

**LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS**  
**Mid Monthly Meeting**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 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),

**71/13 Planning Matters**

**a) Planning Applications**

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

**e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

**72/13 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed JR, Seconded RB*

**73/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**

**a)** RB stated that the agenda and minutes for the Northern Traffic Management Liaison group meeting held on 15.10.13 had only been sent out the day before the meeting. RB stated she had raised this matter at the meeting and in future these would be sent out earlier.

**b)** Meeting Reference 70/13 item b). – The Clerk reported he had contact Inspector Gardner at Ramsey to police station who had confirmed the police no longer required the police office at Laxey Commissioners office. The Clerk also reported he had written to Maughold Commissioner offering them the use of the office at the current rentable value and was awaiting a reply. A discussion took place and the Board resolved that if Maughold Commissioners did not want the office then it should be advertised and let at market value and not given to Laxey and Lonan Live at Home Scheme.

**74/13 General correspondence**

**a)** Lauren Staniford emails on 03.10.13 on behalf of Debbie Reeve -

You will be aware the Department is committed to keeping all Local Authorities informed and engaged in the Housing Review, which will be laid before Tynwald next month. The Department has considered the detailed reports and determined a set of housing policy recommendations which will accompany the Review to be taken forward. You are invited to attend a presentation on these recommendations prior to the Tynwald sitting: DATE: Thursday 7th November TIME: 7-9pm VENUE: Keyll Daree Lecture Theatre, Nobles Hospital, Strang, Braddan. Please be aware, in order to ensure seating capacity at the venue places are be limited to a maximum of 3 representatives per Authority.

*A discussion took place and it was resolved RB and JR attend, PK said he would try to attend.*

**b)** [Julie.bell@gov.im](mailto:Julie.bell@gov.im) at DEFA emails on 03.10.13 with price list and order form for Christmas Trees.

Please be advised that the quality of Christmas trees may not be as good as previous years, nor can we guarantee that we will be able to supply the exact size of tree that you request. Where possible we will endeavour to meet your requirements.

Orders will be dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis and we will contact you to confirm availability and

delivery / collection arrangements. If you require the trees to be delivered this can normally be arranged but they will be delivered only. We no longer erect trees.

Please complete and return the order form to me, preferably by email, no later than Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

*A discussion took place and it was resolved to order Xmas trees to be located at Rose Gardens, Valley Gardens and Laxey Promenade Green.*

- c) [malcolmhulme@onchan.org.im](mailto:malcolmhulme@onchan.org.im) emails at 1014hrs on 10.10.13.

Dear Chairman, I attach a copy of a letter sent today to the Chief Minister and all MHKs detailing our further concerns about the Housing Review.

Onchan Board of Commissioners bring these issues to your attention in the hope that you will discuss it with your MHKs and support our request that Tynwald delays its vote to pass these recommendations and so allow all local authorities time to consider the implications.

Chairmen of local authorities may also wish to demand greater representation at the Keyll Daree presentation, as this, in the words of Minister Robertshaw, is "one of the biggest shifts in Housing Policy for over twenty years".

*A discussion took place and it was resolved to note.*

- d) Isle of Man Municipal Association letter of 09.10.13 from David Talbot regarding Courses run by the Association. Letter encloses attendance card. Next lecture on 23.10.13 at 1800 hours on subject of Risks for the Modern Commissioner presented by Dougie Elliott at the Strathallan Suite. Then on 20.11.13 at 1800 hours on subject of Understanding Financial Information presented by Ian Begley at the Strathallan Suite. Letter also states that non members are welcome but should pay £10.00 per person to defray costs.

*RB advised she would be attending on 23.10.13.*

- e) Letter from Glen Road, resident dated 02.10.13 regarding anti social behaviour of the owner of Thie Ny Khelley who has erected a large outside dog pen and leaves them out all day to the nuisance and fear of passers by and creates constant noise abuse, depositing of faeces etc. Mr Bloom wants action to be taken to stop this, notwithstanding that he states that he has unsuccessfully attempted to reason with the owner who goes out at 0800 hours each day and leaves them thus. He calls on the Local Authority to deal with this. His letter was clearly written in anger and frustration.

*The Clerk advised he had contacted the compliant and advised him to contact the Department of Infrastructure building control and Department Environment Food and Agriculture Environmental/Public Health Unit. It was resolved to monitor the situation*

- f) Jurby Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 1100 hours at Jurby Parish Church. *Resolved to RSVP advising no one available to attend.*

- g) Stephen Willoughby writes on 07.10.13 regarding the provision of hospitality or gifts from public funds. There is no legislation that specifically covers how Local Authorities deal with gifts and hospitality. The Department believes that serious consideration should be given when making decisions regarding expenditure from public funds and that decisions are clear and transparent and open to public scrutiny. Further advice can be obtained by reference to the Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Conduct 2009, paragraphs 15, pages 18 & 19 and paragraph 46, page 28. Local Authorities may wish to determine appropriate amounts on specific occasions or gifts.

