

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 15th May 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk. Mr A.Scullard, Mr D. Peters Mrs J.Pinson

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

11/13 Guest Attendance.

Mr A. Scullard and Mr D. Peters representing Moddey Dhoo, and Mrs J. Pinson, tenant Laxey Promenade Kiosk, with regards to forthcoming Laxey Bike Show Thursday 6th June 2013.

AM welcomed both parties to the meeting. A detailed discussion took place with respect to email correspondence dated 26.04.13 from the Moddey Dhoo motor cycle club to Laxey Commissioners requesting permission for the following:

- 1) To have permission to erect our Marquee on the Green as in previous years.
- 2) To have an Electric Supply from the Store to power the Public Address System.
- 3) To use part of the 'Arched' Public Shelter to accommodate 'Signing On' and an area designated for 'Lost Children' etc.
- 4) To avoid any possible misunderstandings, could the Commissioners please clarify the area that is included in the lease agreement for the Cafe to trade from, and if they have exclusive rights to catering on the promenade during the 'Road Closure' period.
- 5) To invite an additional 'Food Vendor' to operate at the show during the 'Road Closure' period.

DP advised the 'band' would be performing in either in a Marquee or on a trailer depending on the weather on the day. AS referred to the 'Roads closed order' and the area the event organisers were responsible for on the day and asked if Mrs Pinson could advise if she would setting up a temporary vending area. JP advised she had liaised with Vincent 'Vinney'ale and she would be providing a 'hog roast' and Mr Dale would be selling burgers and hot dogs. A discussion took place in respect of Manx Telecoms provision of a temporary mast. It was Resolved to grant permissions as requested.

AM thanked AS and DP for attending.

In Private – Mrs Julie Pinson in respect of lease for Promenade Kiosk and Store.

12/13 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/00525/B of 01.05.13 in respect of Redevelopment of existing coach park including creation of five coach parking bays and drop off area, formation of paved passenger waiting and alighting area with associated seating and lighting at Mines Road Coach Park. [LVC Ref: 3638].

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00525/B

- b) Planning Application No 13/00538/B of 02.05.13 in respect of installation of five replacement windows to south elevation at Wheel View, Wheel Hill, Laxey, IM4 7NL. [LVC Ref: 3639].

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00538/B

b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00372/B of 08.05.13 in respect of alterations to clubhouse and relocation of ground equipment store at Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facility, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3633][{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC*

Resolved - To Note.

c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Refusal Notice No 12/01337/B of 07.05.13 in respect of erection of dwelling with attached garage, site adjacent to Highfield, Stoney Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3606]. {Chief Secretary's Office}. Refused by LVC.

Resolved- To Note.

d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

None.

e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

None.

13/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 1st May 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

14/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 1st May 2013

a) 07/13, Item f0.

Public Services Commission Consultation.

Mrs Bate has asked if the Board members could please advise which of the alternative suggestion they would like to follow:

1. future wages and conditions to be determined individually
2. or collectively by authorities with employees reps or Local Authorities adopting terms and conditions as agreed by the proposed Public Services Commission.

A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to propose option 2. RB to report back to the Municipal Association meeting 23.05.13.

15/13 General correspondence

a) Onchan Community Officer Report for April 2013. Reports indecent graffiti in Football Club toilets, youths playing ball in Rose Gardens, various dog walkers noted.

Resolved – To Note.

b) Invitation to Mrs Jones from Tynwald to the Tynwald Garden Party at The Nunnery on Sunday 7th July 2013 at 1430 hours.

Clerk to request invitation be amended to the current Chairman.

c) M. Mortimer e-mails at 2103 hours on 07.05.13 - My family have lived Streamside, Glen Road, Laxey for over 30 years, and have had no major issues until the land next our property was re-allocated from a bowling green, to a football area. We have never had any complaints about this and welcome the development of the area. However, the impact and damage that has been caused by the kids and footballs, I do not feel was considered. Throughout the years since the land changing to a football area, various parts of the green house has had to be replaced, and also fencing. The Manx stonewall has also warred away due to frequently been climbed over, and local police have been dealing with teenagers drinking at the bottom of the garden. Even though improving fencing in areas is possibly a responsibility of my family, I feel that a protective netting or fencing should be erected, and is the Commissioners responsibility. This was done about a decade or more ago, at the end of the football pitch to protect the houses behind it. I do not think something so large would be required, but is definitely needed. This evening, several children (some as young as nine) entered the garden to collect a football, and in the process, have purposely broken 13 panes of glass on the green house. PC Stewart Footer (badge number 131) was called by a neighbour, and has dealt with the situation. Without prompting he has suggested that some netting or something similar needs to be erected by the Commissioners. I would like to work with the Commissioners to resolve this situation, and look towards implementing some eco friendly netting. I hope we can do this in a timely manor, as the popularity of playing various ball games increases during the summer. I am not looking to stop the fun had on this land, but to ensure all parties are happy.

Resolved – Clerk to investigate costs of a mesh type fence similar to the adjacent singles tennis court.

d) Department of Infrastructure Highways division emails on 08.05.13, in respect of No through route signs; Ard Reayrt. ‘This query has resurfaced again, as we receive a number of such requests and

seek to minimise signage clutter the usual stance for residential estates would be that in the first instance the nameplate should be updated to include a no through road symbol however due to a change in admin staff I am unsure if your commissioners were ever advised of this at the time. If the Commissioners are unhappy with this action then I can arrange for a pole and the relevant plate to be erected.'

