

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 7.00 pm

## Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mr J. Rosa.

### 01/14 Election of Chairman

Action

Nomination received from Andrew Moore – See mini manifesto's attached. (Blue Papers).

The Clerk reported Justin Rosa attended the Commissioner's Office at 1115hrs on 02.05.14 and proposed Andrew Moore for the office of Chairman.

Proposed JR, Seconded JJ – Unanimously Resolved.

### 02/14 Election of Vice Chairman

Nomination received from Roz Bate - See mini manifesto's attached. (Blue Papers).

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

Proposed AM, Seconded JJ - Unanimously Resolved.

### 03/14 Board Representation

It was Resolved the following members would represent the Board.

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish
- c) **Cooli Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore, Justin Rosa. - 4 year term ending April 2016.  
AM and JJ to attend next Cooli Roi meeting.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa  
RB and AM to attend meeting 14.05.14.
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore

### 04/14 Planning Matters

#### Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 14/00438/B of 09.04.14 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling at Farndon, Mateland Drive, Laxey, IM4 7NF. [LVC Ref: 3674].

*A discussion took place and the Board Resolved to recommend refusal of the above planning application on the grounds outlined below.*

1. *Causes a lack of privacy to surrounding properties and there is a significant increase in the overall floor area,*
2. *It is an over intensive use of the site,*
3. *The size and proportions detracts from the visual amenity of the conservation area in which it lies,*
4. *The proposed windows are too large and out of keeping with the adjoining properties.*

#### b) Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

Resolved to note planning approval notice no.14/00158/B

Planning Approval Notice No 14/00158/B of 23.04.14 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors to front and rear elevation at 3 Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AB. [LVC Ref: 3666]{Delegated Powers}. *Refused by LVC.*

- c) **Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**  
Nil.
- d) **Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)**  
Nil.
- e) **Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)**  
Nil.

**05/14 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed RB, Seconded JJ*

**06/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 16th April 2014.**

- a) Meeting Reference - Private item 6/d).

Management letter from Auditor dated 13th September 2013, year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 – See attached. Matter arising from audit.

1. Employee Contracts – *See attached, Commissioners to review with a view to approving.*
2. Pension Debtors – *Commissioners to discuss – Note debt has been fully provided for within the Statement of Accounts.*
3. Fixed Asset Register – *This has been updated by the authorities accountant and reviewed by the Auditor.*
4. Capital Receipts reserve – *Recommendation this be used to fund the planned works to the Promenade Kiosk, shelter, store and garage.*

Discussed in Private – Decision moved to Public

*A discussion took place and it was noted the pension debt had been provided for (£2,120) within the Statement of Accounts and it was unanimously Resolved this debt would be written off. The Board Resolved to accept the recommendation that the Capital reserve account of £22,218 would be used to fund the planned works to the Promenade Kiosk, shelter, store and garage. The Clerks comments in respect of the Fixed Asset Register were noted. It was Resolved to defer Item 1, Employee Contracts to meeting 21.05.14.*

- b) PK requested an update from the Department of Infrastructure Harbours division in respect of the planned works to the Laxey Harbour Pier. *Clerk to investigate and seek update from the Department.*
- c) Henry Bloom Noble Promenade Green – A discussion took place in respect of the beach stones that required clearing from the bank on the Green. It was unanimously Resolved the Clerk instruct a contractor to undertake this work.
- d) AM advised he would producing a floral display for the forthcoming Flower Festival.

**07/14 General correspondence**

- a) Partington, Nixon & Kinrade write on 17.04.14 on behalf of Client, who is owner of proposed new dwelling in Ard Reayrt seeking authority to create driveway over Laxey Commissioners land. *A discussion took place and it was Resolved that in principle approval is granted, subject to their client agreeing to meet all costs of the Authority in respect of the drawing up of a lease, any legal fees incurred and cost of restoration of any damage done to Local Authority land. The client must make good any damage so caused.*
- b) Douglas Corporation writes on 25.04.14 to notify us of their Civic Sunday on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 1030 hours at St George's Church. Formal invitations to follow. *Resolved to Note.*
- c) Douglas Borough Treasurer emails on 11.04.14 in respect of LGPS Actuarial Valuation 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Detailing approved employers minimum contribution rates for the next 3 years. Copies Circulated. *Resolved to Note.*

**08/14 Committee Reports**

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – AGM, 16.05.14 – RB reported the Hon Chris Robertshaw MHK was the guest speaker at the meeting. Mr Robertshaw had reported he was now the Chairman of Whitley Council and Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and will be Chairman of the New Public Services Commission when the two organisation join. RB reported that Whitley council employee’s representative had requested a £1 per hour pay rise and negotiations had commenced. RB continued stating the Chairman David Talbot would be standing down and Vivien Quane of Lezarye Parish Commissioners will be proposed as Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal year
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – No Report.
- c) **Cool Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa – No Report.
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James - No Report.
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa. Meeting Wednesday 23.04.14. Next meeting 14.05.14.  
Proposal to meet with officers from the Department of Infrastructure to discuss the way forward in respect of forming a joint Board. This proposal to be put to the three Boards for approval. Provisional meeting date 14.05.14, currently awaits confirmation from Lonan Parish Commissioners. *Unanimously Resolved that RB and AM attend the Garff meeting on 14.05.14.*
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – Next Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014. As discussion took place and it was resolved the following matters would be raised at the next meeting. Vehicles parked at the top of Old Laxey Hill causing traffic issues. Drivers ignoring the stop sign at the bottom of Old Laxey Hill. Lower Rencell Hill was still closed and a pickup truck parked at the bottom of Captains Hill was restricting visibility of oncoming traffic.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – No Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa – Meeting dates – 29.05.14, 26.06.14, 23.07.14. PK stated that Nick Black and Peter Maddocks had attended the meeting on 30.04.14 and provided an update on the MER station works. PK reported he had received a number of complaints about the gravel surface and that PM had advised this had been put down as a temporary measure to ensure the station would be open for the start of the tourist season. As a temporary measure to facilitate wheelchair access to the trams and station building Derek Sewell (DoI) had proposed certain areas were top dressed with quarry dust to create a firm surface. A discussion took place in respect of a number of jobs that had been left unfinished around the station and PK advised they had stated they would get the contractor back to finish off.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore - No Report - Next meeting 12.05.14.

**09/14 Chairman’s Report**  
No Report.

**10/14 Any Other Business**

- a) PK advised the bench outside 35 New Rd required painting. Clerk to action works.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm  
Date of next meeting -:Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 6.45pm