

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 19th September 2012 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mr J James, Mrs S Jones (Chairman), Mr P Kinnish, Mr AJ Moore.

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

66/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/01198/B of 28.08.12 in respect of alterations to shop front and installation of replacement windows at Whitehouse Buildings, New Road, Laxey, IM4 7BB. [LVC Ref: 3597]. *Approved.*
- b) Planning Application No 12/01228/B Erection of a sun room extension to replace existing conservatory, Fairy Cottage House Fairy Cottage. [LVC Ref: 3598].
Board recommends approval of the application on condition the glazing bars to the windows are external.
- c) Planning Application No 12/01229/B Amendments to approved alterations and extension to dwelling PA 02/02146/B, including construction of retaining wall and stairs, raised decking and balcony (Retrospective), Greystones South Cape. [LVC Ref: 3599]. *Approved.*
- d) Planning Application No 12/01239/B Extension to form disabled toilet facility, Old Corn Mill Tearooms Mines Road. [LVC Ref: 3600]. *Approved.*
- e) Planning Application No 12/01240/C Additional use of exhibition hall as a multi functional centre, Old Corn Mill Mines Road. [LVC Ref: 3601]. *Approved.*

f) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

It was unanimously resolved to note the following Approval Notice.

Planning Approval Notice No 12/00514/B of 18.09.12 in respect of Realignment and replacement of railway lines, power supply posts and overhead power wiring, improvements to pedestrian access to station, re-grading of south end of Rose Garden to provide ramped access to station, replacement of ground finish to station pedestrian areas, formation of public square at Whitehouse Close with stone paving, lighting and site for central work of art. [LVC Ref: 3571]. {Planning Committee}. Approved by LVC. *Noted.*

g) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

h) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

i) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

67/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 5th September 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded AM.

68/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 5th September 2012

a) Minute ref – 65/12 item b).

Marine Plan – Statement of Public Participation in respect of then future use of the sea surrounding the Isle of Man and its environmental and economical importance.

It was unanimously resolved to note the Marine Plan

b) Minute ref – 62/12 item c).

Consultation on the Post Office Amendment Bill 2012.

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c) Minute ref – 62/12 item f).

Consultation on Armed Forces Community Covenant.

Following a discussion it was unanimously resolved to propose the Isle of Man covenant should be independent of the UK and returning service personnel should be given credits in respect of public housing waiting lists.

69/12 General correspondence

a) Planning Department letter of 04.09.12, further to their 27.06.12 regarding Local Authority User Group Meetings. The dates of these meetings have been determined and are – North @ Ramsey Town Hall on Tuesday 16th October between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; East @ Strathallan Suite, Douglas on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; West @ Peel Town Hall on Tuesday 13th November 2012 between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; South @ Castletown Commissioners Office on Tuesday 27th November between 1800 hours and 2100 hours. You may attend any venue and workshops going through various scenarios will take place in connection with all aspects of the planning process from application to decision and enforcement. The evenings will be administered by Miss Corlett and Miss Chance.

It was unanimously resolved to request RB to attend the Northern meeting on behalf of the Commissioners.

b) David Miller of Dalrymples emails on 07.09.12 in respect of the Mines Road Coach Park scheme and Commissioners proposals for out of season use by other Vehicles and yellow hatched lines. DM states he would be concerned that, as the area would presumably only be marked out for coaches, parking by other vehicles would be indiscriminate and random. This would probably result in this prominent area being as unattractive as it currently is out of season. The area could of course be painted with yellow hatched lines but I, for aesthetic and clarity reasons, would prefer that this wasn't done.

The Clerk advised the Commissioners further correspondence had been received Mike Barnes on this matter [minute reference: 70/12, c)]

It was unanimously resolved to note the comments of David Miller and Mike Barnes correspondence.

c) Department of Social Care Housing Review Consultation Response Report of 06.09.12.

It was unanimously resolved the matter would be deferred for consideration at the next meeting.

d) Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2012 asking for support. They will assume support given if they do not receive a reply.

