

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 18th December 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

100/13 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/91422/B of 28.11.13 in respect of retrospective application for installation of two flues at Hazelwood House, Ballaragh Road, Laxey, IM4 7PH. [LVC Ref: 3659].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notice no. 13/91422/B.

Approved.

- b) Planning Application No 13/91433/B of 02.12.13 in respect of erection of sun lounge extension to replace existing conservatory and raised decking to rear garden at 3 Lower Cronk Orry, Minorca Hill, Laxey, IM4 7EG. [LVC Ref: 3660].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notice no. 13/91433/B.

Approved.

- c) Planning Application No 13/91434/B of 02.12.13 in respect of creation of a flat roof dormer to rear elevation of dwelling at 3 Lower Cronk Orry, Minorca Hill, Laxey, IM4 7EG. [LVC Ref: 3661].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notice no. 13/91434/B.

Approved.

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

Planning Approval Notice No 13/91184/B of 04.12.13 in respect of alteration and extension to dwelling and amendments to existing driveway at Aysgarth, Fairy Cottage, Laxey, IM4 7JP. [LVC Ref: 3652][{Delegated Powers}].

Approved by LVC.

Resolved - To Note the following Planning Approval Notice no. 13/91184/B.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

101/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 4th December 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

102/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 4th December 2013

- a) Meeting Reference – 91/13

Angie Street. Department of Community Culture and Leisure, Isle of Man Railways, seeks suggestions from the Commissioners for an event to be held in and around Laxey during 2014.

A discussion took place and AM suggested a maritime event based around the harbour and beach area. JJ said he would speak to the sailing club and report back to the next meeting. AM asked the Commissioners to circulate their ideas via email.

- b) Meeting Reference – 94/13, b).

Julie Pinson telephones at 1255hrs on 10.12.13 to advise she will cover up the Beach ‘Café Open Sign’ at the top of Old Laxey Hill and asks permission to leave the gazebo frame in place until after New Year’s day dip on 1st January 2014.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write to Mrs Pinson again requesting she remove the sign at the top of Old Laxey Hill stating the amendment only confuses matters as it looks like it's been vandalised. I was also Resolved Mrs Pinson be requested to remove the Gazebo frame immediately following the New Year Day dip, if this request was not carried out the Clerk was instructed to arrange for it to be removed.

c) Meeting Reference 96/13 item j). - Works and Amenities

PK advised he had been monitoring the dog fouling on the Henry Bloom Noble Promenade Green and stated he did not think to was now an issue.

A discussion took place in respect of the Mines Road toilets and it was resolved a budget of up to £5,000 was allocated to carry out refurbishment works. AM and PK to review and put together a specification.

103/13 General correspondence

a) Voirrey.Quirk@gov.im e-mails at 1000 hours on 06.12.13 regarding Government review of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2007. In 2011, the Government undertook the Census. From analysing the resultant data, the Economic Affairs Division of the Treasury has been able to make predictions about future population growth on the Isle of Man. The current 2007 Isle of Man Strategic Plan was based on the 2001 and 2006 Census data and this was used to calculate the number of dwellings likely to be required across the Island to meet the needs of the growing population up until 2016. The time has now come to update these figures using the revised 2011 Census data. The Department has identified the parts of the Plan (including Policies, supporting text, tables and appendices) which may require revising in order to update the Plan to a longer time horizon. The rest of the Plan will remain untouched by the Review and will essentially “roll forward” as worded in the 2007 Plan. The Preliminary Publicity Consultation Document details which parts of the existing Plan are subject to review. Details of the consultation and all the relevant documentation can be found on the Government website at the following link <http://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/strategic-plan/>. The consultation will run from the 6th December 2013 closing at 5pm on the 31st January 2014. All responses need to be made on a Response Form which can be completed electronically via the website or filled in by hand and returned to the Planning Office. In order for Local Authority Clerks and Commissioners to learn more about the review and what the consultation is about, an open house consultation event has been scheduled. This will take place at Murray House, Douglas on Monday 6th January 2014. Officers from the planning policy team will be present from 3pm to 7pm to assist in explaining the scope of the review, the process and to answer any questions. Please feel free to attend at any point during these times but it would be useful if those wishing to attend notify the Planning Office either by emailing planningpolicy@gov.im or calling 685 950.

Resolved to defer item to meeting 08.01.14.

b) RNLI invitation of 03.12.13 to the Sir William Hillary Commemorative Service 2014 on Sunday 12th January 2014 at 1500 hours at St Georges Church, followed by refreshments. RSVP before 31.12.13.

No Commissioners available to attend.

c) Richard Ronan writes on 04.12.13 on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure attaching a copy of the Local Government (Members' Allowances) Order 2013 with explanatory notes. He concludes by saying that he is aware of certain concerns expressed by some authorities and the matter will be reviewed in twelve months time.

Resolved – To note.

d) Community Officer Report for November. No offences disclosed.

Resolved – To note.

e) ODC writes on 10.12.13 regarding ECAS Site Rent in that they believe that the recent unilateral increases announced by Mr Wrigley would not normally be permitted in any normal commercial lease and that the increases are a breach of the terms of the agreement between the Government and

the Authorities. He seeks copies of the said documents so that the terms can be fully understood by all parties.

Resolved – To note.

104/13 Reports

Nil.

105/13 Any Other Business

- a) Christmas office opening notice circulated - *Resolved – To note.*
- b) Garff meeting – Tuesday 14th January at 7.00pm. - *Resolved – To note.*
- c) PK referred to a recent Isle of Man Newspapers article about dilapidated properties. A general discussion took place with respect to the difficulties dealing with such matters.
Resolved – To note.
- d) JR raised the matter of the proposal in principle from the Garff Joint Initiative Committee to move forward to forming a joint Board. JR stated that Lonan Commissioners had yet to meet as a full Board to approve the decision, in light of this and the timescales involved JR proposed that Laxey and Maughold move forward and progress. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to wait until after Lonan Commissioners had met on 7th January 2014.

Meeting Closed at 8.25hrs

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 8th January 2014, 6.45pm.