

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 6.45 pm

## Meeting Minutes

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

### 34/13 Planning Matters

#### a) Planning Applications

Nil.

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

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00617/B of 03.07.13 in respect of alterations and erection of a second floor extension to dwelling comprising amendments to 12/01413/B at Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3641]{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

Planning Approval Notice No 13/00622/B of 15.07.13 in respect of erection of porch to front elevation of dwelling at Lothlorien, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3642]. {Delegated Powers}.

*Approved by LVC.*

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

Nil.

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

Planning Appeal Hearing Notice No 13/00179/B of 03.07.13 in respect of appeal against refusal for retrospective erection of garden store with terrace over at Pine Lodge, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3629]. Hearing on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 at 1100 hours. Details of attendee required.

*Approved by LVC.*

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

Nil.

### 35/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events. Insert 'not' between 'was' and 'the' in the third line of minute.

*Proposed JJ, Seconded JR*

### 36/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013

#### a) Nil.

### 37/13 General correspondence

#### a) Nigel Lewney e-mails at 1549 hours on 03.07.13 to say that with the closure of the Regional Registration Offices there is now a gap in the market which could be taken up by the Commissioners.

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

#### b) Consultation Letter of 03.07.13 in respect of Review of Legislation relating to the Control of Advertisements. This consultation relates to the control of advertisements, which aims to assist in updating and rationalising the relevant primary legislation and Advertisement Regulations to ensure the legislation is fit for purpose for the future, whilst endeavouring to streamline and remove duplication of process as appropriate. **Submissions before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2013.**

*Resolved to note.*

#### c) Andrew Smith writes on 04.07.13 regarding Laxey Fair. Mr Smith extends his thanks to Laxey Commissioners and their staff for assisting in the success of the Fair and a debriefing will take place shortly.

*AM also thanked the LVC staff for the work undertaken.*

- d) Isle of Man Water & Sewerage Authority writes on 04.07.13 to say that their meter reader has found it increasingly difficult to read some of the meters as they are concealed and obstructed by undergrowth. The Board would be grateful if these areas could be kept clear and that the Local Authority does take their own periodic inspections/readings to monitor unusual loss or usage.  
*The Clerk advised there were no issues with accessing the LVC water meters.*
- e) Minutes of Municipal Meeting of 27.06.13 and AGM of 23.05.13.  
*Resolved to note.*
- f) Peter Cowin e-mails on 2210 hours on 20.06.13 - I am writing to you in connection with my late father, Bob Cowin, who sadly passed away last year. My mum (Anne Cowin) and the rest of the family are very keen to place/provide a bench on Laxey promenade in memory of my dad, who was a Laxey man through and through. Dad loved nothing more than to sit and pass time on the promenade with a cup of tea or ice cream. My dad was born and brought up in Laxey, living on South Cape, and although he moved to Onchan when he got married Laxey remained very close to his heart. He remained close to many of his Laxey friends of old, including the likes of (the late) Harold Corlett, Bob Kinrade, and (the late) Stuart Quayle. He was a keen rifleman for the Laxey rifle club and was its honorary auditor for many years. He played football for Laxey (he was very proud of his Cowell cup winners medal !) and enjoyed watching me do the same. In recent years he was also able to watch his grandson Thomas play for Laxey's junior teams. I appreciate that the promenade has a number of benches already but there would seem to be some room for a bench opposite the house with the Manx cat painted in the garden, or between the 3rd and 4th benches as you approach from the harbour end. It would be a great comfort to my mum to be able to remember my dad in this way and we hope that you will be able to help us with this. Thank you for your time and assistance on this and I look forward to hearing from you.  
*A discussion took place and the Board resolved to approve to request for a memorial bench in memory of Bob Cowin.*
- g) Resident of New Road, Laxey writes on 10<sup>th</sup> July to complain about the number of vehicles and trailers parked in Lower Rencell Hill that is reducing the amount of available parking for residents. The letter is specific as to the person(s) responsible.  
*AM advised this matter has now been resolved – Noted.*
- h) Martin Royle of Maughold Commissioners telephones at 0945hrs on 11.07.13 requesting the Board discuss the proposal to amalgamate Laxey, Lonan and Maughold waste disposals charges at the energy from waste plant. One monthly invoice will be issued for the three Local Authorities, a calculation would be carried out to establish the tonnage per household and then cost apportioned by the number of house holds per Authority. This would eliminate the current discrepancy on charges where collection rounds overlap into neighbouring Authorities.  
*A discussion took place and the Commissioners resolved the Clerk investigate the options for resolving the matter.*
- i) Proposed date of next Garff meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.00pm. It will be Laxey's turn to chair the meeting.  
*Resolved to note.*

### **38/13 Reports**

MER sub Station – *Clerk to Circulate correspondence.*

### **39/13 Any Other Business**

- a) Mr Rodan copies his letter of 12.07.13 to Mr Cretney regarding Strategic Highway Maintenance Programme and in that regard, the need to include Glen Road in the scheme.  
*Resolved to note.*
- b) Mr Taylor from DEFA writes on 12.07.13 in response to letter from Mr Burgess dated 08.07.13 regarding a request to open up car parking areas in Glen Gardens for Village purposes and improve signage. Mr Taylor states that the parking is for the benefit of the Gardens and the signage is adequate for that purpose, consequently the Department is not willing to facilitate their parking areas

for the additional benefit of the Village. **Private Minute – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 – 5(a).**

*A discussion took place and the Clerk advised he had contacted Jason Bolt at DEFA, who is responsible for the maintenance of Glen Gardens. JB advised the Clerk that the road into the lower part of the Gardens does not have a proper foundation and the tarmac is laid on the original footpath, i.e. it was never designed for vehicular traffic. As a consequence it is not suitable for vehicular traffic and in fact there are signs that the road is damaged close to the entrance of the Rifle club.*

- c) Laxey Commissioners Civic Service – Rev Jo Dudley has advised Christ Church will be closed for reordering from September though to December and has suggested the Service takes place at Laxey Methodist Church. The service could be a joint service with both church congregations attending, with refreshment in the adjoining Church Hall.
- d) PK proposed the Clerk write to DoI Harbours and request they extend the opening times of the toilets during the summer season. Currently they are closed daily at 5.00pm by means of an automated time lock.
- e) PK advised there was a lot of vegetation overgrowing the highway on Old Laxey Hill. The Clerk advised he would contact DoI Highways and request they are cut along with other areas in the village.
- f) RB reported she had been approached by a member of the public who said the Rose Gardens were looking excellent this year. Congratulations to be passed to Adrian Rush for his efforts neutering and maintaining the Gardens.

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm  
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 6.45pm.