

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS
Mid Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 18th September 2013 6.45 pm
Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mrs R. Bate, Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

57/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Planning Application No 13/01052/B of 05.09.13 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at 6 Dumbells Terrace, Mines Road, Laxey, IM4 7NY. [LVC Ref: 3650].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notices no. 13/91052/B.

Approved

Planning Application No 13/01054/B of 05.09.13 in respect of installation of flue at Hazelwood House, Ballaragh Road, Laxey, IM4 7PH. [LVC Ref: 3651].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notices no. 13/01054/B.

Approved

b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice 13/00525/B of 12.09.13 in respect of redevelopment of existing coach park and including creation of five coach parking bays and drop off area, formation of paved passenger waiting and alighting area with associated seating and lighting, Coach Park, Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3638].

Approved by LVC.

Resolved - To note approval note 13/00525/B.

c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

58/13 Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed JJ, Seconded JR

59/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 4th September 2013

- a)** Sara.colley@gov.im e-mails at 1020 hours on 16.08.13 - The purpose of the European Union (Amendment) Bill is to amend the European Communities (Isle of Man) Act 1973 (“the 1973 Act”) consequential on the treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union and the Protocol on the concerns of the Irish people on the Treaty of Lisbon; and to enable the Council of Ministers to amend by order the list of treaties specified in the definition of “the Treaties” or “the EU Treaties” set out in section 1(1) of the Act. 2. **Background** 2.1 The Isle of Man has had a limited formal relationship with the European Union and its predecessors (the European Economic Community and then the European Community) since 1 January 1973 when the Treaty concerning the Accession of Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom came into force. That relationship is set out in Protocol No.3 on the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to the Act concerning the conditions of the Accession and the adjustments to the Treaties that was annexed to the Accession Treaty, which is commonly known as “Protocol 3”1. 2.2 Since 1973 there have been a number of treaties which have either amended how the European institutions work or have provided

for the accession of new Member States. In each case Protocol 3 has remained entirely unchanged and, indeed, to amend the Protocol would require the agreement of all the (currently 28) Member States. Therefore, for all the changes over the years to the body that is now known as the European Union, no greater range of EU law has become applicable to the Island than originally set out in Protocol 32. 2.3 The Isle of Man's Protocol 3 relationship has been implemented in Manx law since 1 September 1973 when the 1973 Act came into operation. For each of the various amending and accession treaties it has been necessary to amend the 1973 Act to ensure that it continues to accurately implement the Protocol 3 relationship and the Island's obligations under that relationship. In the case of the accession treaties, such as that for Croatia, this has meant that the Protocol 3 relationship has applied between the Island and a greater number of countries than previously. Croatia became a Member State of the EU on 1 July 2013 and that fact should now be reflected in the law of the Island. This can be achieved by simply adding the Croatia Accession Treaty³ to the list of the main EU treaties set out in the 1973 Act. **Submissions by Friday 4th October 2013.** *JJ report he had examined the amendment bill and supporting documentation and proposed the Board note it's contents.*
Resolved to Note.

60/13 General correspondence

a) Two more Municipal Association training forum sessions have been arranged as follows:

1. **Risks for the Modern Commissioner**

To be presented by Dougie Elliott at the Strathallan Suite, Douglas on Wednesday 23 October at 1800 for 1830 until approximately 2030.

2. **Understanding Financial Information**

To be presented by Ian Begley on Wednesday 20 November at 1800 for 1830 until approximately 2030. The venue will be confirmed at a later date.

Please ensure that this information is made available to all of your Commissioners.

A discussion took place and a Commissioner requested that following the presentations the notes were circulated.

b) Ann.Craine@cs.gov.im e-mails at 1401 hours on 06.09.13 - Please find attached for the information of the Corporation/Board a news release going out today regarding an opportunity to suggest names for new House of Keys constituencies. This is sent on behalf of the Chief Secretary's Office. (The proposal for the East with Maughold, Laxey and Lonan and part of Onchan is GARFF). *A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to support the proposal for or the East with Maughold, Laxey and Lonan and part of Onchan is called Garff.*

c) E-mail at 1523 hours from Ann.Craine@cs.gov.im - The 4 August 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, the first global conflict, in which millions of people participated and millions more felt the affect in their community and their homes. The First World War had a dramatic impact upon the Isle of Man, not just in the considerable number of lives lost, but also in profound economic, social and political upheaval. The period 2014-2018 will see many nations mark the anniversaries of key events and the impacts in their own countries; organisations in the Isle of Man, both public and voluntary, will wish to commemorate the First World War and many will be formulating plans accordingly. Government as a whole is also considering its collective response to commemorating this 100th anniversary during 2014-2018. A Steering Group is being established at my request, in order to provide some central coordination for commemorations taking place in the Island. This Group will bring together key stakeholders from the public, voluntary and private sectors to represent the Island's community. The Steering Group will be chaired by Edmund Southworth, Director of Manx National Heritage and will seek to:

- Inform or direct the Manx public to sources of information about commemorative events or activities that they may wish to become involved with.
- Provide a forum for sharing information between Government departments; boards and offices; local government; voluntary organisations; the private sector and the general public.

