

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 19th February 2014 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, Mrs J. Clague and Mrs K. Sharpe.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

128a/13 Guest Speakers Joanne Clague and Kerry Sharpe – Proposals for a Laxey Newsletter.

AM welcomed Joanne and Kerry to the meeting. JC briefed the Commissioners on proposals to produce a monthly Laxey newsletter. The newsletter was to be produced as trail during the 2014 year of Culture and they would be applying to the Arts Council for a grant, the application needed to include two letters of support and asked if the Commissioners would provide one. If the newsletter proved to be successful they would look at the possibility of obtaining funding from businesses within the village. JC advised that the newsletter would include news articles and details of events in and around the village. A discussion took place in respect of the dealing with feedback to articles and the methods of distribution. For example, it was agreed if the article was related to the Local Authority then feedback would be directed to the Clerk. JC stated they were looking at options for distribution, possibly delivering the first edition to properties with subsequent editions available from counters top around the village. AM suggested they should liaise with the group who were looking at setting up a community centre in the village and that the Clerk would provide contact details. JR said it would be better if the newsletter covered the whole of Garff and was distributed accordingly, JR proposed if the newsletter proved to be viable then its coverage should be extended. PK said there was a case for seeking support from Lonan and Maughold Commissioners. AM proposed this could be done at a later date. PK asked if they had considered using a website. KS stated they had felt a printed newsletter would have a much broader coverage. AM thanked the Guests for attending and they left at 7.20pm.

Resolved – Clerk to write a letter of support with respect to the Arts Council Grant Application.

Proposed AM, Seconded JJ.

Left the meeting at 7.20pm

128/13 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 14/00101/B of 28.01.14 in respect of alterations and erection of a second floor extension to create a self-contained apartment being an amendment to 13/00617/B, (LVC Ref: 3641) at Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, Laxey, IM4 7DD.

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notice no. 14/00101/B. Approved

- b) Planning Application No 14/00111/C of 30.01.14 in respect of additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodation at 2, Sunnyside Terrace, Minorca Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3665].

Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notice no. 14/00111/B. Approved

- c) Planning Application No 14/00158/B of 21.01.14 in respect of Installation of replacement windows and doors to front and rear elevation at Slaynt As Shee, 3 Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AB. [LVC Ref: 3666].

Resolved - To object to the following Planning Application Notice no. 14/00158/B on the grounds the proposed white uPVC window frames would be out of keeping with the brown window frames of the adjacent properties. Refused.

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

Planning Approval Notice No 13/91422/B of 05.02.14 in respect of retrospective application to install two flues at Hazelwood, Ballaragh Road, Laxey.[LVC Ref: 3659]. {Delegated Powers}. Approved by LVC.

Resolved to note Planning Approval Notice No 13/91422/B.

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

Planning Refusal Notice No 13/91434/B of 29.01.14 in respect of creation of a flat roof dormer to

rear elevation of dwelling at 3 Lower Cronk Orry, Laxey, IM4 7EG. [LVC Ref: 3661]. {Delegated Powers}. Approved by LVC.

Resolved to note Planning Refusal Notice No 13/91434/B.

f) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

g) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

h) Planning – Miscellaneous Correspondence

Letter from S. Kelly, Mount Pleasant Cottage, Minorca Hill, Laxey to the Planning Secretary complaining about a large commercial vehicle that has become a permanent fixture at Ballachrink Cottage and asks if planning permission is in place and if not he will oppose any such application. The sight of this vehicle is detrimental to the local environment.

Resolved to note.

