

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 7th March 2012, 6.45pm

Public Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess (Clerk), Mr Steve Taggart,

Apologies: Mr S Haddock, Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

127/11 Guest Speaker – Mr Steve Taggart – Department of Infrastructure Waste Management. To speak to the Commissioners and answer questions on recycling.

JJ welcomed ST to the meeting.

A discussion took place with reference to the proposal to place a recycling node at the end of Mines Road for a period of 6 months. SJ advised there had been a number of objections to this proposal. ST pointed out that the unit was a piece of street furniture and not the 1100 litre wheelie bins as located at the 3 recycling centres in the village. A discussion took place reference alternative locations for the trial including Ard Reayrt. The Commissioners resolved to investigate if Minorca Crescent was suitable for the Recycling Node. An informative discussion took place with ST briefing the Commissioners on the Curb side recycling scheme currently running in Douglas and Braddan, and circulated a graphs showing IoM Household Waste Composition following a waste audit in 2006, and waste survey carried out in 2008 and 2010. Discussions took place reference the volumes of waste produced by Laxey Households, the Clerk advised the current average was 728kg per annum, with similar figures for Lonan and Maughold . The Clerk also advised that information obtained from Onchan Commissioners indicated an average of 1128kg per household per annum, 400kg more that Laxey, and this was with curb side recycling in Onchan, ST suggested the figures for Douglas and Braddan may be higher. A discussion took place reference the social economic groups living in Laxey and ST suggested the residents were already recycling a lot of materials and the addition of additional recycling bins would not necessarily decrease the tonnage going to the Energy from Waste Plant. ST briefed the Commissioners on the current prices being realised for the various different recycled materials. ST stated the quality of the recycled materials shipped off the Island was very high and thus realised high prices. Finally ST suggested if the Commissioners wish to find out more information on the costs of curb side recycling they should contact Alan Donnelly at Douglas Borough Council. JJ thanked ST for attending. ST left at 8.30hrs.

PB

128/11 Planning Matters

Action

Planning Applications

a) Planning Amendment Notice No 12/00061/B of 16.02.12 in respect of extension to dwelling at Mill House, Wheel Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3562]. Original approved by LVC.

Approved

b) Planning Application No 12/00187/B of 17.02.12 in respect of reconstruction of eroded weir apron at Laxey River opposite the New Fire Station, Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3565].

Approved

Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

c) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01129/B of 23.02.12 in respect of demolition of existing garage and workshop and erection of a dwelling with integral garage at Workshop, 25 Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3544]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

d) Planning Approval Notice No 11/01553/B of 23.02.12 in respect of registered building consent for the demolition and removal of existing garage and workshop at Workshop, 25 Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3553]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Items c). and d) Noted.

Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- e) None.

Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- i) Planning Appeal Hearing No 11/01264/B of 21.02.12 in respect of 31 New Road. Hearing to take place on 22.03.12 at 1400 hours. *Noted.*

129/11 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th February 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed GPW, Seconded JJ

130/11 Matters arising from the Minutes of 15th February 2012.

Rob Perry, Retail Operations Manager at the MEA asks if it would be possible to erect a memorial bench to memory of Dougie Spencer who was killed in a RTA on 01.02.12 on Promenade.

The Clerk seeks confirmation as to the location of the proposed bench.

It was resolved by the Board the Bench could be placed in front of the Henry Bloom Noble Shelter at the South end of the Promenade.

131/11 General correspondence

- a) *Item brought forward from meeting 15.02.12.*

John Kennaugh of Department of Community Culture and Leisure writes in respect of the Railway Patrons Car park at the MER station. The department is investigating options of how to best control access to the car park site, and seeks any views the Commissioners may have on the subject.

A brief discussion took place and the Board agreed there were no suggestions to go forward at this point in time. **PB**

- b) Anne Duggan of Lonan & Laxey Live At Home writes a letter of thanks to the Board for their kind donation of £108.35. *Noted.*

- c) Mr Richard Ronan MHK writes on 20.02.12 to say that he wishes to meet Local Authorities to discuss the way forward and will meet those Authorities at their request be it before or after the Local Authorities Elections. *It was noted that Richard Ronan would be attending the Garff Joint Imitative meeting 14.03.12.*

- d) SMP writes on 17.02.12 to formally accept appointment as Accountant for LVC and resigns as Internal Auditor. *Noted.*

- e) Mrs Clayton writes on 18.02.12 to thank Laxey & Lonan Commissioners for the provision of the Abbey Lane Signs. *Noted.*

- f) Department of Tourism letter enclosing Campsite Registration Certificate for period twelve months from 12.02.12. *Noted.*

- g) Petition by four teenagers requesting that LVC purchases a new Skate Park. No names or addresses supplied. *Noted.*

- h) Consultation on the Regulation of Care Bill. The purpose of the Bill is to
- 1.Introduce a comprehensive, robust and proportionate regulatory system for private and Third Sector social care service providers and non-NHS care service providers.
 - 2.Provide protection for care service users - many of whom are society's most vulnerable people.
 - 3.Improve transparency by standardising regulation and inspection.
 - 4.Create a more equal playing field by inspecting DSC services to the same requirements and standards as independent sector providers.
 - 5.Differentiate between childcare providers operating on a commercial basis, who will continue to be regulated, and parents setting up their own personal arrangements with friends and family.

The full document is over 200 pages in length including a questionnaire and can be

viewed by going to www.gov.im – Current Consultations.

Noted.

