

**LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS**

**Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 6.45pm

**Minutes**

**Present:** Mr J James (Chairman), Mr G Pearce-White (Vice Chairman), Mr S Haddock, Mr P Kinnish,

**In attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk. Mr S. Haddock (left at 8.00pm) Mrs S Jones,

**90/11 Planning Matters**

Action

**Planning Applications**

- a) Planning Application for Registered Building Consent No 11/01553/F of 08.11.11 to demolish 25 Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3553]. See also 11/01129/B. **PK** abstained.

*Approved.*

- b) Planning Application No 11/01561/B of 08.11.11 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors and rear porch at Edgeworth, Rencell Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3554].

*The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that the windows should have external fitted Georgian Bars instead of integral. They also would wish to have clarification as to the intentions regarding the door on the right hand side, which is shown blank on Plan 0059A.*

- c) Planning Application No 11/01597/B of 16.11.11 in respect of erection of a replacement detached garage and extension of driveway at Nirvana, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3555].

*Approved.*

- d) Planning Application No 11/01604/B of 17.11.11 in respect of installation of a flue to dwelling at Thie Grian, Ballacollister Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3556].

*Approved.*

**Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**

- e) Planning Approval Notice no 11/01264/B of 29.11.11 in respect of extension to rear elevation at 31 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3548]. {Delegated Powers}.

*Approved by LVC.*

*Noted.*

**Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

- f) None

**Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

- g) None.

**91/11 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed GPW, Seconded PK*

**92/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011.**

None

**93/11 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed SH, Seconded GPW*

**94/11 Matters arising from the Mid Monthly Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

None.

**95/11 General correspondence**

- a) Letter from the Director of Planning of 14.11.11 on behalf of the new Chairman of the Planning Committee, Mr H. Quayle, who wants to improve contact between the Planning Committee and Local Authorities by establishing a primary contact point with the Authorities. It is the intention that they will regularly attend and observe Committee Meetings. Details of elected representative to the

Department.

*A discussion took place and PK said he would try to attend, depending on the time and dates of the meetings. Clerk to forward meeting dates with agenda's.*

- b) The Minister has approved a 14% increase in disposal charges from 01.04.11 which means that the cost will rise from £30.74 to £35.00. *Noted.*
- c) Tony East of the Vintage Motor Cycle club telephones reference the annual Club meeting on Laxey Promenade during MGP. For 2012 they would like to bring over the "Jumblers", these are hobby traders who sell old bike parts etc and travel round all the major Vintage motorcycle events. He proposes to put them on the Prom Green, it will be like a small table top sale. Tony is also speaking to the Chairman of Laxey Trader and Inspector Mark Britton. *Approved.*
- d) Isle of Man Water & Sewerage Authority Annual Report and Accounts for 2010 to 2011. *Noted.*
- e) Approval has been granted by the Planning Department to locate a Recycling Node in Mines Road. The location needs to be agreed and there are two options. (1). Road level in hatched area, or (2) Raised area on DCL – MER Land. Advise Waste Management of your preference. (Their preference is (1). See additional correspondence between Highways and Infrastructure.  
*The Clerk advised he had spoken to Mike Barnes of the DoI at the recent Regeneration meeting and Mr Barnes had said the DoI would prefer the Bins to be located on the raised area belonging to the MER. General discussion took place reference recycling.*
- f) Letter from Deputy Clerk of Tynwald dated 23.11.11 requesting information on Declarations of Interest following a Petition of Grievance. They require the following information:- (1). Is the Authority aware of Recommendations following Braddan Enquiry in respect of records kept by them, (2). Is the Authority aware of Corporate Governance Principles, (3). Is the register open to the Public, (4). Is it on-line, (5). If not, why not. (6). Would the Authority like to make any comments on Petition of Grievance.  
*A discussion took place and PK members would only normally withdraw from a meeting if they had a pecuniary interest. SH reminded the Board departments guideline which advise 'if in doubt declare'.*
- g) BBC invites LVC to sign up to Things To Do: [bbc.co.uk/thingstodo](http://bbc.co.uk/thingstodo). This enables local activities to be publicised on such programmes as Countryfile, Springwatch, Planet Dinosaur, Stargazing Live.  
*Noted – If any suitable events come up Clerk to post to Website.*
- h) [Ed.Clague@gov.im](mailto:Ed.Clague@gov.im) e-mails at 1716 hours on 28.11.11 and Amendment Document regarding the Countryside Care System. In summary proposes that they would introduce historic provisions for utilising CCS funding for other funding priorities; historic payments to be capped at their historic value for the appropriate scheme year; cease the accrual of penalties back into the scheme budget; remove the requirement to distribute any remaining budget at the end of the scheme year; make a provision for defraying CCS payments against other debts to the Department; open a National Reserve for New Entrants. *Noted*
- i) Community Officer Report for November 2011. No offences disclosed. *Noted*
- j) Resident e-mails at 1851 hours on 30.11.11 to the Laxey Website a request to be informed why Church Hill has been made a one way street as she believes that this will make things worse.  
*The Clerk advised the Commissioners a response had been sent.*

