

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 6th November 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr C. Heginbotham (Treasury Valuation Department)

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

77/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

- b)** Planning Application No 13/91184/B of 08.10.13 in respect of alteration and extension to dwelling and amendments to existing driveway at Aysgarth, Fairy Cottage, Laxey, IM4 7JP. [LVC Ref: 3652].

Submissions before Friday 8th November 2013.

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/901184/B.

Approved.

f) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice no 13/90954/B of 15.10.13 in respect of installation of replacement window to side elevation at Hairdressers, 4, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3646] {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 13/90958/B of 15.10.13 in respect of replacement of existing conservatory roof with light weight roof tiles at 3 Princes Terrace, Minorca Hill. [LVC Ref: 3647] {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 13/90991/B of 15.10.13 in respect of erection of an extension to provide garage and utility room at Riverbank House, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3649] {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Resolved – To note Planning Approval Notices 13/90954/B, 13/90958/B and 13/90991/B.

g) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

h) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

i) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

78/13 Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed RB, Seconded JR

79/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 16th October 2013

- a)** Meeting reference 76/13, item o).

RB reported she had visited the Laxey Youth and spoken to Fiona Cracknell and the youth club currently caters for 100 to 110 children and young persons. RB stated the youth club was critical to the village. A general discussion took place.

- b)** Meeting Reference 73/13 item b).

JR proposed that the Police Office should be offered to Laxey and Lonan Live at Home. JR stated the charity was undertaking invaluable work in the village and should be offered the facility. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to offer the office to Laxey and Loan Live at home scheme for a nominal rent of £10 per annum.

80/13 General correspondence

- a)** Dawn Kinnish letter dated 16.10.13, in respect of recent postings on the Laxey Central Facebook

page and the public actions of the Chairman of Laxey Village Commissioners in respect of these postings.

JJ proposed that the discussion relating to the letter take place in private. Resolved - discussion relating to this matter to take place in private.

Resolved – Clerk to write the Dawn Kinnish advising all Board members will be reminded of the expected standards of conduct, in particular making statements in the public domain.

- b) Manx Telecom letter of 15.10.13 giving notice that they are going to permanently remove the telephone box at the MER Station.

A discussion took place and the Board resolved the Clerk write and request the Box could be decommissioned and left in place as it added to the character of the station.

PB

- c) Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association letter of thanks for donation of £108.81 from the Civic Service Offertory.

The Clerk advised that the total collected was £217.62 split equally between Laxey and Lonan Anti Cancer and Laxey and Lonan Live a home scheme. Resolved - To note.

- d) Mrs J. Kee writes a letter of appreciation and thanks for the Civic Service.

Resolved to note.

- e) Vicki Hewison e-mails at 1735 hours on 21.10.13 - It's that time of year again when the **AGM** for the Trust comes around. This year it will take place **on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in The Salmon Centre, Mines Road**. Please find attached a copy of the agenda, a copy of last year's minutes , the chairman's report and the latest set of accounts. Following the AGM there will be refreshments and an illustrated talk. I have also attached details of the very popular **Christmas Quiz**, this year this will be held **on Friday 22nd November at The Institute** – tickets for this are £8.50.

Resolved to note.

- f) Moore Stephens telephone at 1425hrs on 23.10.13 to advise the dates for this years Internal Audit fieldwork Friday 29th November and Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th December. Clerk seeks suggestions from the Commissioners as to which areas need to be covered this time round.

A discussion took place and it was resolved the clerk liaise with the Internal Auditor.

PB

- g) Ramsey Rd resident e-mails at 1955 hours on 28.10.13 expressing concern at the speed of vehicles on Ramsey and the dangers they present to pedestrians and children, they also comment that speeding is an issue in other parts of the village and asked what can be done about traffic speed in the village.

RB reported that a traffic survey had been carried out on Ramsey Road in July 2012, the average speed of traffic was 32mph going towards Laxey and 37mph going towards Minorca Crossroads. A general discussion took place in respect of speeding and vehicles parked in the village. RB to raise the matters of Ramsey Road and traffic speed in the village at the next Northern traffic Management Liaison Committee meeting.

RB

81/13 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – RB reported that Derek Crellin of Onchan district Commissioners wished to come to the next Garff meeting to discuss the MHK Consistency Boundary changes. RB said discussions had taken place regarding the Island of culture and suggested that Laxey fair could revert back to it's original format for one year, with the children singing more songs at the opening. A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved that RB should represent the Commissioners on the Laxey Fair committee. RB stated that Whitley Council employees only need to be given one week notice for termination of employment, a request had been made to bring this in line with Civil Servants who receive one months notice. RB stated that members had reported some Authorities dog bylaws were due for renewal and enquired when the Laxey's expired. Resolved – Clerk to investigate and report back. RB said the MA was seeking a consensus from the member Authorities in respect of a proposal to write to Chris Robertshaw regarding the proposal to end benefits paid at the post office. Finally RB advised that Juan Turner

MLC had been appointed as chairman of the Richmond Hill Consultative Committee.

- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish - Date of next meeting. Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm in The Salmon Centre, Mines Road.
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James,
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7.00pm. Lonan to chair the meeting. Note the proposed meeting date clashes with Regeneration meeting on the same date and may be subject to change.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – RB reported that the Department of Infrastructure had agreed to erect signage advising no left turn down Church Hill to traffic coming out of the Tram station. Works to create the passing places on Minorca Hill are planned to take place in Spring/Summer 2014, in the meantime there would be following further consultation with residents. RB reported the Department sort the Commissioners views as to vehicles parking on the East side of Mines Road. A discussion took place and it was resolved this should be 18 hours in 24 and no camper van or commercial vehicles parked overnight. PB
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – See matter arising.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa. Meeting Dates 27.11.13. PK reported that Laxey and Lonan Heritage trust had applied to the Regeneration Committee for a grant to paint the exterior of the shop. There were no objections to this application.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore
- j) **Works and Amenity** – **A discussion took place.** Clerk to circulate details of role and duties of Clerk/Deputy Clerk and Amenity Maintenance time sheets. A discussion took place with respect to the number of hours worked by the Clerk.

82/13 **Chairman's Report**

AM reported he had attended the meeting call by the Chairman of Onchan Commissioners Rob Callister. Matters discussed included Waste Management and Housing. A discussion took place regarding the Waste Management report produced by Department of Infrastructure due to put to put before Tynwald this year and the lack of consultation with Local Authorities. AM stated that as the Board had not seen the report they could only speculate on it's contents. A discussion took place and it was resolved a joint Garff letter be written asking that full consultation takes place before any policy changes are implemented. PB

83/13 **Reports**

- a) Nil.

84/13 **Any Other Business**

- a) General Registry letter dated 29th October 2013 in respect of land adjoining Riverside House, off Glen Road, Laxey. The Land Registry has received an application for first registration of possessory title to a triangular piece of land adjoining their property. It is the case for the applicants that they have been in sole possession of the property for a period in excess of 21 years and accordingly, in terms of the Limitation Act 1984, they are entitled to be registered as the owners thereof with a possessory title. Commissioners to advise if they are the owners of the property or have an interest in it. They also seek to identify the owner of two pipes which transverse the property. Notice of objections should be lodged at the Land Registry on or before 22nd November. Notice of objection to comply with Rule 119(1) of the Land Registry Rules 2000.
A discussion took place and the Commissioners Resolved the Authority had no interest in the land. A Commissioner said they thought the land had been used as an allotment within the last 21 years, also there had not been a notice in the press. Clerk to investigate.
- b) Andrew Moore requests the Board discuss the closure of the Isle of Man Bank, and the provision of alternative banking facilities at Post Office counters. PB

AM proposed a letter to the Isle of Man Bank asking that look seriously at providing counter services at the Post Office. There are a lot of residents in the village who do not have access to the internet and cannot easily travel to Onchan or Ramsey. Reference was made to Chris Robertshaws proposals to end benefit payments at the post office and the extra business this would provide.

Resolved Clerk to write to Isle of Man Bank.

- c) Maughold Commissioners have declined the offer of use of office space at Laxey Commissioners Office.

Resolved to Note.

- d) Maughold Commissioners seek approval from the Garff Authorities for a joint letter to all MHK highlighting the lack of consultation with respect to the report on proposals for alternative means of delivery for waste collection and disposal to be presented to Tynwald on 23rd November 2013.

See Chairman's Report.

- e) Maughold Commissioners seek approval for a joint letter to be sent out to all residents encouraging recycling of household waste.

A discussion took place and there was no support for the letter, it was felt the residents would not read it. PK proposed more recycling bins were provided around the village. The Clerk reminded the Board that the Officer from the Waste Management Unit had recommended a waste audit take place prior to any discussion of provision of additional recycling facilities.

- f) Chief Secretary Office emails at 1604hrs on 04.11.13, asking on behalf of the Council of Ministers that your Authority give as much prominence as it is able to the observations of the 'Two Minutes Silence' at 11.00am on Monday 11th November 2013 the National Day of Remembrance.

Resolved - to Note.

- g) Confirmation sort as to which Commissioners will be laying the wreath at the Remembrance Service at All Saints Lonan, at 1500hrs 10th November 2013.

RB confirmed she would be laying the wreath on behalf of Laxey Village Commissioners.

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

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