

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 15th April 2015 10.00 am

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, Glenn Blacker, Mr C Cowin.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

154/14 Guest – Mr Glenn Blacker (GB) and Mr C Cowin (CC) - Environmental Health Officer, Environment, Safety & Health Directorate, Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture. The Clerk circulated a report containing details of twelve properties in Laxey that are considered to be in a poor stated of decoration or repair causing a detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area. The Clerk referred to the Commissioners to the recommendations made for each property. **GB** addressed the Commissioners, providing an overview of the procedure for dealing properties advising that each property should be dealt with based on condition. location and overall impact on the visual amenity of the surrounding area, stating that use of the available legislation was always a last resort. The contents and recommendations contained in the document were noted by the Commissioners. A discussion took place in private reference the actions to be taken on each property. The Chairman thanked **GB** for attending. **GB** left at 1105hrs.

155/14 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 15/00344/B of 30.03.15 in respect of enlargement of existing kitchen window to rear elevation to provide bi-fold doors at 5, Ballacollister Heights, Laxey, IM4 7JW. [LVC Ref: 3714].

It was resolved to approve planning application No 15/00344/B.

Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

- b) Nil.

Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- c) Nil.

Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- d) Nil.

Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

- e) Nil.

Planning - other Correspondence

- f) Nil.

156/14 Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 1st April 2015 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed by **RB**, Seconded by **JJ***

157/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 1st April 2015.

- a) **148/14(b) – PK** enquired what the status was with regards to the Harbour Toilets. PH stated that an update would be provided at the next meeting.

The Clerk advised he was still waiting a response.

- b) **RB** reported one of the Electric Hook-up's at the campsite had been damaged by a guest reversing into it. Temporary repairs had been undertaken and the person responsible had offered to pay for the replacement pillar. The Clerk advised once his was in receipt of the invoice for the works this would be forwarded to the person responsible.

- c) **Transferred Services – RB** raised the matter of transferred services and the Boards decision on the proposal to continue negotiations with Douglas Borough Council for provision of Gully Cleaning, Street Sweeping and Hedge cutting services. **RB** advised that Maughold Commissioners wished to tender for the hedge cutting element. A discussion took place and **AM** stated he would prefer for all the services to be provided by one contractor, however proposed that Laxey Commissioners should go with the majority decision of the three Garff Board. It was unanimously Resolved to accept this proposal. **RB** to report to the Garff Joint initiative meeting 15.04.15.

158/14 General Correspondence

- d) Consultation on Proposed Non-Resident Traders (Licence Fees) Regulations 2015 - The Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading (OFT) is seeking your views in relation to the fee payable for the issuing of a Non-Resident Traders licence. The fee shall be such an amount as is prescribed by regulations made under the Non-Resident Traders Act 1983 and is subject to approval by Tynwald. Please find attached a copy of the consultation paper which sets out the OFT's proposals together with the draft Non-Resident Traders (Licence Fees) Regulations 2015. Comments should be submitted in writing by post, fax or email no later than 5.00pm on **Friday 15 May 2015**. Additional copies of this document can be obtained from the OFT by telephoning (01624) 686567. Electronic copies are also available at www.gov.im/ofc/consultations.gov.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to response indicating the Commissioners would like to see equalisation of charges between 'out of season' and 'sports specific' events. **PB**

- e) Margaret McHale e-mails at 1112 hours on 07.04.15 with Temporary Road Closure for Back Shore Road from 20.04.15 to 22.05.15. (Outside Fuchsia Cottage to enable rendering work).
Resolved to Note.

159/14 Reports

- a) Clerk advises as per Standing Orders, the Authority's AGM will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 10.00pm.

Part 1- Proceedings and Business

1) ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Authority shall be held at the office of the Commissioners on the first Wednesday of May at 10.00pm.

- b) Clerk reminds any candidate for the post of Chairman or Vice Chairman should formally announce their candidacy, please see standing order Appendix 'A', page 15.

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN

1. The first business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting shall be concerned with the election of a Chairman. The Chairman for the twelve months immediately preceding the Meeting (or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman) shall Chair the Annual Meeting until such time as a new Chairman shall have been elected.
 - 1a. Members with a minimum of one year's service to the Commissioners are eligible to stand for the office of Chairman, unless such a candidate does not exist or is unwilling to stand in which case all members are eligible to stand.
 - 1b. Any candidates for the post of Chairman should formally announce their candidacy and advise members of their aims and aspirations for the year ahead. This should be done by way of a 'mini-manifesto' which should be received by the clerk in good time to be circulated with the meeting summons to the Annual Meeting typically held on the first Wednesday of May each year. This gives existing board members the opportunity to consider where to place their vote and also provides new members with sufficient information to make a decision as to who should lead the board in the forthcoming year.
 - 1c. No late submissions will be accepted.

PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF AUTHORITY VICE CHAIRMAN

- 1a. Members with a minimum of one year's service to the Commissioners are eligible to stand for the office of Vice-Chairman, unless such a candidate does not exist or is unwilling to stand in which case all members are eligible to stand.
- 1b. Any candidates for the post of Vice-Chairman should formally announce their candidacy and advise members of their aims and aspirations for the year ahead. This should be done by way of a 'mini-manifesto' which should be received by the clerk in good time to be circulated with the meeting summons to the Annual Meeting typically held on the first Wednesday of May each year. This gives existing board members the opportunity to consider where to place their vote and also provides new members with sufficient information to make a decision as to who should lead the board in the forthcoming year.
- 1c. No late submissions will be accepted.

Clerk requests 'mini manifesto's' no later than 3pm on Thursday 30th April 2015.

Resolved to note.

160/14 Any Other Business

- a) Chris Hannon e-mails at 1609 hours on 10.04.15 a Consultation on Draft Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015 - The Department of Infrastructure is seeking feedback on proposals to update the Isle of Man's highway legislation. The draft Highways (Amendment) Bill 2015 proposes a series of amendments to the Highways Act 1986, with the aim of improving road safety and providing greater clarity on matters such as the making up of private streets. Please find attached a copy of the draft Bill which includes an explanatory memo detailing the clauses; an Impact Assessment and a consultation letter which details the main items the Department feel would be of interest to the public and how to respond to the consultation.

Deferred to meeting 06.05.15.

- b) Steve Rodan MHK e-mails at 2337 hours on 11.04.15 regarding closure of All Saints Church - Please see the attached letter from the Lord Bishop in response to our recent letter to the Church Commissioners, offering proposals for a possible way forward. I am disappointed by the negative response to our ideas, and perhaps we should meet again to discuss sometime soon.

JP proposed that a face to face meeting with the Bishop would be a better option than writing. A discussion took place and it was Resolved JP liaise with SR to arrange a meeting with the Bishop and other interested parties.

JP

- c) BD e-mails at 1804 hours on 12.04.15 invitation to Municipal AGM on 28.05.15 at 1900 hours at the Port St Mary Golf Pavilion Restaurant. Cost is £16.95 per person payable to Isle of Man Municipal Association before 14.05.15.

It was confirmed RB and JP would attend.

PB

- d) Catherine Kelly emails at 0853 on 14.04.15 - Please forward any agenda items for the upcoming NTMLG meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 April 2015.

It was Resolved to forward item 160/14, g) for the agenda. See Below.

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- e) Letter from Mr Steve Rodan MHK inviting Commissioners and Clerk to attend the official unveiling of the Laxey Miners Statue at 2pm on Saturday 23rd May 2015. RSVP Laxey Commissioners Clerk. *A discussion took place and it was Resolved that where possible all Commissioners should attend this event.*

- f) Laxey Diving Raft - Repairs works have now been completed by Paul Bloom - Master Craftsmen at the Village Workshop and the Raft is ready for collection.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Raft would be put in towards the end of May.

PB

- g) Catherine from Laxey Dental Surgery telephones to enquire if it would be possible to have an additional disabled car parking space adjacent to Swales and the Dental Surgery.

It was Resolved to pass the request to NTMLG agenda. See item 160/14, d).

- h) **Laxey Village Volunteers** – The Clerk advised that Mrs Dawn Kinnish had organised a village tidy on Friday 10.04.15. The volunteers had tidied up the area towards the bottom of Captains Hill and

they were intending to finish clearing the area on Saturday 18th April. **AM** Stated the Commissioners fully supported the Volunteers efforts and asked the clerk to on thanks on behalf of the Commissioners. **PB**

i) **Domestic Rates Consultation** – A discussion took place and reference was made to a recent press release by Maughold Commissioners. It was resolved to place this matter on the agenda for the meeting 06.05.15.

j) **Regeneration Meeting** - **JP** reported she had attended the regeneration meeting on 08.04.15. **JP** advised that the traction poles on the station would be painted green and the skip would be replaced with large wheelie bins. The port-a-cabin used for the Ultimate Driver Experience Training had been put back on the station and a proposal had been put forward to screen the area or remove it and use the Working Mens Institute. It had been found that the Kiosks were sitting in water and works were to be undertaken to raise these off the ground. Two prototype litter bin were currently being manufacture by different suppliers however they were not ready yet. It had been agreed that vintage posters would be placed on the back wall of the Whitehouse Close building and the gable end of the EVF filling station building.\

k) **Phone Box at the Top of Minorca Hill** – A Commissioner reported the phone was missing. Clerk to contact Manx Telecom. **PB**

Meeting Closed at 1240hrs

Date of next meeting – AGM Wednesday 6th May 2015, 10.00am.