#### LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

## **Mid Monthly Meeting**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014 6.45 pm

# **Meeting Minutes**

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

**In Attendance**: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk. **Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

#### 32/14 Planning Matters

## **Planning Applications**

a) Planning Application No 14/00757/B of 25.06.14 in respect of erection of a retaining wall of gabion baskets along the boundary with the Manx Electric Railway, retrospective, on land adjacent to Rockwood, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC ref: 3679].

It was Resolved to approve planning application no. 14/00757/B.

**b)** Planning Application No 14/00797/B of 04.07.14 in respect of removal of chimney stack at Springfield Cottage, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC ref: 3682].

It was Resolved to approve planning application no. 14/00797/B.

#### **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**

It was Resolved to note planning approval notices No 14/00418/C and 14/00644/C.

- c) Planning Approval Notice No 14/00418/C of 04.07.14 in respect of change of use from retail to coffee shop at Unit 3 Whitehouse Buildings, New Road. [LVC ref: 3672]. *Approved by LVC*.
- d) Planning Approval Notice No 14/00644/C of 11.07.14 in respect of additional use of self-contained apartment as tourist accommodation at Oirr Ushtey, Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3677]. Approved by LVC.

## **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

e) Nil.

#### **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

f) Nil.

#### Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

g) Nil

#### **Planning - other Correspondence**

h) Nil.

#### 33/14 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

# 34/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014.

a) Meeting Reference 27/14., item a).

Village notice Boards. Deferred from meeting 02.07.14.

A discussion took place in respect of possible locations for village notices Boards. The following locations were suggested, Total Garage, Craig Mooar Café, Mines Road Coach Park, Laxey Promenade, Wall of post office building, football field, Whiterhouse Close.

It was resolved the clerk obtain quotations for notice Boards as proposed in PK email dated 03.07.14.

**b)** Meeting Reference 28.14, item c).

Consultation on the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Bill 2014 which is to provide for a statutory framework within which the prosecution are to disclose unused material in criminal prosecutions and to provide further information on the basis of the statement of case made by the accused. Submissions before Tuesday 24th July 2014.

JJ briefed the Commissioners on the Consultation on the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Bill 2014. A member asked a question in respect of right of appeal, JJ confirmed that the right to appeal remained unchanged. Resolved to Note.

c) Meeting Reference 31.14, item e).

DED Road Races e-mails at 1541 hours on 27.06.14 - The Department of Economic Development considers that there may be significant benefit in scheduling an additional qualifying session on Saturday 23rd August 2014 to provide competitors more opportunity to practice, qualify and prepare their machines prior to the scheduled commencement of racing. The Department invites views on the proposal which will result in an additional 2.5 hour road closure on Saturday 23rd August commencing 0930. I have pleasure in attaching a link to the consultation paper for your consideration. Responses may be submitted by post or email. The closing date for receipt of comments is Friday 1st August 2014. www.gov.im/consultationdetail.gov?id=446.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved individual Commissioners summit there our response to the consultation.

#### **35/14** General Correspondence

Elaine.Caley@cso.gov.im e-mails at 1018 hours - Please see attached invitation letter from the Chief Minister to the Service of Commemoration for the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. The Chairman, or other representative is invited to attend the Service to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 at 1500 hours at St. George's Church, Douglas. RSVP if and who is attending to Clair Barks by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014. She can be contacted on either 685211 or <a href="mailto:clair.barks@gov.im">clair.barks@gov.im</a>.

It was Resolved the Chairman attend the Service of Commemoration for the Centenary Of the outbreak of the first world war.

Margaret Wetton e-mails at 1241 hours on 03.07.14 - Just a few words to express our thanks for a really enjoyable holiday at the pretty and well kept Quarry Road campsite. We found the site and facilities to be clean and well maintained and John the warden was friendly and helpful sharing his local knowledge to assist us in our holiday plans. Please pass on our thanks to John for helping to make our holiday so enjoyable. We loved the Harbour and beach area and thought the facilities provided there excellent for locals and visitors alike. Finally, on our last day we attended the Laxey Fair, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Please congratulate the organizers on their efforts and thank them on our behalf. We hope to make a return visit next year. Kind Regards Margaret & Mick Wetton.

Resolved to note.

Dawn Kinnish e-mails at 1023 hours on 04.07.14 - Morning Pete I understand that my idea of Laxey Doorstep Dazzle Challenge was raised in an earlier Commissioners meeting but sadly did not find support from the Commissioners, save for Julie. That aside, we are pressing on and a group of 10 volunteers will be weeding and sweeping along the Glen Road on the morning of 12 July. Any recyclable rubbish will be placed in a clear poly bag that DoI are providing and I will then recycle. Cones and signs are also coming from the DoI. Risk assessments will be done my myself. I have contacted Bill Dale from Beach Buddies for some general advice. Could the Commissioners assist with the following: 1. Supply of black bin liners 2. Lend hi viz vests 3. Lend any brushes. The DoI have suggested that I ask you if you will dispose of the rubbish, can you let me have your thoughts on this please? Many thanks Dawn.

A discussion took place with respect to the statement that the Doorstep Dazzle Challenge had failed to find support from the Commissioners save for one member. It was pointed out that this matter had been raised by JP at the meeting 11.06.14, at this meeting it was resolved the Commissioners would await a formal approach from the organiser with full details of what was proposed, no decision had been made in respect of support. AM reported that following the email request 04.07.14 the Authority had provided the organiser with Hi Vis vests, brushes, black bags and gloves and on the day of the event the Clerk given up his own time to collect the black bags as they were filled.