129/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th February 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded JJ

130/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 5th February 2014.

a) Meeting Reference 109/13 item c), 116/13 item c) and 122/13 item a). – Deferred to meeting 19.02.14

Mr Wrigley writes on 24.12.13 regarding Alternative Means of Service Delivery Municipal Waste Management. The letter states – “Recommendation 5 of the Council of Ministers response to the Scope of Government Report states: ‘CoMin will set out proposals for reform of two of the biggest areas of expenditure and commonality of Local Authorities, which are housing and waste collection and disposal activities and report to Tynwald by Autumn 2013.’ The Department has undertaken a high level review and identified three options to the Council of Ministers. As a stakeholder, we want your views on the three options, which are outlined in this letter. The key services considered were: **Waste Collection** – (Refuse Collection/Civic Amenity Sites/Bring Bank and Kerbside recycling collections, and **Waste Disposal**, (Energy from Waste Plant/Landfill). Mr Wrigley would be happy to attend Local Authority Meetings to discuss these proposals and in any event responses to the document must be submitted before Friday 28th February 2014.

A discussion took place and PK stated the Clerk was aware of the Commissioners views and proposed he write the responses and circulate for approval. Unanimously resolved - Clerk to draft responses and circulate to Commissioners for approval.

b) 123/13 item a) – Deferred to meeting 19.02.14

Sian.Scott@gov.im e-mails at 1118 hours on 24.01.14 - Please find attached a letter from the Hon Chris Robertshaw MHK, Minister for Department of Social Care, regarding the public consultation on the Special Guardianship Regulations. The consultation documents can be found at the link below: <https://www.gov.im/socialcare/consultations.gov?menuid=16916&type=current> Regards

Siân Scott Change Coordinator Learning & Organisational Change - The Department of Social Care is consulting on Special Guardianship Regulations made under the Children & Young Persons (Amendment) Act 2011. The Act introduced a new legal option for children who cannot be looked after by their parents – known as Special Guardianship Orders. The Regulations are required to set out further information in relation to Special Guardianship such as who can apply and, access to support, and we welcome any comments people may have. **Subs by Friday 21st February 2014.**

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to note.

131/13 General correspondence

a) Kevin Almond DoI Highways division emails at 1000hrs on 07.02.14, with results of traffic survey

carried from 6th to 12th April 2009. *See attached Blue Papers.*

PK enquires whatabout on Mines Road was the survey carried out and that a further survey is under taken for a full week during August and requests the median speed.

See item 131/13, item g).

- b) Stuart.Quayle@cs0.gov.im e-mails at 1223 hours on 10.02.14 regarding Consultation on the Freedom of Information Bill 2014. - Please find attached the Freedom of Information Bill 2014 consultation document together with a feedback form for electronic responses. The consultation on the Bill runs for 6 weeks from today. The closing date for submissions is Friday 4th April 2014. 2014. These documents, together with an FAQs document, can be accessed electronically at: <http://tinyurl.com/ohle7dc> The consultation proposes a phased introduction for the Freedom of Information Act, which, when fully implemented will include all public authorities in the Isle of Man including local authorities. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.
Deferred to meeting 05.03.14.
- c) MSPCA copy of letter dated 07.02.14 to Mr Gawne regarding the proposal to remove the Dog Warden from the position and place the rescue and care of stray dogs in the hands of Pest Control Officers. The Dog Warden works closely with the MSPCA and is a vital part of animal rescue in the Isle of Man and cannot agree that this should be placed on the back burner to save jobs. The letter continues by stating that you are dealing with sentient beings not pieces of furniture and the MSPCA will campaign vigorously to ensure that the present level of care is maintained. The letter continues with a number of requests for information in relation to specific areas of delivery and sets a deadline for Mr Gawne to reply by 14th February or the matter will be placed into the public arena.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to note.
- d) Isle of Man Treasury Strategic Asset Management Unit writes on 11.02.14 regarding LVC and DCCL joint re-development scheme. Letter asks if the Board has had any further thoughts since the meeting on 06.11.13 regarding the parcel of land alongside the Commissioners Offices.
Resolved to instruct Steven Morley Chartered Surveyors to draft a planning application in principle to demolish 35 New Rd and build seven apartments with parking underneath.
- e) Ballaugh Parish Commissioners Invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 2nd March 2014 at 1030 hours at Ballaugh Parish Church.
Resolved AM to attend.
- f) PK forwards news article from Isle of Man newspapers dated 11.02.14 titled – ‘Town is happy with it’s own waste disposal arrangements.’
PK referred to the above article and a discussion took place.
- g) Kevin Almond DoI Highways division emails at 11.05hrs on 14.02.14 with answers to queries re Mines Road Traffic survey:
- The median for southbound traffic was 21.7mph.
 - The median for northbound traffic was 21.9mph.
- The location was most likely half way down Mines Road.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to request the DoI carry out a traffic survey during August this year.

