

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 11th June 2014 6.45pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr B.Snelling and Mrs P.Burgess.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

18/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 14/00644/C of 23.05.14 in respect of additional use of self-contained apartment as tourist accommodation at Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3677].
PK declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting.
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00644/C.

Approval Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- b) Nil.

Refusal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- c) Planning Refusal Notice No 14/00256/B of 21.05.14 in respect of application for replacement windows at The Cushag, 10, Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3668]{Delegated Powers}. Refused by LVC.
Resolved - To Note Planning Refusal Notice no. 14/00256/B.

Appeal Notices (DoI Planning Committee)

- d) Planning Appeal Result Notice No 13/91434/B of 22.05.14 for appeal against refusal to allow flat roof dormer to rear elevation of 3 Lower Cronk Orry, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3661]. Refused by LVC. Appeal allowed, development approved.
Resolved - To Note Planning Refusal Notice no. 13/91434/B.

- e) Planning Appeal Submission Notice 14/00256/B of 05.06.14 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow installation of replacement windows at The Cushag, 10, Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3668]. Refused by LVC.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to resubmit the original objection to this Planning Application.

Planning Enforcement (DoI Planning and Building Control)

- f) Nil

19/14 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 21st May 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

20/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 21st May 2014.

- a) Minute Reference 13/14, item b).

PK raised Works and Amenity and advised the Chairman they still had to do a tour of the village. AM stated he would arrange this with PK to do this in due course.

- b) Minute Reference 13/14, item d).

PK raised the matter of the white railings between Princes Motors and Mines Road, which have been removed during the recent track relay works. PK mentioned the new road way on the station green and said he thought the grass should be reinstated. PK stated he would raise these matters at the Regeneration meeting on 12.06.14. A discussion took place with respect to the bus shelter at Whitehouse close and whether it would be removed as part of the regeneration works. The Clerk

advised the plan was to move the bus stop down towards tram crossing and the existing bus shelter would be removed.

c) Minute Reference 17/14, item c).

JP asked if the Commissioners had an appeal procedure in order to establish the reasons why a particular decision had been made. JP suggested a procedure could be put on the website. AM stated the standard procedure would be to write to the Commissioners in response to correspondence received. JJ referred to the Corporate Principle and Code of Conduct Document and in particular to members conduct. RB stated that Laxey Village Commissioners standing orders prevent Resolutions from being rescinded and referred to the 3 month time period.

21/14 **General correspondence**

a) Mrs Amos telephones on 23.05.14 in respect of campsite booking commencing 2nd June 2014 for 14 nights. Mrs Amos advises her husband has been declared unfit to travel by his Doctor and they wish to cancel the booking. Mrs Amos asks if the Commissioners would consider refunding her deposit of £154. She states they don't have travel insurance.

Unanimously Resolved to refund the deposit of £154.00.

b) Mr R. Black of Blacks Fireplaces writes on 23.05.14 regarding the provision of coach parking in Mines Road. Seeks to clarify whether the restriction time is April to October or all year. He further requests a dedicated parking space opposite his shop.

A discussion took place and it was resolved the parking restriction would be all year round and that provision of car parking spaces would be the responsibility of the Department of Infrastructure. Resolved – Clerk to write to Mr Black to advise accordingly.

c) Mr Ronan letter of 21.05.14 regarding Merger of Garff Authorities.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved AM and RB would attend the meeting on 30.06.14.

d) Alan Norman Brightcliffe of 9 Heeley Street, Wigan, WN1 2HN, writes to request a Memorial Bench to be placed on Laxey Promenade in memory of Ann Maria Brightcliffe, nee Canipa, Born Douglas 23rd May 1948, died 5th April 2013 Wigan.

Resolved to approve.

e) Elaine.Caley@cs0.gov.im e-mails at 1132 hours - Please see attached letters from Brigadier N A Butler CBE, Chairman Isle of Man Armed Forces Day Committee regarding the Event that takes place on Sunday 29th June 2014 with a march starting at 1500 hours from Regent Street to the Villa Marina where a service starts at 1545 hours followed by refreshments. RSVP to Mrs E. Caley on 685708 or e-mail to Elaine.caley@cs0.gov.im before Friday 20th June 2014.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write and advise there is no one available to attend.