- Collate and share information; encourage working together, sharing resources, maximising opportunities and avoiding any clash of plans and events where possible.
- Provide information, raise awareness and direct enquiries to the most appropriate source of advice/assistance; make recommendations to the Chief Secretary on World War 1 commemorations and potential national responses to key anniversaries.

It will be helpful for the Steering Group to have as full a picture as possible of any events or activities planned in respect of the First World War. The Chief Secretary's Office will be arranging a central point of contact where information can be updated and also shared; details will be provided in due course. If you currently have any plans in respect of WW1 commemorations, I would be grateful if you would forward this information to Ann Craine, Chief Secretary's Office if possible by the end of October 2013. If you have any queries with regard to these matters, please contact Karen Scott on 686863. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

A discussion took place but no ideas were forth coming.

61/13 Reports

Approval of Audited 2013 Year End Accounts

The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2013 were presented to the Board for approval.

The Clerk, having advised the Members that the Statements of Accounts had been received from the Independent Auditor seeks resolution from the Board to approve. **To be circulated separately.**

It was resolved to approve Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2013. Signed by Chairman and counter signed by Responsible Finance Officer. Matter relating to pension contributions to be discussed in private at the meeting 4th October 2013.

Proposed JJ, Seconded AM

62/13 Any Other Business

- d) Department of Infrastructure Consultation of 13.09.13 in respect of Lower Douglas Master Plan – Draft Interim Planning Guidance for Key Town Centre Sites in Douglas. This is in connection with the Lord Street Site, ‘*When considering the redevelopment of the Lord Street site should consideration be given to incorporating appropriate bus interchange facilities to serve the needs of Central Douglas.*’ Subs before Monday 28th October 2013 by on-line questionnaire.
Resolved to Note.
- e) Community Officer Report for August 2013. No offences disclosed.
Resolved to Note.
- f) Andrew Smith emails at 1057hrs on 17.09.13 in relying to queries raised at the Commissioners meeting on 07.08.13 in respect of Laxey Fair, meeting reference.42/13 item b). – Apologies for the delayed response as a consequence of holidays and work commitments. I wrote to Julie Peel who then telephoned me requesting that I write to The Chairman Cooil Roi Social Committee which I did on 6 August. I received a response from Mr Campbell McFarland informing that the matter would be brought to the next meeting of the Cooil Roi Social Committee 13 August. I have heard nothing further since.
Since 2008 Laxey Fair has been organised by a sub committee operating through Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust. The accounts for Laxey Fair are audited annually and form part of the Heritage Trust accounts.
As part of the running of the Fair donations and contributions are made to those both participating and supporting. This year payments have been agreed for the following:
Hire of PA System
Onchan Silver Band
Onchan Entertainers
Young Magicians of Mann
Island Cheer
Laxey School
Baldrine Methodist Church

St Johns Ambulance
Cooil Roi Social Committee

Laxey Fair has never been a great finance generator especially if you take into consideration all the time commitment and efforts of those involved in the organisation, in the run up to the Fair, on the day and following.

Any ideas on how we could increase the financial in take of the Fair and anyone who wishes to put their effort into assisting with future Fairs as always would be most welcome.

The Clerk circulated the copies of the 2013 Fair Programme, highlighting that on the inside back page it stated: Laxey Fair was organised by the Laxey Fair Committee on behalf of Laxey and Lonan Heritage trust (IoM Charity no. 367A) as a fund raising event to support the work of the trust. For further information please contact Mrs Vicki Hewison.

g) **Garff Carol Service** - It's Laxey's turn for the Carol Service this year and we need to set a date, suggest Wednesday 11th December. I will check with Rev Jo Dudley as this date will be subject to a number of considerations:

1. Jo Dudley's availability and other events that may be taking place.
2. The Church is due to be closed for reordering and I'm not sure if it will be open by this date.
3. Finding somewhere to serve refreshments following the service, both the Working Mens Institute is likely to be restricted access due to building works and other bookings and the Glen Gardens Pavilion is currently closed.

The Clerk confirmed that the Rev Jo Dudley had confirmed Christ Church would be closed. A discussion took place and two options were suggested, a). Lonan hold the service this year, b). the service is rested for a year and encourage Garff Commissioners and Parishioners to attend the Torchlight procession and Lifeboat Carol Service to be held at Minorca Methodist Church, provisional dates 10th or 11th December. Resolved Clerk to write to both Lonan and Maughold Commissioners to seek their opinions.

Meeting Closed at 7.50pm
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 2nd October 2013, 6.45pm.