The Clerk advised the DoI had been requested to provide a temporary sign for the TT period.

Resolved – Clerk to order a plate with the wording 'NO THROUGH ROAD' to be mounted below the existing Ard Reayrt sign.

- e) Ian Begley of SMP Tax and Accounting emails on 09.05.13, in respect of Local Authority property valuations. At a recent Responsible Finance Officer meeting Nigel Crowe of Chrystals Commercial indicated that there had been approximately a 10% decrease in the value of social housing on the Isle of Man, this reflects a general downturn in property prices on the island and is likely to include commercial property. Laxey Commissioners are next due to have a valuation carried out towards the end of 2014 for inclusion in the 2015 year end accounts, however IB has indicated the Public Auditor BDO (formally PKF) will require an interim 'desk top' valuation to reflect the downturn for inclusion in the 31st March year end accounts. This affects in the region of 20 authorities at an estimated cost of £1,000 to £1,500 each. IB is concerned that Chrystals will not be able to complete the valuations ready for submission of SORP compliant accounts on 31st July 2013. Failure to complete the re-valuation could result in the accounts being qualified. IB advises that BDO will be in touch in the near future about this matter and in the meantime has advised this is brought to the Boards attention.

A discussion took place and the Clerk advised this matter had been placed on the agenda for the forthcoming Local Authority Finance Officer meeting 24.05.13. It was Resolved the Board object to an interim valuation as they believe this is unnecessary.

16/13 Reports

a) Approval of Audited 2012 Year End Accounts

The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2012 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 resolved to approve Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2012 Signed by Chairman and counter signed by Responsible Finance Officer.

PK advised he had not had time to read the documents circulated.

17/13 Any Other Business

- a) Department of Health Posters about Misuse of Prescription Drugs in that there has been an increase in the number of members of the public supplying and selling prescription drugs to other persons.
Resolved – To note.
- b) Laxey Diving Raft – Commissioners to determine date for launch.
It was unanimously the Clerk arrange for the Laxey diving Raft be put in before the end of May 2013.
- c) Paul Cowin e-mails at 1557 hours on 13.05.13 with Agenda for ECAS Meeting – Monday 20th May 2013 at 1430 hours at Strathallan Suite; Minutes of 18.03.13 and ECAS Report for 2013 to 2014.
Resolved – To note, AM to attend.
- d) Denise Maddrell e-mails at 1449 hours on 13.05.13 with Road Closure Order 930 in respect of Laxey Motorcycle Show on 06.06.13.
Resolved – To note.
- e) Rob Matthews e-mails at 2235 hours on 14.05.13 from Laxey Football Club regarding the TT - Good Evening to you all, Harry Wade, Laxey AFC Chairman has advised me to notify you as a result of his discussion with Mr. Moore Chairman of Laxey Commissioners. Attached is a copy of a letter for your perusal and discussion at your board meeting tomorrow evening. **The Letter states –**

“Dear Laxey Commissioners, Harry Wade, Laxey AFC Chairman has advised me to submit a letter to Laxey Commissioners as a result of a discussion that Harry has had with Mr. Moore Chairman of Laxey Commissioners. The Laxey AFC TT Campsite has gone from strength to strength, and has again eclipsed last year’s numbers, and there is still further demand. Laxey AFC are of the opinion that if people want to camp in Laxey, let’s keep them in Laxey. The club (Harry) therefore have discussed the possibility of using the old bowling green area as an overspill camping area with Mr. Moore, and that the club would administer this area, and at the same time donate 50% of the pitch fees to Laxey Commissioners. We are aware that there is a Laxey Commissioners board meeting on 15th May 2013, and ask that this proposal be considered, and that we receive your immediate feedback, as I either have to advise the additional campers yes they can camp at Laxey or they have to find another site.”

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to approve the request to use the Old Bowling Green as an overflow area for the Laxey AFC TT Campsite, and proposed that a portaloos is located in the area.

JJ and PK declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting.

- f) Douglas Corporation invitation of 14.05.13 to their Civic Sunday Service on Sunday 9th June 2013 at 0950 hours at St Thomas’s Church.

Resolved – No one available to attend.

- g) JJ raised the matter of the consultation with respect the members meeting attendance allowance and the recent report on Manx Radio. JJ stated that Mrs Bate had said did not support the Boards proposal to increase the allowance to £78 and enquired why this had not been raised in matters arising at the meeting 3rd April 2013. RB replied she had raised the matter in the Municipal Association Committee report.

- h) PK raised a number of matter including 4 promenade lights not working, Rose Gardens lights not working and problems with drains at the Football club. Clerk advised the lights would be looked at and the PK requested AM and the Clerk meet at the Football club to inspect the drains.

- i) The Clerk advised that the Moddey Dhoo Motor Cycle club had requested the Commissioners assist with the distribution of letter to residents advising of the Traffic orders for the event. The Clerk advised that last year arrangement were made for the young people who deliver the Courier to deliver approx 280 letters for a fee of £60. Resolved – Clerk to make arrangements for delivery of the letters for a fee of £60.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 29th May 2013, 6.45pm.