

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 16th May 2012 6.45 pm

Public Minutes

Present: Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore.(6.55pm)

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr A. Scarffe (7.15pm to 7.25pm)

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mrs S Jones (Chairman)

12/12 Andrew Scarffe to speak to the Board about the painting of the Snaefell wheel.

Action

RB welcomed AS to the meeting.. AS advised the Board that the Heritage Trust planned to have the Snaefell Wheel in the Valley Gardens painted during the summer and that the Trust was seeking funding assistance from Laxey Village Commissioners. The Clerk reported this matter had been raised by SJ previously (meeting 01.02.12) and the matter had been deferred pending receipt of quotations, however the Board supported the proposal in principle. AS reported he had quotations ranging between £2,830 and £6,000. A discussion took place and it was resolved to defer the discussion until meeting 30.05.12 when SJ would be in attendance.

13/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/00587/B of 18.04.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows and front door at Rencell Cottage, Rencell. [LVC Ref: 3574].

Approved. With the caveat sliding sash should be used instead of the proposed top open casement windows.

- b) Planning Application No 12/00596/B of 20.04.12 in respect of alterations and installation of window to replace existing garage door at Mauna Kea, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3575].

Approved.

- c) Planning Application No 12/00637/B of 27.04.12 in respect of alterations and extension to dwelling and alterations to existing vehicular access at Garth Cottage, Ballaragh Road, Laxey, IM4 7PH.

Approved.

- d) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00357/D of 03.05.12 in respect of erection of an awning at 39 New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3569]. {Delegated Powers}.

Approved by LVC.

Noted.

- e) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

Nil.

- f) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

Planning Appeal Decision Notice No 11/01264/B of 30.04.12 in respect of appeal against approval to allow extension at 31 New Road, Laxey. Appeal dismissed. [LVC Ref: 3548]. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Appeal Decision Notice No 11/01641/B of 04.05.12 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow retrospective application for windows at Glen Cottage, Glen Road. Appeal dismissed. [LVC Ref: 3557].

Noted.

- g) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

14/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2nd 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded AM.

15/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 2nd May 2012

PK sated he had visited the MER station and wanted to raise a matter in relation to the track layout. RB advised the date for submission of comments had passed.

16/12 General correspondence

- a) Sir Laurence New writes on 30.04.12 complaining about various eye sores in the village that need to be sorted out immediately, and refers to the area between the Surgery and the Queens Hotel. *Clerk advised the matter was being dealt with via the prescribed process. Clerk to write to Mr New and advise.* PB
- b) Community Officer Report for April 2012. No offences disclosed. *Noted.*
- c) Centrica Energy Zonal Appraisal and Planning Report for Irish Sea Wind Farms. Comments before 30.04.12. *Noted.*
- d) Treasury letter of 26.04.12 regarding Procedure Notes for Management of Construction Projects. *Noted.*
- e) Director of Planning writes on 04.05.12 to ask for details of lead member for Planning so that Mr Quayle can invite them to the Planning Committee Meetings and get involved. *RB said she would attend if she was available.*
- f) John Bate telephones re Mr Steven Reeves campsite booking for TT. Mr Reeves has injured himself and cannot travel. Mr Reeves does not want his deposit back but has suggested we send him a 'TT' T shirt and donate the rest to charity, such as the TT helicopter fund. John advises there will be no problem filling the vacancy at the Campsite. *Approved.*
- g) Department of Infrastructure letter of 8th May 2012 from Director of Planning in respect of Consultation on Lower Douglas Master Plan – Draft Interim Planning Guidance for Key Town Centre Sites in Douglas. This aims pending preparation of the Area Plan for the East, to provide guidance to developers and the public alike on the Governments' vision for the key gateway to the Island and Douglas. The document can be downloaded at www.gov.im/transport/consultations.gov?menuid=169168&type=current. Responses should be on line and they accept the difficulties that this may cause those persons who do not have access to a computer. *Matter deferred to meeting 30.05.12*
- h) Steve Taggart at Department of Infrastructure Waste Management unit emails on 11.05.12 to request permission to place 2 additional 1100 litre bring banks at the Glen Road Recycling area. With the loss of the Bring Banks at the New Inn it is noticeable they are being filled quickly even when serviced by 2 vehicles. *Approved. Clerk to liaise with Mr Taggart*
- i) Steve Taggart emails on behalf of the Laxey and Lonan Allotments Association thanking Adrian for strimming the paths, advising he has done an excellent job. *Noted.*

17/12 Review of Standing Orders

See attached report.

A Discussion took place in respect of the report circulated by the Clerk. See Appendix A.

RB advised that the standing order states Cooil Roi committee member's term of office is 3 years.

RB Remove paragraph 48 - CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING MATTERS.

Deferred to meeting 20.06.12 for further discussion.

18/12 Any Other Business

- a) John Bate reports that a complaint was received from the Leaders of the Girl Guides camping over the weekend Sat/Sun 12th – 13th May. On Saturday night noise could be heard from the Football Club House until approx.2330hrs.

A discussion took place and PK stated the windows at the front of club house had been open. It was

resolved the Clerk write to Laxey and Lonan Sports and Community Facilities to advise the compliant had been received and request the windows are kept closed.

