LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6th May 2014 7.00 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

at 10.04hrs).

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk. **Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

01/15 Election of Chairman

Action

Nomination received from Andrew Moore – Mini manifesto Circulated with meeting summons.

Mr Andrew Moore was elected to the office Chairman, unopposed.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB - Unanimously Resolved.

02/15 Election of Vice Chairman

Nomination received from Roz Bate – Mini manifesto Circulated with meeting summons.

Mrs Roz Bate was elected to the office Vice Chairman, unopposed.

Proposed JJ, Seconded AM - Unanimously Resolved

03/15 Board Representation

AM proposed **RB** as L&LHT representative, **PK** stated this may not be straight forward as he was a director. A discussion took place and it was Resolved, suggest to approval by L&LHT, **RB** would attend the meeting as a deputy.

It was resolved the following members would represent the Board.

- a) Municipal Association Roz Bate, Deputy Julie Pinson
- b) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust Peter Kinnish, Deputy Roz Bate
- c) Cooil Roi Housing Authority Andrew Moore, Jeff James. 4 year term ending April 2016.
- d) Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities Jeff James
- e) Garff Joint Initiative Committee Roz Bate, Julie Pinson
- f) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish
- g) Laxey Youth Initiative Roz Bate, Jeff James
- h) Regeneration Committee Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson
- i) Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee Andrew Moore

04/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

a) Planning Application No 15/00417/B of 17.04.15 in respect of installation of French Doors to replace existing bay window at Thie'n Lhargee, Rencell, Laxey. [LVC ref: 3706].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00417/B.

b) Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 15/00017/A of 21.04.15 in respect of approval in principle for demolition of existing Commissioners Offices and replacement with a residential development at 35 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3706].

It was Resolved to note Planning Approval Notice No 15/00017/A.

c) Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

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d) Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Nil

e) Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

Nil

05/15 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the mid monthly meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events. Proposed by: **JJ.** Seconded by: **AM.**

06/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 15th April 2015.

- a) **Dilapidated properties AM** expressed frustration with the process and the timescales involved in dealing with matters. A discussion took place.
- **Damage to Campsite Electrical Hook up RB** enquired if the person who caused the damage had been invoiced. The Clerk advised the electrician had now submitted an invoice for the works and an invoice would be sent to the address provided by the Campsite Warden.
- c) Provision of an additional Disabled car parking space RB reported the had been raised at the recent NTMLC meeting and the Department had been actioned with investigating making the existing police parking bay outside the Commissioner's Office in to a disabled bay. Clerk to contact Laxey Dental Surgery to update.
- d) All Saints Church JP advised she had liaised Steve Rodan with a view to setting up a meeting with Bishop Robert Patterson and they were waiting for all interested parties to be available to meet. A discussion took place.
- e) **Harbour Toilets PK** enquired if the Director of Ports had responded to correspondence proposing the Commissioners take over responsibility for cleaning the Harbour toilets. The Clerk advised he was still awaiting a reply.
- f) Meeting Reference 160/14, a).
 - Chris Hannon e-mails at 1609 hours on 10.04.15 a Consultation on Draft Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015 The Department of Infrastructure is seeking feedback on proposals to update the Isle of Man's highway legislation. The draft Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015 proposes a series of amendments to the Highways Act 1986, with the aim of improving road safety and providing greater clarity on matters such as the making up of private streets. Please find attached a copy of the draft Bill which includes an explanatory memo detailing the clauses; an Impact Assessment and a consultation letter which details the main items the Department feel would be of interest to the public and how to respond to the consultation.

Concerns were raised in respect of provision of street lighting and proposed powers vested in the department to require Local Authorities to pay for additional lighting at there cost. A detailed discussion took place and it was resolved to note the documentation circulated.

- **Domestic Rates Consultation** A discussion took place with respect to the valuation process and value variations on similar properties in different areas. **RB** proposed there should be more bands and at least two higher bands above the proposed top band. A further discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk respond proposing additional bands between lower and £1m value, furthermore at least two more bands above the £1m threshold.
- h) Transfer of Services Department of Infrastructure letter of 31st March 2015 containing Contracts in respect of Transfer of Functions to Local Authorities.

