

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 17th April 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, John Guilford, Roy Lightfoot and Dave Midgill (Tours Isle of Man), Steve Rodan MHK, Vicki Hewison (Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust).

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

157/12 Laxey Link Bus – Roy Lightfoot John Guilford and Dave Midgill (Tours Isle of Man), Steve Rodan MHK and Vicki Hewison (Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust).

JJ welcomed the guests to the meeting. Mr Rodan advised that there still support for running the link bus from Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust and the Local Authority as well as businesses within the village. SR circulated a letter from Manx National Heritage which stated they would not be in a position to provide underwriting for the 2013 season. In 2012 MNH had provided £840 which had allowed the service to run beyond the initial 4 week trial period, which commenced on 11th June 2012, the extended trial ended on 7th September 2012, a total of 13 weeks. Detailed discussions took place regards number of passengers carried, RL advised these had been, almost with out exception, visitors to the village, the service had not been used by the local residents. RL provided details of the losses Tours had incurred as a result of the poor passenger figures. A discussion took place as to how the service had been timetabled, RL explained that if a coach arrived at Mines Road the Link Bus would do multiple runs to the wheel and then return to it's normal service. A discussion took place in respect of the length of time coach party have in Laxey, this is normally between 1.5 and 2.5 hours. The consensus was this was not long enough. DM stated most parties travel on the Snaefell Mountain railway and would only have hour to spare before returning to the coach. Passengers were nervous of exploring to far in case they missed their coach. A discussion took place how the service could be better advertised and promoted. RL said a large number of visitors arrive by tram and DM suggested the link bus could be advertised on the back of the ticket and at the tram stations. Discussions took places on the days the Link bus was busiest, AM said Sunday's were a popular day for Coach Tours. VH proposed the Bus could be operated on the busier days and when there are confirmed coach tours coming to Laxey. JG advised that a licence application had been approved by the Road Traffic Licence Committee for running the link bus during 2013 season. He continued by offering free use of a mini bus, the bus could be operated under Tours Licence and the organisation running the bus would be responsible for paying for fuel, insurance and drivers. A discussion took place as to whether volunteer drivers could be used. RL advised any drivers would need to hold a current PPV licence. A discussion took place as to whether the local Authority could run the bus and it was agreed this would not be possible as there is no provision within the Local Government Act 1985, or any other legislation governing Local Authorities. SR suggested the Heritage Trust could be used as the vehicle for running the bus and it was agreed this would be raised at their meeting on 29th March 2013. It was also agreed this proposal would be discussed at the Laxey Regeneration Committee meeting 24th April 2013. JJ thanked JG, RL, SR and VH for attending and they departed at 7.50pm.

158/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/00372/B of 26.03.13 in respect of alterations to clubhouse and relocation of ground equipment store at Laxey & Lonan Sports and Facility, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3633].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notices no. 13/00374/B.

JJ and PK declared an interest and abstained.

Approved

- b) Planning Application No 13/00405/B of 04.04.13 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling and garage being an amendment to 12/01081/B at Sarasota, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3634].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Amendment / Application Notices no. 13/00405/B.

Approved

- c) Planning Application No 13/00412/B of 05.04.13 in respect of installation of first floor replacement windows to dwelling at Lothoorien, Qarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3635].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Amendment/Application Notices no. 13/00374/B.

Approved.

b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Resolved - To note the following Planning approval Notices no. 13/002000/B..

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00200/B of 04.04.13 in respect of alterations and erection of extension to dwelling constituting amendments to 02/02146/B and 12/01229/B, (both approved by LVC), at Greystones, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3630]{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil

d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil

e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil

159/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd April 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded JR

160/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 3rd April 2013

- a) 153/12, e).

Isle of Man Auto-Cycle Union Ltd writes on 26.03.13 regarding Manx National 2 Day Trial 24th & 25th August 2013, and seeks permission to use the land known as 'The Race', located to the rear of the Shore Hotel and Laxey Beach.

Clerk reports he met with Ian Murphy of the Isle of Man Motor Cycle Union and visited the proposed site of trial. Clerk reported the stage would start at the highest part of the race side footpath about 50m South west of the Old MER Power Station. The course starts at the footpath and goes up towards the MER line, where another short stage will take place in the trees. The bikes will exit the course via the high level footpath that runs between the MER line and the lade. The event will involve approximately 180 bikes and takes places on Sunday 25th August starting a 10.00am finishing at 12.00pm. The IoMACU Ltd will apply for a footpath closure order for the duration of the event and have marshals on site. The second part of the trail takes place in the afternoon on Laxey Beach.

Resolved – To approve IoMACU Ltd event which takes place on Sunday 25th August.

161/12 General correspondence

- a) The Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading is seeking your views in relation to the fee payable for the registration of a moneylender under the Moneylenders Act 1991. The fee shall be such an amount as is prescribed by Order under the Fees and Duties act 1989 and is subject to approval by Tynwald. Please find attached a copy of the consultation paper which sets out the Office's proposals together with the draft Moneylenders (Registration Fee) Order 2013. Comments should be submitted in writing by post, fax or email no later than 5.00pm on Monday 13th May 2013. Additional copies of this document can be obtained from the Office by telephoning (01624) 686507. Electronic copies are also available at www.gov.im/oft/consultations.gov.