*Resolved to note the contents of Steve Willoughby's letter dated 07.10.13.*

- h) Malcolmhulme@onchan.org.im email to Local Authority Chairman at 1142hrs on 11.01.13, forwarding email from Onchan's Chairman Rob Callister sent to all MHK in respect of Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) act 2011, respectfully suggesting that you may want to petition your own MHK for a delay to the implementation of this Act so as to allow sufficient time to examine the consequences. *Correspondence Circulated.*

*A discussion took place and it was resolved to write to Mr Steve Rodan MHK for Garff and petition him to seek a delay in the implementation of this Act so as to allow sufficient time to examine the consequences.*

## 75/13 Reports

Nil.

**76/13 Any Other Business**

- i) [Anne.Shimmin@cs.gov.im](mailto:Anne.Shimmin@cs.gov.im) e-mails at 1153 hours on 11.10.13 - I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the consultation exercise on the European Union (Amendment) Bill has been **extended until Friday 8 November 2013**. This is because since the consultation was launched the Council of Ministers has agreed that additional amendments to the European Communities (Isle of Man) Act 1973 should be included in the Bill. A revised consultation document has been issued that sets out the new amendments and explains the reason behind them and it also provides additional information on the amendments that were included in the first version of the Bill. The revised document will shortly be published on the Isle of Man Government website and I attach a copy for your convenience. I will be happy to receive any comments that you may have and of course if you have already responded to the consultation you are welcome to submit additional comments.  
*Resolved to note.*
- j) Cara Ravenshear e-mails at 1525 hours on 11.10.13 - **RE: LA044 – QUEENS HOTEL NEW ROAD, LAXEY**. Further to a site visit by one of our Public Light Engineers the above light has been reported as beyond repair. As can be seen in the attached photos the fitting has burnt out due to the ingress of water. We would recommend a replacement fitting which I have estimated the cost of below. The estimated cost will be £460 + 20% VAT. Please send an email, letter or fax confirming the above so we may carry out this work at our earliest convenience.  
*Resolved – Clerk to instruct MEA to proceed with the repair.*
- k) Colin Clark e-mails at 1834 hours on 13.10.13 - I am pleased to tell you that the collection at Sunday's Civic Service amounted to £217.62.  
*Resolved to note.*
- l) RBL Poppy Appeal writes on 10.10.13 asking for support for forthcoming collections.  
*Resolved to note.*
- m) Laxey Association Football Club letter of 14.10.13 requesting that the Commissioners provide two Dog Waste Bins alongside the public footpath at the Football Club.  
*A discussion took place and Mr Kinnish proposed not to approve the request and recommended the Board purchase 4 new litter bins to be located in the same area. Mr Kinnish said reasoning for this is that some time ago the policy on disposal of dog waste was relaxed and now this can be placed in any litter bin in the village.*  
*Resolved – Clerk to order 4 green litter bins.*
- n) DONG letter of 11.10.13 inviting the Board to the next Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm Exhibition on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 1300 hours to 1900 hours at Harris Promenade. The Exhibition is all about how beneficial it will be to the UK but makes no mention of the problems it will cause the Isle of Man.  
*Clerk to find out if the exhibition is being held at the Villa Marina, the letter does not state the venue.*
- o) Grainne Burns, Department Education Youth Services seeks comments from the Commissioners regarding Laxey Youth Club. What is the Value of Youth Service Clubs in Laxey and what would be the impact if it wasn't there.  
*A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved the Youths Club is a very important aspect of the village providing an invaluable social focus to the young members of the community in a safe supervised environment.*
- p) Chief Minister writes on 15.10.13 regarding the National Service of Remembrance and Re-Dedication which will take place at the Royal Chapel of St. John and the National War Memorial on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 1500 hours. Commissioners are invited to this ceremony, which will be followed by refreshments and reservations should be made to Elaine Caley by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2013 by e-mail to [Elaine.caley@gov.im](mailto:Elaine.caley@gov.im) or phone to 685708.  
*Clerk to pass invitation to Chairman.*

- q) The Clerk reported that on the evening of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October there had been some minor nuisance damage at the south end of Laxey Promenade. Youths had gathered in the picnic area and were observed consuming alcohol. The following morning there was a large amount of littering including broken beer and vodka bottles, there was also some minor scorching of pant work and fitting in the Gents toilets. The Clerk advised this matter had been reported to the Police however there was little they could do retrospectively and the Inspector at Ramsey had asked that problems are reported when they are occurring so they can deal with them. Police patrols in this area will be increased.

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm  
Date of next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6.45pm