## 96/11 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association – No report.
- b) Cooil Roi – JJ reported Susan Jones had been acting Chairman in the absence of Brain Byers.
- c) Laxey Traders – No report.
- d) L&LHT – Next Meeting 08.12.11 at 1930hrs. AGM at WMI
- e) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee – Next Meeting TBC
- f) Regeneration Committee – Next Meeting TBC
- g) Working Mens Institute – Nothing of note to report
- h) Ecas – Next Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December
- i) GJIC – Next Meeting 10.01.12 or 25.01.12

## 97/11 Chairman's Report

**JJ** thanked **GPW** for accepting the award on behalf of Laxey for the best Town/Village at the 2011 Isle of Man Tourism awards. **JJ** thanked everyone in the village who had contributed to the award including the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust and Commissioners staff Adrian Rush and John Bate. **JJ** proposed an open letter of thanks from the Commissioners to all concerned. **JJ** raised the matter of the outstanding letter of apology from **PK**. **SH** handed **JJ** a letter from **PK**. **JJ** read out the letter and asked if **PK** would amend the letter with an admission that he knew he was in breach of the bylaws.

## 98/11 Any Other Business

- a) Julie Pinson telephones on 02.12.11, requesting permission to borrow Santa's Grotto from the Commissioners for use at the Corn Mill on Saturday's 10.12.11 and 17.12.11. *Approved.*
- b) Willoughby e-mails at 1445 hours on 05.12.11 the following message from Treasury regarding Local Authority Lending. "Following on from the recent change to the Island's Standard and Poors rating to AA+, the Isle of Man Bank has applied an extra 25 basis points (0.25%) to all Local Authority loans outstanding to be implemented wef 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2011. This is in accordance with the current terms and conditions of the agreement between Treasury and Isle of Man Bank. Existing loans will be affected as their quarterly interest calculation falls due and loans roll forward. In order to maintain an element of flexibility into the future, the Treasury has determined that it will only sanction borrowing petitions or provide letters of comfort under this facility in cases where the loan agreement is in accordance with the "Overdraft" or "Variable Rate" terms and conditions available within this facility. Treasury, as guarantors for the Local Authority lending facility, has determined that all **new** loans taken by Local Authorities for capital finance shall be executed under the variable loan terms and conditions available from Isle of Man Bank. This direction from Treasury will apply with immediate effect and will apply to any borrowing petitions or loan agreements entered into with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011. If you have any matters of policy that you would like to raise, could you please direct these to Clive McGreal, Financial Controller at the Treasury." *Noted.*
- c) Cara at MEA e-mails at 1632 hours on 05.12.11 to say that the engineer attended Lamp LA097 outside 45 Ard Reayrt to replace lamp but found that since his last inspection the column has been damaged by a third party and is in need of replacement at a cost of £2949.00 + VAT. (See Monthly – 02.11.11 for Lamp replacement approval).  
*Proposed SH, Seconded GPW. Resolved Clerk to advise MEA to replace the lighting column.*

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm  
Date of next meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at 6.45pm