

# Laxey Village Commissioners Barrantee Laksaa

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17th November 2015

**Dear Commissioner** 

# Re: Supplemental Papers to Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015 - Consultation on Local Government and Building Control (Amendment) Bill

Department of Infrastructure email dated 10.11.15 - The main effects of the Bill are summarised as follows – (1). Amend the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984 and or the Building Control Act 1991 to modify the circumstances where action can be taken (regarding unsightly land only) so that it is set to a lower standard than at present; add new provisions that apply to statutory notices (regarding both unsightly land and dilapidated buildings) so as to ensure the owner or occupiers not only have to undertake works to remedy the detriment but also to prevent any recurrence; add new powers to allow local authorities, who are responsible for enforcing the legislation, to take prompt enforcement action (regarding both unsightly land and dilapidated buildings) by means of Fixed Penalty Notices ("FPN's"). This could allow local authorities to avoid the requirement to commence lengthy and costly summary proceedings and, or carry out default works. (2). Amend the Local Government Act 1985 - to allow authorised officers of a local authority or the Department to issue FPNs if it appears to that officer that a person has contravened a byelaw made by the authority or the Department (and where specific FPN provision is not otherwise made in other legislation); and by increasing the level of fine from £2,500 to £5,000 if a person fails to carry out the works within the time provided in the statutory notice and increasing the daily fine from £40 to £50 for each day the default continues. Your authority is invited to submit their comments on the draft Bill no later than the 30th November 2015. However, if you have any queries regarding the Bill's provisions you are welcome to contact me at any time.

Please see attached consultation document. This will be placed on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Yours faithfully

Mr P. Burgess,

Clerk to the Board of Laxey Village Commissioners.



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**Dear Commissioner** 

You are hereby summoned to attend the Mid Monthly Meeting of Laxey Village Commissioners' to be held on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am** in the Commissioners Offices, please see agenda together with minutes and reports attached.

Yours faithfully

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#### **AGENDA**

#### **Public Meeting**

- 1. Planning matters
- 2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- 3. Matters arising.
- 4. General correspondence.
- 5. Reports
- 6. Any Other Business

#### **Private**

- 1. Confirmation of the Private Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2015.
- 2. Matters arising.
- 3. Correspondence.
- 4. Reports
- 5. Staffing Matters
- 6. Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 at 10.00am

## **Papers to Meeting**

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mrs J. Pinson.

75/15 **Policing in the Parish** – Meeting with Superintendent Kevin Willson to discuss policing in the parish.

#### **76/15** Planning Matters

**Planning Applications** 

a)
Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)

c)

**Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)** 

d)

#### **Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)**

e) Planning Appeal Notice 15/00508/B of 28.10.15 confirming decision to refuse permission to enclosure of yard area to form an attached garage with patio area above at The Craig, 16, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3717].

Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control)

f)

**Planning - other Correspondence** 

**g**)

#### 77/15 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 4h November 2015 were presented for approval.

### 78/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**a**)

#### 79/15 General Correspondence

a) **Invitation to attend a Celebration of Christmas**. Port St Mary Commissioners email dated 05.11.15. Port St Mary Commissioners are holding their annual Celebration of Christmas on Friday 4 December 2015 in our Town Hall at 7.30pm.

The Commissioners wish to extend a warm invitation to your Chairman and guest to attend the celebration. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and a firework display after the event.

I would be grateful if you could advise me of attendances at your earliest convenience.

- b) Callin Wild letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> November acting on behalf of Manx Gas regarding the requested renewal of the lease dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 1995 in respect of Land off Glen Road, Laxey. They wish to renew this Lease for a further 21 years.
- c) Royal British Legion letter of November 2015 requesting payment of £20.00 for the provision of the Wreath at the Remembrance Service this year. The letter seeks consideration that a payment of an higher amount as a donation would be appreciated.
- d) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust Notice of AGM on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 1930 hours at the Working Men's Institute.
- e) Laxey Amateur Football Club writes on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 regarding Health and safety issues in connection with the walkway to the school and overhanging trees. They ask if the Commissioners have carried out a review of the condition of these trees from a Health and safety perspective and whether or not they have the appropriate insurance cover in place should they fall onto the Football Club Buildings, pitch or elevated ramp. Please reply to Mike Murley.

- f) Royal Artillery Association Invitation of 09.11.15 to a celebration of the anniversary of St Barbara, their patron Saint, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 1100 hours at St Thomas's Church, followed by a Buffet lunch at the Douglas Old Friends Club. RSVP.
- g) **Laxey Campsite Shower Block** Ellis Brown Architect emails 06.11.15, forwarding email from Pegasus Safety Consulting Ltd in respect of Asbestos survey.
- h) Draft Traffic Order to make reserved Police parking bay outside Commissioners Office into Disabled parking bay.

Department of Infrastructure emails on 10.11.15. Please find attached a draft copy of an Order for disabled parking on New Road which the Department is proposing to make and which will be advertised in the local press advising the public that this draft copy will be available for inspection at your offices. Could you please ensure that this is done and that a copy is brought to the attention of your Commissioners. Any objections to the proposal which you may wish to make should be sent to Highway Services Administration, Department of Infrastructure, Sea Terminal, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2RF on or before Thursday 26 November 2015.

i) Andrea Hawley email dated 13.11.15 - At the Northern TMLG held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October Mrs Bates requested that the bay be marked out disabled, there was no mention of a proposed loading bay, bearing in mind these meetings may have overlapped. However, it is felt it would be more beneficial for all users, including deliveries that this is made a public space rather than designated to either loading only or disabled only. There will of course be a time limit on the bay to ensure constant turnover which will greatly assist all businesses and visitors alike which would appear to be what is being requested.

I can therefore arrange for a the police bay to be marked out for use by all, please could you let me have the views of all commissioners before a draft is drawn up.

#### 80/15 Reports

a)

### 81/15 Any Other Business

a)

Meeting Closed at
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015, 10.00 am.