 ${\it It\ was\ unanimously\ resolved\ to\ sign\ contract\ and\ letter\ in\ respect\ of\ Transfer\ of\ Functions.}$

07/15 General correspondence

a) Port St Mary Commissioners Invitation to the Chairman and Guest to the Mona's Queen 111 Anchor Memorial Service & 75th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo on Friday 29th May 2015 at 1830 hours at Kallow Point, Port St Mary. Refreshments in the Pavilion Restaurant. RSVP – Mrs D. Greenwood, Port St Mary Commissioners, Town Hall, The Promenade, Port St Mary, IM9 5DA before Monday 11th May. E-mail d.greenwood@portstmary.gov.im.

No one available to attend.

- **b)** Julie Pinson e-mails at 1429 hours on 19.04.15 Please could you put on the public agenda for the next board meeting 'communication between commissioners'. Thank you Julie.
 - JP stated that at a recent Garff meeting a Maughold Commissioner had enquired with respect to the plans for 35 New Road. JP stated RB had said the Commissioners had investigated 2 options to lease property, JP stated she was not aware of this. JP continued stating a matter arsing at the recent regeneration meeting requiring Commissioners input had been dealt with by the Chairman phoning round but he had not informed JP of the outcome. A heated discussion took place in respect of communication between Commissioners. RB gave her version of events reference the Garff meeting. JP interrupted RB and swore. RB addressed the Chairman requesting JP apologised. JP apologised for swearing but stated she would not apologise for the sentiment. AM gave his version of events in respect of the matter arising from the regeneration meeting JP thanked AM for clarifying the matter.
- **c**) Douglas Corporation writes on 17.04.15 regarding enforcement of dog byelaws to say that they are unable to provide enforcement services.
 - Resolved to note. Clerk to contact Onchan Commissioners to find out what provisions they current have for bylaw enforcement.
- d) Manx Utilities quotation of 24.04.15 in respect of additional street lights, two columns, at Captains Hill in sum of £21,483.00 + VAT.
 - A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to approve the installation of two additional street lights on Captains Hill. Proposed AM, Seconded RB.
- Department of Infrastructure letter of 24th April 2015 from Sian Christian, Co-Ordinator, Local Authority Transition Project, regarding Transfer of Services. The subject of the letter is to open dialogue regarding the transfer of additional services to that already transferred and to that end the Department is arranging various meetings between the Authorities and Clerks, which will be at 1900 hours unless otherwise stated. In the case of Laxey this will be on Monday 18th May 2015 at 1900 hours at the Working Mens Institute. An e-mail response to sian.christian@gov.im before Friday 8th May 2015 stating who will be attending in addition to the Clerk and which venue is being attended. (Alternative venues are St Pauls Church Hall, Ramsey on Thursday 21st May 2015; Castle Rushen High School, Castletown on Tuesday 26th May 2015; Philip Christian Centre, Peel on Wednesday 27th May 2015; Douglas Town hall on Friday 22nd May 2015 at 1400 hours).
 - Resolved All Commissioners and Clerk to attend. JP apologised stating she may be late.
- Peel Town Commissioners invitation of 24.04.15 to the First World War Centenary Event on Sunday 3rd May 2015 in respect of the sinking of the Lusitania, and the part played by the Wanderer. The event will commence with a Church Service at the Peel Lifeboat Station at 1200 hours and then a lecture by MNH at 1530 hours at the Centenary Centre. Entry by free ticket obtainable at the Town hall. At 1900 hours an evening of celebration will take place at the old swimming pool where music and food will be provided at a cost of £20.00 by ticket from the Town Hall.

 No one available to attend.
- Jason Torr e-mails at 1630 hours on 24.04.15 regarding review of the Social security and national g) Insurance Schemes - On the 23rd March 2015 the Treasury issued a consultation document entitled 'Proposed Changes to the Manx Social Security and National Insurance Systems', which you can find here together with other associated documents mentioned below. The consultation exercise period runs until 15th May 2015. Review of the Isle of Man's Social Security and National Insurance Schemes. In 2013 the Treasury and the former Department of Social Care commissioned consultants Ci65 to carry out a review of the Island's Social Security and National Insurance systems. The consultants were also commissioned to review the structure and key processes used to deploy the Island's Social Security system. That work is now complete and you can download each of the reports by Ci65, including a summary of the review of the Island's Social Security and National Insurance Review of the Isle of Man's Social Security and National Insurance Schemes - Final systems. Report 16 September 2014. Review of the Isle of Man's Social Security and National Insurance Schemes – Executive Summary 16 September 2014. Deploying Benefits – A Process Review – Final Report 10 September 2014. Isle of Man National Insurance Fund – initial results A

questionnaire containing the questions asked in the consultation document is available <u>here</u> for completion electronically. Alternatively, the questionnaire can be printed and completed and then sent back to us. If you would like me to send you hard copies of the questionnaire, please let me know. Please can you make the attached document available to your customers and visitors. *Resolved to note*.

