

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 7th November 2012 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Jones (Chairman), , Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore. (left at 8.16pm)

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk. Mrs D. Kinnish (6.45pm to 6.55pm).

Apologies:, Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

84/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/01370/B of 10.10.12 in respect of alterations, erection of an extension, porch and creation of a vehicular access and hard standing at Glevum, The Promenade, Laxey.

JJ declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting.

Approved.

- b) Planning Application No 12/01375/B of 11.10.12 in respect of Erection of a private multi-purpose sports facility with pool comprising amendments to 11/00143/B at land adjacent to Rockwood, Ramsey Road, Laxey.

Approved.

- c) Planning Application Amendment No 12/01337/B of 18.10.12 in respect of erection of a dwelling with attached garage on site adjacent to Highfield, Stoney Road, Laxey. Amendment shows ownership of Stoney Road and access.

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds as shown below:

There is no established right of way for vehicular traffic into the application site and the presumption that alterations to the lane and footpath adjacent to and over which the access is proposed is not proved.

The attached photographs clearly show the limited extent of the private lane and footpath that separates the application site from the aforementioned lane.

The plans describe the footpath as a road when the photographs clearly show it is a footpath with prohibition signs for vehicular traffic attached to posts at either end.

A previous planning application, 05/92114/B, from the same applicant contains a site plan which does not show the lane as being within the cartilage of the site, which brings into question whether the amended site plan is correct.

- d) Planning Application No 12/01413/B in respect of alterations and erection of a second floor extension to dwelling at Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3609].

PK declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting.

Approved.

- e) Planning Application No 12/01414/B in respect of installation of two replacement doors at The Shore Hotel, Old Laxey Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3610].

The Board recommends approval of the application, with the caveat, brown wood effect uPVC should be used to match existing colour and style of doors.

- f) Planning Application No 12/01427/GB in respect of alterations, internal re-ordering and erection of replacement porch at Christ Church, Church Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref:3611].

The Board recommends refusal of the application for the following reason:

The proposed hand rails to the disabled access ramp are too modern in respect of the design and materials used, and therefore are out of keeping with the character of the Church.

- g) Planning Application No 12/01428/CON in respect of Registered Building Consent for alterations, internal re-ordering and erection of replacement porch at Christ Church, Church Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref:3612].

*The Board requested reference is made to the comment made in the letter dated 13.11.12 in respect of the planning application **12/01427/GB**.*

- h) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- i) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- j) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- k) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**
Nil.

85/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 17th October 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed AM Secoded JJ

86/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 17th October 2012

- a) Minute reference: 82/12

Report on recommended works to be undertaken at Laxey Campsite.

Item omitted from the list previous circulated:

- Replacement Window to Kitchen, current wooden window frame is rotten.

It was unanimously resolved to add this item to the list of works previously circulated to the Board and approved.

- b) Meeting with Commissioners and Ivor Hankinson, 23.10.12 at 7:30hrs, to discuss proposals for Miners Statue to be located in the Heritage Garden at the end of Mines Road.

Board to ratify decision made at this meeting to proceed with the plans, and submit the planning application.

It was resolved to proceed with the application. Three Commissioners abstained.

Proposed AM, Secoded PK.

87/12 General correspondence

- a) Maughold e-mails at on 21.10.12 a draft copy of GJIC.

It was **Resolved** that each Board should be asked to make a decision on this proposal at their next meeting and feedback to the Maughold clerk.

The current committee structure to be maintained. However, if government progresses with changes to local government then measures will be put in place to form a joint Garff Board that would form an integrated part of any new structure that was imposed.

- b) Richmond Hill Consultative Committee Report for 1st October 2012.

Noted.

- c) Ivor Hankinson e-mails at 2228 hours on 23.10.12 to express his disappointment regarding the proposed Miners Statue following last night meeting and fact that 2 Commissioners voted for and 3 abstained. He re states that the size of the base is necessary (2.2 metres square), this needs to be so as when the ground below is dug out and reinforced to hold the weight of the plinth and statue, such base foundations spreads and stabilises the weight.

Noted.

- d) Steve Rodan emails on 24.10.12 in respect of the Miners Statue saying he does not understand why the Commissioners should still have concerns. SR asks if it would give any comfort to the Board if the application were made jointly with Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust?

A discussion took place and it was resolved not to accept the offer of the joint application with the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust.

- e) Department of Health Consultation on Smokefree Legislation in respect of limiting smoking where children are present and restricting tobacco displays and vending machines.

Noted.

- f) Joan Charnock of the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust telephones on 29.10.12 requesting the Commissioners pay for the hire of toilets at the recent Hop-tu-Naa event at the Great Laxey Mine

Railway.

A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk contact Joan Charnock and find out the cost of the toilet hire.

- g) Ian Longworth at DCCL e-mails at 1503 hours on 29.10.12 about the Laxey MER substation, providing details in respect of the history of the equipment and the department plans following decommission.

A discussion took place and a Commissioner proposed either Richard Henthorn or Andrew Scarffe were invited to speak to the Board on this matter. The Commissioners also expressed an interest in looking around the sub-station.

- h) Ian Longworth at DCCL e-mail at 1507 hours on 29.10.12 about the proposed Miners Statue in the Heritage Garden. Mr Longworth states the department is happy to share the cost of the initial gardening maintenance works before incorporating it into the new lease for the Rose Gardens, which he should be in a position to do early in the New Year. Mr Longworth states the Statue is rather tall however he will not be making comment on the planning application as there are sufficient people on the consultation procedure.

A discussion took place and the Board unanimously resolved to proceed with the gardening works and note the contents of the email.

