- b) **ODC Community Officer March hours and February Report.** No offences reported.  
*Resolved - To note the Community officers report for February 2013.*
- c) **Copy of Boundary Review submission by Mrs H.Hyde, Farmhill, Douglas.**  
*Resolved To note the Boundary Review Submission by Mrs Hyde.*
- d) **Laxey Fair date Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013, at 1400hrs.**  
*Resolved - To note Laxey Fair Date - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013.*
- e) **Invitation from Health & Safety Inspectorate to attend seminar on Health & Safety in Local Government on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 1830 hours at Ground Floor Meeting Room, Murray House, Mount Havelock. RSVP with details of person attending to Charlotte Geoghegan on 685881 or [charlotte.geoghegan@gov.im](mailto:charlotte.geoghegan@gov.im)**  
*Resolved – Clerk to attend.*
- f) **Peel Town Commissioners letter of 05.03.13 in respect of their Civic Service now to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 1100 hours at the Methodist Chapel, Athol Street, Peel. Invitation to follow.**  
*Resolved - Clerk to respond advising no members are available to attend.*

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 6.45pm.