- i) Hayley Fox e-mails at 1437 hours on 27.02.12 a Consultation on Landlord Registration Scheme which seeks to create a situation where there are minimum standards of accommodation and that safety laws are complied with. Questionnaire attached and
Noted.
- j) Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading Consultation of 27.02.12 regarding Proposed Estate Agents and Landlords Bill 2012 the purpose is to make fresh provision for the registration and regulation of estate agents and landlords.
Noted.
- k) Deputy Clerk of Tynwald writes on 27.02.12 with recommendations from the Select Committee on Local Authorities: Members' Interests, (petition for Redress of Grievance). Recommendation 1 = should register any interest which could reasonably be regarded as bearing upon the way in which a member may carry out his or her duties; and that the definition of "relevant interest" for this purpose should be the same as that applicable to Members of Tynwald. Recommendation 2 = That the Department of Infrastructure should introduce legislation to require that the registers (or books) currently maintained under Section 13 of the Local Government Act 1985, together with registers of the wider interests referred to in Recommendation 1 above, must be made open to inspection by the public. Recommendation 3 = That the Department of Infrastructure should introduce legislation to give the Department an express power to issue guidance to local authorities and to impose on local authorities a duty to follow such guidance.
Noted.
- l) Superintendent Paul Cubbon calls into the office at 1015hrs on 02.03.12 to speak to the Laxey and Lonan Clerks, to advise that as part of the budget reductions Onchan Police Station will close as of the 1st April 2012. As a result Laxey and Lonan will now come under the Northern Neighbourhood Police Team. Paul advises two officers will move from Onchan to Ramsey, and will cover the Laxey and Lonan areas.
Noted.

132/11 Committee Reports

- a) Municipal Association meeting 23.02.12 – *GPW reported Dawn Henley had given a presentation on the IoM Government Physical Activity Strategy and that Richard Ronan MHK would be attending in the March meeting. The loss of the mobile library was raised and a discussion took place reference this function being paid for by the Local Authorities. The AGM would be discussed at the next meeting.*
- b) Cooil Roi: *SJ reported there were still a number of outstanding snagging issues from the refurbishment works undertaken in 2010 and an intermediary had been appointed by the Isle of Man Government to assist with the resolution of the matter.*
- c) Laxey Traders : *Next meeting 14.03.12.*
- d) L&LHT : *SJ reported the shop would be opening on 17.03.12 and Andrew Scarff was looking for old photographs of events that had taken place in the village for the Heritage Trust to retain in an archive. The Committee had thanked the Commissioners for their £1,000 donation towards the trust. SJ reported that Joan Charnock would be standing down as the Trust secretary but would continue as the shop manager and treasurer. A feasibility study was being undertaken with respect to the proposed extension to the Great Laxey Mine Railway and a commemorative news letter was being produced for the 25 year anniversary of the Trust. The Laxey Link Bus trial was now planned to run during for 20 days during June and July and Tours Isle of Man had provisionally indicated they would run for an additional two weeks at their own cost. On Friday 9th March the Lieutenant Governor and Chief Minister along with other VIP's would be attending a 25th Anniversary Reception at the Laxey Working Mens Institute. Finally SJ reported that 2 banner would be erected in the Village to commemorate the 25 year anniversary. SJ proposed a banner could be produced to advertise the fact that Laxey had won the Best Village /Town award in the 2011 Tourism awards. A discussion took place as to the possible location and it was resolved the banner could be put on the North Facing Gable end of the Promenade Shelter.*

PB

- e) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee: *Next meeting 20.03.12.*
- f) Regeneration Committee : *Next meeting 24.04.12.*
- g) Working Mens Institute : *Nothing to report.*
- h) ECAS : *Nothing to report.*
- i) GJIC : *Next meeting – 14.03.12.*

133/11 Chairman’s Report

JJ reported that PK had contacted him with reference to Works and Amenity tasks around the village and he had agreed to go round with PK to look at various items. JJ proposed that where necessary assistance should be provided to AR. Finally JJ wishes the members the best for the forthcoming election.

134/11 Any Other Business

- a) Mr Cave of Marlor House, 130 Woodbourne Road, Douglas, (Tel. 615267, kv@manx.net), writes on 02.03.12 to say that he is going to build a new build on site of Chris’s Cottage, Old Laxey Hill and the plans include the erection of a cantilever that will extend over land believed to be owned by LVC and he wants their approval to allow this.
A discussion took place and it was resolved a decision could not be made without full sight of plans, However it was unlikely the Board would approve the erection of the Cantilever over the Authorities land. Clerk to write and advise. PB
- b) Laxey Fair Committee – Clerk seeks approval from the Board to provide administration support, stationary and loan of works van, and hire of toilet etc.
Resolved – Support to be provided as in previous years. PB
- c) Skate equipment – Clerk reports the skate trailer was broken into between 24th and 27th February, the padlock was missing, and items of equipment had been put out onto the Tennis courts. The Eastern Neighbourhood Police Team have been informed and are investigating the matter, an officer was also going to visit the Laxey Youth Clubs. Clerk seeks approval from the Board to take out all the equipment and commence painting ready for Easter.
Resolved – Equipment to be put out as soon as possible. PB
- d) Liz James writes dated 05.03.12 requesting permission to use the Promenade Green for a table top sale on 10th June to raise money for Rebecca House.
Approved.
- e) Mr Geoffrey Corlett of Ashfield, Old Laxey Hill writes on 05.03.12 to say he wants to meet the Commissioners to discuss the dangerous condition of the zig zag path; Building work at Sunnybank, School Lane, behind his property that has gone on for over 3 years to the detriment of his dwelling; Empty properties on Lhergy Grawe are also a detriment.
Resolved - JJ and SJ to visit Mr Corlett. JJ/SJ

Meeting Closed at 10.10pm
Date Of Next Meeting 28th March 2012