132/13 Reports

- a) *Garff Joint Initiative meeting 12.02.14.*
Laxey Commissioner to discuss and provide input on the following items:
- a) Promoting Garff – Additional signage at welcome signs and signage on Kinrades Wagon.
 - b) Garff Newsletter – Agreement to go ahead - Discussion Contents and Layouts. Suggested contents:
 - a. Introduction to the GJI.
 - b. Refuse review and consultation (John Wrigley).
 - c. Housing review update.
 - d. Scope of Government Report – Proposals for Local Authority reform.

- e. Report on the activities of the Municipal Association, and the Chief Minister cancelling his attendance in February.
- f. Your Rates bill, and the impact of the increasing in Water and Sewerage charges and the merger with Water Authority and MEA.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to propose items a., d., and f. and support the proposal for signage promoting Garff. RB and JR to attend Garff meeting.

133/13 Any Other Business

- a) Shore Road Car Park – Matter placed in public AOB for discussion at the request of a Commissioner at the meeting 05.02.14.
A discussion took place and AM proposed this was not a matter for the Local Authority as the Car Park was owned by Department Infrastructure Highways Division. Resolved that any queries relating to this car park should be directed to the Department Infrastructure Highways Division.
- b) Painting of New Beach hut doors - Rather than painting corporation green they could be painted blue to give then a more seaside feel.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to retain the current colour scheme of green.
- c) Members meeting attendance allowances – Consideration of Approved duties and adoption of expenses form. David Cretney MHK letter dated 19.11.13 regarding Local Government (Members Attendance Allowances) Order 2013 and sample meeting attendance claim form. *See attached Blue Papers.*
It was Resolved that member can claim for attending any meeting approved by the Board and that there would be no limit on the meeting preparation time claimed. However, all claims should be reasonable and fair. All claim forms would be made available for scrutiny by the Board. The Board agreed to adopt the template claim form circulated by the department.
- d) Department of Economic Development, Tourism Division letter of 12.02.14 enclosing Campsite Registration Certificate for year ending 11th February 2015. Campsite is listed as ‘Commended’.
Clerk pointed out that the Campsite grading is ‘2 keys Commended’ and had contacted the department requesting an amended Certificate. Resolved to note.
- e) Margaret McHale e-mails at 1532 hours on 17.02.14 a Road Closure in respect of the Ramsey Road between Ballaragh Road and Coast Path from 03.03.14 to 14.03.14.
Resolved to note.
- f) Margaret McHale e-mails at 1532 hours on 17.02.14 a Road Closure for Captains Hill on 10.03.14 due to tree felling work.
Resolved to note.
- g) The Men’s Fellowship has obtained a defibrillator and various Members have been trained in its use. A cabinet has been obtained and the Fellowship and Lonan Commissioners would like to know if Laxey Village Commissioners would allow the Unit to be attached to the Commissioners’ building for the benefit of the Village. If granted, Lonan would be happy to pay for any installation costs incurred.
A discussion took place and AM proposed the defibrillator could be installed in the Telephone box on Laxey MER station. JR concurred stating it would be best placed where the biggest foot fall was. Unanimously Resolved the Clerk to investigate the feasibility of this proposal.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th March 2014, 6.45pm.