22/14 **Committee Reports**

a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate – AGM, 22.05.14

RB reported that herself and JJ had attended the AGM at Vagabonds Rugby Club. Viv Quane had been elected as Chairman and Andrew Jessop as President, the officers appointed were Barbara Dunworth, Secretary and Peter Hill Treasurer.

b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish

PK advised he was unable to attend the meeting as it was taking place at the same time as the Commissioners statutory meeting this evening.

c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Jeff James

JJ reported he had been welcomed back onto the Board and Simon Clucas had replaced Nigel Dobson as Lonan's second Board member, and Andrew Moore had been elected as Chairman for a second year.

d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – No Report.

e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Andrew Moore – Next meeting 30.06.14.

f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish – Next meeting TBC

- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James – No Report.
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Julie Pinson – Meeting dates 12.06.14, 23.07.14.
AM reported that the two large MNH signs at the end of Mines Road were no longer required, a condition report had been produced and MNH had offered the signs to the Laxey Village Commissioner on the condition they would maintain them. PK reported he had asked MNH to meet on site however this meeting had not taken place. PK stated the signs were in good condition and proposed LVC take over the signs. JP suggested MNH pay for any repair prior to handing over. A discussion took place and it was Resolved Laxey Commissioners would take over responsibility for the signs from MNH. PK reported he had made enquiries with respect to the Terms of Reference of the Regeneration Committee in particular who had voting right's. PK referred to the Regeneration minutes dated 26.02.14 when this had been clarified by Steven Stanley. It was Resolved the Clerk circulate the aforementioned minutes to the Commissioners.
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – No Report.
- j) **Works and Amenities** – Andrew Moore, Peter Kinnish. – No Report.

23/14 Chairman's Report

No Report.

24/14 Any Other Business

- a) Garff meeting 30.06.14, 1100hrs, at Sea Terminal – Confirmation of attendees and any specific questions that they have and would like to be addressed at the meeting, in ADDITION to the 7-Points already discussed.
Resolved to note.
- b) **Works and Amenity Meetings**
Meeting to discuss Promenade Buildings planned works – Friday 13th June at 0930hrs, Promenade Shelter. JP, PK, RB and JJ to attend.
Meeting with Planning Officer to discuss options for 35 New Road – Wednesday 18th June at 1000hrs, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas.
Email from Chris Bulmer – Circulated to meeting.
Resolved to note – RB, JP JJ and AM to attend.
- c) The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2014 presented to the Board for approval along with Grant Thornton Letter of Completion of 09.06.14 and reports on any significant findings from the Audit.
The Clerk, having advised the Members that the Statements of Accounts had been received from the Independent Auditor, sort resolution from the Board to approve and sign by Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer. Also approval of letter of representation.
JJ proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the works undertaken with the accountant and Auditor in preparing the accounts and maintaining the financial records. The Clerk advised that Laxey Village Commissioners were the first Local Authority to complete the Audit process this year and as a result of works undertaken, in future years the Authority would see reduction in the Account preparation and Audit fees.
It was unanimously Resolved to approve the Audited Statements on Accounts for the year end 31st March 2014 and approve the standard letter of representation to the Auditor. Proposed JJ, Seconded RB.
- d) Clean A Way writes on 05.06.14 to offer Refuse Collection Services, both Commercial and Domestic. They are part of the Strand Group and comprises Magees Haulage. They wish to expand their business and look forward to speaking to the Board of Commissioners if they so wish.
Resolved to note.
- e) **RE: LA021 – O/S NEWSTEAD, RAMSEY ROAD.** Further to a site visit by one of our Streetlight technicians, we have been advised the above fitting is beyond repair. The driver has blown due to the ingress of water and the gear tray is corroded so we are unable to replace it. We would recommend a replacement fitting which I have estimated the cost of below. The estimated cost of a new arm &

standard fitting is £610.00 + VAT or the estimated cost of a new arm & 32 LED fitting is £720.00 + VAT. Please send an email, letter or fax confirming the above so we may carry out this work at our earliest convenience.

The Clerk advised he had contacted the MEA and requested information with respect to running costs and light levels. It was Resolved the Clerk instruct the MEA to replace the fitting.

- f) JP asked if the minutes could be updated on the website. The Clerk advised they were currently up to date however following a recent IT upgrade there had been an issue accessing the web server which had now been resolved.
- g) RB asked if enquiries could be made with respect to the Department's plans for the Glen Gardens Pavilion. Resolved – Clerk to make enquiries.
- h) JP referred to the wall at the back of the Whitehouse Close Building that faced onto the MER station stating the area was untidy and not welcoming to visitors. A discussion took place and it was Resolved this matter should be raised with Peter Maddock's at the next Regeneration meeting.
- i) JP referred to the latest edition of the Laxey Views newsletter and the 'Door Step Challenge' article JP proposed the Commissioners contact the persons organising the initiative taking place on 12th and 13th July and ask what the Authority can do to assist. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the organisers of the event should contact the Commissioners.
- j) AM advised an articles had appeared in a previous Laxey Views newsletter advising an initial approach had been made to the Commissioners with regard to 'a Community Initiative'. AM stated this approach had been an informal conversation with a member of staff and that in future any articles relating to the Commissioners should only be published following a formal approach and approval of the contents. Resolved Clerk to write to Newsletter editor to advised.
- k) AM congratulated the Laxey and District Rifle Club on winning the Rifle Associations Winter Indoor League championship for the season 2013-2014. This follows their success in the championship the previous season 2012-2013.

Meeting Closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd July 2014 6.45pm