Rebecca.Dooley@gov.im e-mails at 1454 hours on 09.07.14 - Good afternoon, Following on from recent commissioning training and MJSNA we are undertaking an exercise mapping services and amenities across the island. Dates have been booked for this as follows: 24<sup>th</sup> July am – South mapping; 24<sup>th</sup> July pm – West mapping; 28<sup>th</sup> July am – North mapping; 28<sup>th</sup> July pm – East mapping; 29<sup>th</sup> July all day – Whole island mapping; The downstairs training room at the Lodge (Strang) has been booked for this event, so each session will comfortably take 30 people. We would be delighted if you or a representative were able to attend, please can you let Victoria Quayle know. I realise this is relatively short notice, so if you are unable to identify any attendees please can you provide any information you hold regarding services (social groups, services for young people, older people, clubs, charities etc) and facilities (community spaces, halls, parks etc) on the island. I would be very grateful if you could forward any information to Victoria. Thank you all for your help, much appreciated.

Resolved - Clerk to contact Ms Dooley to find out what information is required.

- e) Draft Minutes of the Garff Joint Initiative meeting held on 30.06.14. See attached white papers attached.
  - Any matters arising out of the minutes to be discussed by Laxey Commissioners prior to next Garff meeting.
  - Laxey Commissioners to set date for next meeting.

A discussion took place in respect of Local Authority Assets, the previously circulated 2010 valuation report and ring fencing each Local Authorities assets.

The Clerk advised a provisional date of 13.08.14 for the next Garff meeting.

#### 36/14 Reports

a) Nil.

# 37/14 Any Other Business

- a) Cecil Withers e-mails at 1429 hours on 13.07.14 Dear commissioners just back from our second holiday in the island this year and our eighth year in succession and would like to congratulate you and you team of workers as to how nice Laxey looked, and in particular we would like to thank John at the campsite for his ongoing endeavours to keep the site looking spick and span and to continuously make us feel welcome year after year.
  - AM proposed a vote of thanks to John Bate the Laxey Campsite Warden. Resolved to note.
- Request from Laxey Youth Club to use the tap in the Promenade Public Shelter in the evening Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

Resolved to approve.

- c) Heritage Trust 100 Club Application Form and news. *Resolved to note.*
- Paul Cowin e-mails at 1409 hours on 14.07.17 Attached are the minutes of the last meeting of the Joint Committee; I'm now preparing an agenda for the next meeting so would welcome any suggestions for inclusion. Mr. Councillor Malarkey has advised that he will not be available on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July, and is suggesting that the meeting be moved either to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July or Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August. While the 29<sup>th</sup> July could be accommodated in Douglas Town Hall, I don't have a venue for 4<sup>th</sup> August. Please let me know which date you prefer, and if 4<sup>th</sup> August, can you please suggest a venue.

AM confirmed he would be attending the next meeting.

- e) Answerphone message from Julie Pinson on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014, to say that eggs have been thrown around the Shelter on Saturday night and she cleaned the floor. On Sunday morning. Could you please send Adrian down with Power Washer to clean the wall. Requests to put cleaning and problems of shelter onto Meeting Agenda.
  - A discussion took place and AM proposed that if the problem arises again then JP should close the shelter until the Commissioners personnel can get down to clean up. It was Resolved the issue would

be monitored over the coming weeks and if it continues to be a problem then it will be discussed again at the meeting 20.08.14. In the meantime if there are any problems requiring attention at the shelter Mrs Pinson should telephone PK or JJ.

- Linda Magee emails at 1137hrs on 16.07.14, the Chief Constable has asked me to contact you with a view to him speaking to your Commissioners directly in order to answer the concerns in your letter of 10th July. Please contact me and we can discuss a mutually convenient date/time for such a meeting. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to invite Mr Roberts to the Garff Joint Initiative meeting. JP suggested asking Mr Roberts if more use could be made of local Special Constables.
- g) Steven Stanley emails at 1017hrs on 14.07.14, stating that as there are no urgent matters requiring discussion the regeneration meeting scheduled for 23.07.14 has been cancelled. *Resolved to note.*
- h) AM proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers and volunteers who took part in the door step challenge on Glen Road on Saturday 20.07.14. AM thanked to Clerk for assisting in removing the black bags.
- i) AM referred to the recent problems on Mines Road as a result of film crew vehicles being parked there over several days, causing disturbance to the Mines Road residents. AM referred to an email from Mike Reaney at the Department of Economic Development defending the film industry and the extoling the wider benefits to the Isle of Man. AM proposed the Commissioners write and express disappointment at the lack of consultation and requesting that in future the Commissioners and local residents are consulted.
- j) PK advised he would be attending the Northern Traffic Liaison Group meeting on 22.07.14, and would raise the problem with car parking close to the junction at the top of Old Laxey Hill. RB asked if an update could be provided on the Lower Rencell Hill which still remains closed.
- k) JP reported there had been a problem with the drain at the rear of the Laxey Promenade Kiosk which had new been repaired. AM thanked JP for attending to the problem. PK proposed JP submit the bill to the Authority for consideration. Resolved JP to submit the bill to LVC.
- Meeting reference 31/14, item f). JP declared an interest and signed the register accordingly. JP raised the matter of the Ice Cream seller, expressing concerns in respect of competition to the Laxey Promenade Kiosk. AM sort clarification from JP, asking if she was speaking as a Commissioner or as the proprietor of the Laxey Beach Café, advising JP had a conflict of interest in the matters being raised. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write to JP as the proprietor of the Kiosk and invite her to submit her concerns to the Board for the meeting 06.08.14.

There being no further business in Public, AM gave his apologies and asked RB to take the chair for the Private part of the meeting. AM left at -8.21pm.

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 6.45pm.