- i) Chris Littler emails with the following question / proposals in respect of the authority's websites.

Laxey and Lonan websites:

One proposal I put to you a while ago was to offer the tourism accommodation owners

(<http://www.laxey.org/laxey-tourist-accommodation.html> and similar page on Lonan site) a "feature box" with photos to help promote their businesses. They would be charged for this service, not the Commissioners. I would need a one off fee of £40 from the owner, This could potentially be extended to other local businesses, but at present only accommodation is listed on the site.

Garff website:

as you know this was set up in a very minimalist way and I wondered if there is any news to add to this?

A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to approve Chris Little's proposal in respect of upgrading the listing for Tourist accommodation with the caveat it is stated the Authority does not in anyway indorse the advertisement.

- j) Message from Steve Rodan. "LLHT has been shortlisted into the 3 finalists in the Charity, Cultural and Social Enterprise category of the Isle of Man Newspapers Awards for Excellence, taking place at the Villa Marina on 15th November. This is wonderful news and I would be grateful if you would let the rest of the Committee know. Whether we actually win will only be known on the night, but without doubt it is a great accolade to be in the last 3 of what I believe was a very big field in this category, and thanks for this are due in very large part to Tony Wild for the quality of the application he made on the Trust's behalf. While we were not successful in the Customer Service category submitted for the Heritage Shop, I believe personally that the excellent submission made by Joan on that aspect of the Trust's activities did not pass unnoticed by the 16-strong judging panel! While I was attending the Awards ceremony with Ana that evening in any event, I have now as trust Chairman also received details of the arrangements for the finalists." *Noted.*

AM gave his apologies to the Chairman and left the meeting at 8.16pm.

88/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Andrew Moore, deputy Roz Bate. *Next Meeting 29th November.*
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Susan Jones. *SJ advised she wished to tender her resignation as the Commissioners representative on the Laxey and Lonan Heritage trust and she would be writing to the Chairman to advise accordingly. A discussion took place and it was resolved to put forward AJ as the new Commissioners representative. Next meeting AGM 29th November.*
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Susan Jones, Andrew Moore. *SJ advised a residents association was to be formed.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James. *JJ reported he had attended the recent Director's meeting.*

- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Susan Jones, Roz Bate. *Next Meeting Thursday January 17th, 7.00 pm.*
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – *Update provided by RB at meeting 17.10.12.*
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James. *No Report.*
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Susan Jones, Peter Kinnish. *Next meeting 10th December at 6.30pm*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore- *Next Meeting 3rd December at 3.00pm.*

89/12 **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman stated there was a great amount of work to do in the forth coming year and that the Board members and Authority staff for the continued support.

90/12 **Any Other Business**

- a) Chief Secretary's office emails on 01.11.12, in respect of a two minutes silence at 11.00am on Sunday 11th November 2012. Local Authorities are requested to make arrangements in their respective districts for giving warning of the precise moment at which the Two minutes Silence will begin and end.
The Clerk advised he had spoken to Mark Cleator at Laxey fire station who had advised he would be sounding the station siren. Noted.
- b) Graham Hooton emails on 01.11.12 asking how many Commissioners will be attending the service of Remembrance at All Saint's Church, Lonan 3.00pm. Graham needs to no. as reserved seats will be at a premium. The wreaths will be there on the day as usual. Also Service of Remembrance at the Valley Gardens War memorial 10.50am.
RB to attend both services.
- c) Simon Haddock emails on 01.11.12, with a photograph of a White Ford Transit Connect Van registration no. KMN 382F parked on double yellow lines and the disabled spot, SH believes the van belongs to Commissioner Peter Kinnish. SH points out his van is parked legally and asks "is it o.k for me and the other rate payers of LAXEY to do the same." SH advises he took the photograph following this matter has been raised by a number of residents.
PK stated he had not realised he was parked illegally. SJ stated the Commissioner should be setting an example to the resident of Laxey and should be more aware of the parking restrictions around the village.
- d) Jenny Gilmore of Moore Stephens emails on 06.11.12, enquiring if the Commissioners have given any thought in relation to the internal audit and areas they would like us to look at for them this year? Note: This year's internal Audit is scheduled to commence on 19th November.
A brief discussion took place and the Board resolved to leave this matter with the Clerk and Moore Stephens.
- e) Resident from Minorca Vale emails on 07.11.12 to raise a formal complaint about the refuse contractor. They advise the contractor empties the bins at 4.00am in the morning and take 10 mins to very loudly empty just 3 bins.
The Clerk advised he had been unable to contact Alan Kinrade to discuss the matter. But would follow up as soon as possible.
- f) SJ read out a letter from the Royal Artillery Association inviting her to the service at St Thomas's Church on Sunday 2nd December at 11.00am.
- g) PK asked if the Coloured lights on the prom shelter could put on at Christmas. *Clerk to arrange switch on of lights with maintenance operative.*
- h) PK advised a large commercial vehicle was parked on the Promenade adjacent to the Promenade shelter. *A discussion took place and it was resolved to note that this was a matter fro the Police and not the Local Authority.*
- i) PK stated that the lower part of Captains Hill was very dark and requested the Commissioners

consider installing street light(s). *It was unanimously resolved this item be included in the estimates capital schemes in 2013/2014.*

j) Approval of Audited 2010 Year End Accounts

The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2010 was presented to the Board for approval.

The Clerk, having advised the Members that the Statements of Accounts had been received from the Independent Auditor seeks resolution from the Board to approve.

It was unanimously resolved to approve Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2010. Signed by Chairman and counter signed by Responsible Finance Officer.

Meeting Closed at 8.58pm.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 21st November 2012, 6.45pm.