- h) Resident of Ard Reayrt writes requesting removal of large Renault Master Van that parks over the weekends outside the owner's house at Number 38. Registration 507 GMN. They quote their Deeds and Road Traffic (Motor Cars)(Overnight & Weekend waiting) regulations 2012 Road traffic Regulations Act 1985. The author wants the Commissioners to take appropriate action to stop this happening in the future.
 - A discussion took place and it was noted that a covenant on Ard Reayrt property states residents should not park vehicles on the estate road, however this is a civil matter and the Local Authority has no jurisdiction to be able to deal with this. It was noted the letter is anonymous and therefore no reply can be made.
- i) Cabinet Office e-mails at 1427 hours on 24.04.15 with Polling District revisions for comment if required. The changes only affect House of Keys elections.

 Resolved to note
- j) Consultation on Proposed Order with Plans for No Waiting in Laxey & Lonan Please find attached a draft copy of an Order for the consolidation of the Prohibition of Waiting Order 1967 and the Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting Order 1973 with a few minor amendments detailed in attached plans 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 which you may wish to make should be sent to Highway Services, Department of Infrastructure, Sea Terminal, Douglas on or before **Thursday 14 May 2015**.

The Clerk advised the order had been amended to include the double yellow line scheme on Minorca Hill, Ballaragh Road and Ramsey Road. Resolved to note.

08/15 Committee Reports

- **Municipal Association** Roz Bate, Deputy Julie Pinson AGM, 28.05.15. *RB* reported that the Civil Service Commission had now received royal assent and that the Whitley council was a union and cannot be disbanded. A discussion had taken place with respect of the Royal British Legion and it transpired the Manx Legion was formed in 1917 preceding the formation of the RBL by a number of years. Rob Callister from Onchan Commissioners had presented a report on the incinerator. Finally it was noted a number of guest speakers would be attending forthcoming meeting.
- **b)** Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust Peter Kinnish, Deputy Roz Bate Next Meeting 21.05.15. 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. Meeting 20.05.15. 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 Next Meeting, 13.05.15. *JP* briefed the Commissioners on the meeting which took place on 08.04.15, advising a scheme way marking signage had been presented and following consultation with the Commissioners the proposed finger posts would be green with off white lining and lettering. *JP* continued advising she had spoken to the owner of Whitehouse Close and they were proposing to carry out maintenance works to the large wall facing the station and would prefer the proposed vintage posters to go in front of the wall rather than mounted on it.
- i) Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee Andrew Moore. No Report.

09/15 Report's

Works and Amenity - The Clerk briefed the Commissioners providing updates on a number of Works and Amenity matter currently being undertaken and that the estimated costs arrangements for the unveiling of the miners statue was approximately £1,350.

Year End Accounts – The Clerk reported the year end Accounts for 31st March 2015 had been prepared and would be presented to the Board in due course.

Coastal Flooding Consultation - The Clerk reported that a report was currently being prepared and would be circulated to the Commissioners for discussion at the meeting 20.05.15.

Property Valuation Reports prepared March 2015 – The Clerk briefed the Commissioners on the report prepared by Chrystal's Estate Agents, indicating the overall value of Commissioners property had decreased by 10% since the last report prepared in 2010, however this was in line with expected variations based on the currently property market.

10/15 Any Other Business

- a) Proposed New Shower Block at Laxey Campsite The Clerk circulated the plans to the Commissioners which contained two options for outside sinks. A discussion took place and it was Resolved these be removed from the scheme along with the concrete footpath to the side and rear of the building and following these amendments the Clerk progress the plans to planning.
- **PK** raised the matter of the condition of the wooden posts on the Henry Bloom Noble Green at the south end of Laxey Promenade. It was Resolved **PK** and **AM** would meet to discuss.
- c) **JP** reported the Children's Centre was advertising for events at the Glen Gardens pavilion and was possibly in competition with the Working Mens' Institute. A discussion took place. Resolved to note.

Meeting Closed at 1240hrs
Date of next meeting -: Wednesday 20th May 2015 6.45pm