It was unanimously resolved the Commissioners support the 2012 Poppy Appeal.

e) Department of Community, Culture and Leisure letter of 12.09.12 from Laurence Skelly regarding the Hop Tu Naa Festival 2012. The Government have liaised with the Arts Council and Manx Heritage Foundation to support the above Festival with grants. Organisations who are arranging events that involve Community involvement, Youth engagement, Artistic and craft activities, celebration of Hop Tu Naa and traditional Manx cultural activities may apply for financial assistance towards this. Apply before Monday 1st October 2012.

A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to pass the application form to Andrew Scarffe at the Great Laxey Mine Railway.

f) Jurby Commissioners invite the Board to their Civic Service on Sunday 30th September 2012 at 1115 hours at Jurby Parish Church.

It was unanimously resolved the Clerk RSVP stating that unfortunately no member was available to attend.

g) Laxey Resident e-mails at 1229 hours on 13.09.12 regarding request to use the Laxey Promenade Green as a venue for his post wedding celebrations next year. He would like to know if this would be possible. The invitation would be for all to attend and would not be a private function and would

include bouncy castle and BBQ, etc.

A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk write to Mr Burrows stating the Commissioners support the proposal in principle and request the applicant provide additional information including date, times and number of people attending and complete an event safety risk assessment. This application will be considered again once this information has been provided.

70/12 **Any Other Business**

- a) Civic Service – Confirmation of various matters relating to Civic Service 23rd Sunday at 11.00am. Two Commissioners required to do readings, charity the collection goes to and Chairman's foreword.
A discussion took place and it was resolved to note SJ and RB would do readings, the Clerk confirmed he had received and the offertory would be split equally between Laxey and Lonan Branch of the Isle of Man Live at Home Scheme and Laxey and Lonan Branch of the Isle of Man Anti Cancer Association.
- b) Letter from the Chairman of the Municipal Association regarding the Scope of Government Report.
Resolved Clerk to respond to the letter.
- c) Mike Barnes e-mails at 1514 hours on 17.09.12 agreeing with David's comments about Coach Parking. He would like to attend the Link Bus. Comments about parking opposite houses.
1. I agree with David Miller comments [see minute ref 69/12, item b)], and that coating the new coach stop area with yellow paint and/or making it an off season parking area (that would quickly fill up with campervans!) would be completely detrimental to what is trying to be achieved at this location.
 2. I would like to attend the Tours Isle of Man coach trial. Please let me know when? Also, I am chasing the order to re-mark the double yellow lines that previously existed from the box marking to the entrance to what used to be "Browns Café".
 3. The parking area opposite the houses is currently a "free for all", consideration needs to be given to creating daytime limited/seasonal parking (Police support would be needed)? This would get rid of the "long-term" parking that currently takes up valuable visitor parking when it is needed most? I would propose that parking along the road on the houses side remains primarily for residents use (though this cannot be marked as such)
- Item moved to minute reference 69/12 b).*
- d) Sarah Cain e-mails at 1146 hours to say that the Big Tidy Up is coming up and the 1st Laxey Cubs would like to get involved with this. I do find Laxey generally tidy and I do not know of any hot spots. We were going to undertake our litter pick on Sunday 30th September in the afternoon (time to be confirmed). Could you advise of anywhere in the Laxey area that would be suitable for the cubs to undertake a litter pick.
A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk respond with suggesting some areas.
- e) Ramsey Town Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 28th October 2012 at 1030 hours at the Trinity United Reformed Church, Waterloo Road with parade starting at 1000 hours from outside the Town Hall. Chains of Office to be worn.
It was unanimously resolved the Clerk RSVP stating that unfortunately no member was available to attend.
- f) PK produced an article from an Isle of Man Newspaper in respect of a new **BMX** track in Cronk Grianagh Park in Braddan. PK stated maintenance works required undertaking at the Laxey dips BMX track on Gelen Road.
- g) PK stated the Laxey Heritage trial sign at on the footpath leading to the Glen Road waterfall was missing. Clerk stated the sign had been removed when the property it was fixed to was rendered and had not been put back. *Clerk to arrange for the sign to be put back.*
- h) PK proposed the Pipe factory be placed on the Registered building list. *It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk contacts the Conservation officer and put forward the proposal.*

Meeting Closed at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd October 2012