- b) John Bate reports a Quarry Road resident approached him in relation to noise and disturbance on Saturday night 12th May. JB advises this was the same noise heard by the Guides. The resident also complains that at approx 0030hrs general noise and disturbance caused by persons coming up the school ramp and walking across the campsite in the direction of Minorca Hill / Ramsey Road. *A discussion took place, no further action required as it could not be ascertained person responsible for the disturbance had been at the football club.*
- c) Richard Little meeting with Commissioners 20th June – Confirmed. *Noted.*
- d) Olympic Torch relay 2nd June 2012 – Torch arrives in Laxey carried on the MER at 1314hrs. The torch will then be taken to the top of the Laxey Wheel for press photographs. Torch relay leaves Laxey MER station at approx 1345hrs along New Road and A2 to its junction with Church Road, Lonan. The Torch will then be carried on vehicle to Onchan. Traffic will be managed with a rolling road closure. To accommodate the support vehicles parking will be suspended along Mines Road opposite Dumbells Terrace from and including the coach park to the Heritage Shop from 6am to 6pm. *Noted.*
- e) TT clearway – no details from DoI as yet, however it is envisaged the clearway will be along Ramsey Road/ New Road, from Minorca Cross Roads to the top of Old Laxey Hill. *Noted.*
- f) Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee – The Clerk recommends the Commissioners representatives now attend the Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee. This fits in with the Laxey area now covered by the Northern Neighbourhood Police Team. *A discussion took place and it was resolved suggest to agreement by the Department Laxey Commissioners should attend the NTMLG meeting.*
- g) Resolution required for removal of Simon Haddock and Glen Pearce-White as bank account signatories and adding Rosalind Bate and Andrew James Moore. *Proposed JJ, Seconded PK – Resolved – bank account to be amended as above.*
- h) Road Traffic Orders in respect of the Laxey Motorcycle Show as follows. (1). **One Way System** from 0900 hours to 2000 hours on Thursday 7th June 2012. **Minorca Hill** from its junction with Ramsey Road to Old Laxey Hill; **Tent Road** from its junction with Old Laxey Hill and Laxey Promenade. (2). **Road Closure** from 0900 hours to 2000 hours on Thursday 7th June 2012 the **Laxey Promenade** from junction with Shore Road southwards to but not including Back Shore Road. (3). **No Parking** from 0900 hours and 2000 hours on Thursday 7th June 2012, **Laxey Promenade** between its junction with **Tent Road** and **Shore Road**; **Jack Yard Car Park** fronting the former **Pipe Factory**. (4). **Clearway** from 0900 hours to 2000 hours on Thursday 7th June 2012, **New Road** from its junction with Ballacollister Road to **Ramsey Road**; **Ramsey Road** from its junction with New Road to **Upper Cronk Orry**; **Old Laxey Hill** from its junction with New Road to **Minorca Hill**; **Captains Hill** from its junction with Church Hill to **New Road**; **Back Shore Road** from its junction with Shore Road to its junction with **Laxey Promenade**; **Bay View Terrace** from its junction with Shore to its junction with **Back Shore Road**. *Noted.*
- i) AM proposed the Department of infrastructure Highways division are contacted with a view to creating two disabled parking bay next to the Promenade Kiosk (right hand side. The bays should n be large enough to fit a mini bus. This parking facility would be for the buses which regularly bring disabled person to visit Laxey Promenade. *This proposal was unanimously supported. Clerk to pass request to the Traffic Management Committee.*
- j) The Clerk reported that a letter needed to be delivered to properties affected by the TT bike show road orders. In previous year these letters had been delivered by members of Laxey Traders however the association has now been dissolved. The Clerk suggested the letter were delivered by the Courier delivery persons for each area for a small fee of say £50. *Resolved - Clerk to arrange delivery.*
- k) RB reported that the bin in the Promenade children play area was in a poor state of repair and ideally needed replaying. *Clerk to source a suitable replacement.*

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm.
Date of next meeting -:Wednesday 30th May 2012 6.45pm

Appendix A

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS STANDING ORDERS

Revision Notes 11.05.12

a) Mrs Bate emails on 09.05.2012 proposing the following amendments –

1) I know it is common courtesy to do this but I think it needs to be official that all mobile phones should be switched off or on silent during meetings.

2) As well as entering in the minute books any late arrivals, it should also include any early departures, and reasons for same.

There was also something that I noticed about contacts for over £500 but under £2,000, I think that it needs to be clear that we need a minimum of 2 quotes for these.

b) Clerks recommendations:

- a. Item 1, ANNUAL MEETING – Meeting start time change to 6.30pm. It is understood that the AGM should start 15mins earlier than an ordinary meeting to allow for the election of Chairman etc
- b. Item 9, ORDER OF BUSINESS – Formatting change to correct numbering.
- c. Item 9.4, REPORT BY CLERK/DEPUTY/DEPUTY CLERK – Remove duplicate numbering and change font size.
- d. Item 29, FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF MEMBERS – Change '40.1' to '35.1'
- e. Item 40, EXPENDITURE - Clerk recommends £250 to be increased to £500 and £1,000 with approval of the chairman. These spending limits have not been increased since at least July 2004.
- f. Item 42, SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS – Change 'four' to 'three' to comply with item 5, QUORUM.

c) Further Recommendations

- a. Requirement for members to complete a declaration of interest register to be held at the Commissioners office, which on request is available to public inspection.
- b. Requirement for members and officers to adopt and work within the 'CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES AND CODE OF CONDUCT'. The Code of Conduct is not mandatory (unless there is a legislative requirement) and is for guidance only. However, it is based on recognised best practice and recommended for all Local Authorities on the Island.