Resolved – To note the correspondence in relation to fees payable for the registration of a moneylender under the Moneylenders Act 1991.

- b) The Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading is seeking your views in relation to the fee payable for the issuing of a Non-Resident Traders licence. The fee shall be such an amount as is prescribed by

regulations made under the Non-Resident Traders Act 1983 and is subject to approval by Tynwald. Please find attached a copy of the consultation paper which sets out the Office's proposals together with the draft Non-Resident Traders (Licence Fees) Regulations 2013. Comments should be submitted in writing by post, fax or email no later than 5.00pm on Monday 13th May 2013. Additional copies of this document can be obtained from the Office by telephoning (01624) 686507. Electronic copies are also available at www.gov.im/oft/consultations.gov

Resolved – To note the correspondence in relation to fees payable for the issuing of a Non-Resident Traders licence.

- c) Municipal Association invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd May 2013 at the Colby Glen Hotel at 7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt. Following the formal meeting at approx 8.15pm a meal will be served at a cost of £16.50 per person. Please confirm your attendance as soon as possible.

Resolved – RB to attend the Municipal Association AGM on behalf of Laxey Village Commissioners. LVC to pay for the meal.

- d) Municipal Association updated Secretary's Report for 06.04.13 which covers AGM invitations, Event at Colby Glen Hotel, Guest Speaker is Bob Carswell, Tony Beecroft will continue with website, Mrs McCabe stands down as Vice Chairmen, Carol Malarkey now Mayor of Douglas so can't represent Douglas any more.

Resolved to Note.

- e) A Treasury Budget Statement sent to Mr Talbot from Mr Teare, dated 07.03.13 regarding the Water and Sewerage Authority in that year on year there will be reductions in Government support which will result in increased charges through the rates, reduction in man power and use of some of their reserves.

Resolved to Note.

- f) Office of Clerk of Tynwald writes on 08.04.13 regarding Social Affairs Policy Review Committee – Pre School Education Investigation. Following a request from a number of members of Tynwald they have been directed to carry out an investigation on the education Department's policy on pre-school education and to that end a questionnaire is attached. Please return the questionnaire before Friday 17th May 2013 or carry out survey on line at www.smart-survey.co.uk/s/Pre-SchoolSurvey.

Resolved to Note.

- g) Department of Infrastructure Properties division email dated 09.04.13, attached draft lease for the Heritage Gardens, Mines Road, Laxey. See attached Blue papers.

Resolved - To approve the lease between with Department of Infrastructure and Laxey Village Commissioners for the Heritage Gardens, Mines Road, Laxey. The term of the lease is 20 years, the rent £20 per annum.

162/12 Reports

- a) Clerk advises as per Standing Orders, the Authority's AGM will take place on Wednesday 1st 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 25th April 2013.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved mini manifesto's should be submitted by the date specified.

163/12 Any Other Business

- a) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust letter of 12.04.13 regarding the Heritage Information Centre. Extract - 'Following on from a recent Trust meeting, it was agreed by those present that a slightly more formal structure be instigated with regard to the collection of monies to assist with the running of the Information Centre which is located in Mines Road. This change was to be a formal invoicing system. Accordingly, please find attached an invoice from the Trust for £1500.00 with regard to the provision of Tourist Information Services for the 2013 Season.'
A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write and request confirmation of costs for painting the Snaefell Wheel. The Board had approved funding of £2,860 at their meeting 30th May 2012, however this work has not yet commenced.
- b) Office of the Clerk of Tynwald invitation of 11.04.13 to the Tynwald Day Celebration on Friday 5th July 2013. Requests if you want one or two tickets for the Grandstand and **reply before Tuesday 30th April 2013.**
Resolved – to note.
- c) Mrs Cath Hayhow of West Wind, Main Road, Colby, IM4 4AD writes on 10th April 2013. She writes with regard to a request by her late mother, Mrs Margaret Cain, to have a rose planted in her memory and what cost this would be. She indicates that she would be willing to pay for another arch as well. Please provide cost and approval.
Resolved – To approve the request, deferred until such time the regeneration scheme planned for the Rose Gardens is completed.
- d) Centrica Dong letter of 11.04.13 regarding consultation and update on proposed wind farm at Rhiannon.
Resolved - To Note.
- e) Laurence Skelly, Chairman of the Isle of Man Arts Council writes on 12.04.13 regarding Island of

Culture 2014 and seeks the cooperation of the Local Authority to mark this occasion with some special event or significant gesture. For example, Port St Mary is changing it's name to the Manx version for the year. The Authority is encouraged to help make Island of Culture the success it promises to be. More information can be found by going to www.islandofculture.im or contact Emma Callin, Community Arts Development Manager at DCCL on 694598 or emma.callin@gov.im.

Resolved - To Note.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st May 2013 at 6.45pm (Annual General Meeting).