

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 16th April 2014 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mr AJ Moore (Chairman)

The Clerk advised apologies had been received from the Chairman. In his absence the Vice Chairman took the chair.

158/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Deferred from meeting 02.04.14.

Planning Application no. 14/00335/B, in respect of Erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking, Land Adjacent to Cliff Cottage, Back Shore Rd, Laxey. [LVC Ref 3670].

Planning Submission 14/00335/B of 11.04.14 prepared by Cains Advocates for Mr & Mrs Williams regarding erection of detached dwelling in garden of Cliff Cottage, Back Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3670].

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

1. *The proposed development is an overly intensive use of the site*
2. *The style is not in keeping with the surrounding area*
3. *The development is unneighbourly in that it is to close to the adjacent properties*
4. *It significantly reduces the amenity of Cliff Cottage by taking away the garden.*
5. *Concerns over the close proximity of the development to the cliff at the rear.*

c) Planning Application No 14/00349/B of 20.03.14 in respect of replacing Public House with four detached dwellings with associated parking at the New Inn, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3671].

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

1. *The development amounts to over intensive,*
2. *The design detracts from the Village visual environment,*
3. *The grounds for refusal in this matter are no different to those expressed in response to PA 12/01674/B.*

d) Planning Application No 14/00418/C of 03.04.14 in respect of change of use from retail to coffee shop and sandwich bar at Unit 3, Whitehouse Buildings, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3672]. Submissions before Friday 9th May 2014.

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00418/C.

e) Planning Application No 14/00425/C of 07.04.14 in respect of retrospective permission to use car park for extra storage and a transit area at Glen Mill, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3673].

Submissions before Friday 9th May 2014.

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00425/C.

f) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

g) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

h) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

i) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

j) Planning - other Correspondence

Nil.

159/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2nd April 2014 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.
Proposed RB, Seconded JR.

160/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 2nd April 2014.

a) Meeting Reference 157/13 – item c).

PK reported that the Department of Infrastructure were planning to undertake repair works to the beach side of the Harbour pier. A discussion took place and it was resolved not to progress any works to move beach stones until the department had completed the works.

161/13 General Correspondence

- a) Nigel Dobson emails on 20.03.14 in respect of the Garff Joint Board proposals - After our public meetings I felt it would be a good idea to see how we now progress to put meat onto the bones. I have been in touch with and had a meeting with Steve Rodan who has been very helpful in advising where we go next. I have attached a document that outlines some of the main points we need to address and some suggested personal responses. Copies circulated with papers to meeting.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to approve the seven points outlined in the document. Mr Dobson's comments were noted.
- b) Reverend Jo Dudley writes dates 27th March 2014 with reference to Island Flower Festival, Thursday 3rd July to Wednesday 9th July 2014. Invites the Commissioners to take part in this village venture by either providing a display or donating money to fund purchase of flowers or support while the festival is open. Copies circulated with papers to meeting.
JR to speak to his wife and ask if she would be willing to produce an arrangement. The Board Resolved to pay for any materials used.
- c) Howard Parkin e-mails at 1626 hours on 03.04.14 - Please find attached a letter, which I would ask that you initially please bring to the attention of your Clerk and ultimately your members. The letter is basically asking that your authority, when considering the replacement or erection of new street lights does so bearing in mind the considerable cost saving that can be made by installing new style LED full cut off lighting. As well as saving your authority (and ratepayers) considerable expense, such action will also help to enhance the IOM's Dark skies status.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to investigate the possible use of LED street lights in suitable locations.
- d) Community Officer Report for March '14. No offences disclosed.
Resolved to note.
- e) Department of Infrastructure letter of 03.04.14 seeking permission to erect road safety banners on the Promenade for TT & Festival of Motorcycling 2014.
Resolved to approve.
- f) Onchan Commissioners Invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 18th May 2014.
Resolved RB to attend.

162/13 Reports

- a) Clerk advises as per Standing Orders, the Authority's AGM will take place on Wednesday 7th May at 6.45pm.

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 6.45pm.

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 1500hrs on Thursday 1st May 2014.

Resolved to note.

163/13 Any Other Business

- a) Steven Morley Approval in Principle Application for 35 New Road.
Resolved to note.
- b) Margaret McHale e-mails at 1600 hours on 11.04.14 an emergency parking prohibition in Mines Road from 14.04.14 to 21.04.14.
Resolved to note.
- c) BD e-mails at 1945 hours on 13.04.14 with invitation to the Municipal AGM on Thursday 22 May 2014 at Vagabonds Rugby Club in Braddan at 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt. The meal will be a hot and cold buffet (which caters for vegetarians) and the price is £16.50 per person. It is essential that payment in full is made with your booking and sent directly to our Treasurer, Mr Peter Hill, Clerk to Lonan Parish Commissioners, Commissioners' Office, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BG. Payment by cheque is acceptable - made payable to Isle of Man Municipal Association, or by bank transfer to – Isle of Man Bank, East Region, PO Box 13 Douglas IM99 1AN, Sort Code 55-91-00, Account Number 10788379. Your booking would be appreciated as soon as possible and no later than 12 May.
Resolved - RB and JR to attend.
- d) Minutes of Garff – 26.03.14. Circulated.
Resolved to note.

Government House letter of 14.04.14 to the Chairman regarding the Reception at Government House in honour of The Queen's Birthday on Wednesday 18th June 2014 at 1830 hours. The letter is an invitation to nominate 4 guests from the Village to attend with him and can be single or double. Please ask your nominated guests and **RSVP to this Office before Monday 12th May.**

Resolved - Clerk to forward to the Chairman.

- e) PK proposed a contractor be brought in to assist with the removal of stones from the bank at the rear of the promenade green. The Clerk advised that works were still ongoing and that damaged areas of grass had been reseeded.
- f) PK reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding the works undertaken at the MER station and that the matter be recorded in the public minutes. The Clerk advised the authority had been copied in to an email from the Department of Infrastructure Chief Executive, which explained the works were not yet completed and that priority had been given to reopening to station in time for the start of the season. Clerk to circulate email to Commissioners.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7th May 2014, 6.45pm. Annual General Meeting.