

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 10.00 am

## Meeting Minutes

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

**Apologies:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

**AM** opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Allan Kinrade of Kinrade's Haulage.

**47/14** The Clerk briefed the meeting on the Garff Refuse Contract Collection Round Overlap Correction Action

- c) Exercise undertaken October 2013 and the formula used to calculate refuse tipping charges for Laxey, Lonan and Maughold. It was emphasised that for the purpose of collection there was no difference between commercial and domestic/litter. The Department of Infrastructure Waste Management Unit issued invoices based on agreed formula for domestic refuse and agreed weight for commercial refuse. **JP** advised that members of the public were using the two wheelie bins at the rear of the Kiosk and that **AK** had supplied two large roll top wheelie bins however street litter was also being placed in these. **AK** advised locks would be fitted to these bins. A general discussion took place with regard to street litter management on Laxey Promenade, the type of bins used. It was Resolved the Clerk would purchase a galvanised refuse bin to be placed at the North East end of the Promenade for the purpose of disposing of BBQ's. **PK** requested the Clerk look at the plastic flaps on the litter bins with a view to using a softer plastic. **AM** thanked **AK** for attending. **AK** left at 10.30am. PB

### 45/14 Planning Matters

#### Planning Applications

- a) Planning Amendment Application No 14/00349/B of 05.08.14 in respect of replacing Public House with four detached dwellings with associated parking at the New Inn, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3671].

*Resolved - To Approve Planning Application no. 14/00349/B. Concerns were raised in respect of vehicular access and egress.*

#### Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

- b) Planning Appeal Decision Notice No 14/00256/B of 14.08.14 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow replacement windows to front elevation of 10, Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref 3668]. Approval granted.

#### Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- c) Nil.

#### Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

- d) Nil.

#### Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

- e) Nil.

#### Planning - other Correspondence

- f) Nil.

### 46/14 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed RB, Seconded JJ**

### 47/14 Matters arising out of the minutes 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

- a) **JP – 40/14(a)** – Meeting Notices.

*AM circulated a notice produced by the Clerk. It was Resolved to approve the notice. AM requested the Commissioners remove the old Laxey trader's notice Board on the wall of the promenade Kiosk. Resolved Clerk to action.*

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- b) **JJ – 40/14(g)** - The OFT has today issued a [Consultation](#) on proposed changes to the scope of the Financial Services Ombudsman Scheme and would welcome your views on this matter. The consultation is being held for a period of six weeks and responses should be received by this Office before 5pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014**.  
*JJ briefed the Commissioners on the consultation documentation and proposed changes. Resolved to note.*
- c) **JP – 41/14(h)** - Mrs Pinson writes on 30.07.14 as **THE PROPRIETOR of the PROMENADE CAFÉ**. Regarding refuse disposal issues at and around the Café. The proprietor would like the Board to discuss this issue and the appropriateness of the bins and their location. It was resolved that it would be sensible if this matter could be discussed with the Refuse Contractor and the Clerk was directed to invite them to the next meeting.  
*Dealt with at commencement of meeting.*
- d) **RB** referred to planning application 14/00861/B and the proposals to extend the pavement width outside the Coop. **RB** advised the matter had been raised with Inspector Darill Pearson at the recent Garff Joint Initiative meeting and that he was not aware of the plans. **RB** proposed that in future the Regeneration Committee should consult with the IoM Constabulary.
- e) **JP** reported a number of “abandoned” vehicles on Glen Road car park. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk place notices on the vehicle requesting they are removed. **JP** requested the Clerk investigate the process of making a parking order for this area. A discussion took place in respect of improving the car park. It was resolved the Clerk make enquiries in respect of drawing up plans for planning application.

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#### 48/14 General Correspondence

- a) BD e-mails at 0934 hours on 06.08.14 regarding Regional Swimming Pools/Rates - To all Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks: At last Thursday’s meeting this issued was discussed and one of our members has supplied the attachment shown above, for circulation to our membership, as it appears this information had not been made available to all interested parties.  
*Resolved to note.*
- b) Mr Len Harvey of Baldhoon Road e-mails on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - I have previously requested the commissioners response to their proposal of a plan in the event of an apocalyptic zombie outbreak in the village, and have received no response. Would you please consider the following newspaper article & reply with their consideration. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2629064/The-Pentagons-guide-surviving-zombie-apocalypse-US-military-outlines-plans-deal-undead-chickens-space-invaders-VEGETARIANS.html> I raise this question again, as my wife was scared half to death by a hunched man walking past our house last week, grunting menacingly.  
*A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write and thank Mr Harvey for his letter, advising his comments had been noted.*
- c) Resident telephones on 7<sup>th</sup> August - at 1045 hours to politely complain about the appalling state of the old ‘End Café’ on Laxey Promenade and what can be done about it.  
*A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk would investigate the matter with Department of Environment Food and Agriculture, Environment Directorate.*
- d) BD e-mails at 1839 hours on 08.08.14 regarding Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill Committee - To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks: I am attaching a letter received by e-mail late this afternoon (Friday) on the above subject, asking for evidence to be submitted by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September. I have replied advising that, firstly, the Municipal Association cannot speak on behalf of its membership as a whole since situations and opinions may vary; and this issue may not be relevant to every member authority. Secondly, that our next meeting is not until 28 August and members attending would need to report back to their Boards before any action could be taken, making the deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> September impossible to meet. Additionally, I have advised that they need to approach Ballaugh, Andreas, Jurby, Bride and Santon, the 5 non-member authorities,

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separately. It is therefore necessary for me to request that Member Authorities reply individually before 1<sup>st</sup> September and I have advised Mr Phillips accordingly.

*Resolved to note.*

- e) Inspector Darrill Pearson writes on 4<sup>th</sup> August introducing himself as the new Commander for the Northern, Southern & Western Neighbourhood Policing Teams. (Telephone 842208; e-mail – [darrill.pearson@gov.im](mailto:darrill.pearson@gov.im)).

*Resolved to note.*

#### 49/14 Reports

- a) Nil.

#### 50/14 Any Other Business

- a) Minutes of the Garff Joint Initiative Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and Police Assurance Chart.

*Resolved to note.*

- b) Press release issued by Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture, 18.08.14.

##### **Expressions of interest sought to lease Laxey Pavilion**

The Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (DEFA) is looking for a dynamic and innovative operator to take up the lease of the Pavilion building at Laxey Glen. Offers are sought from experienced hospitality service providers for the five year lease.

[Andrew Sidebottom](#), Director of Forestry, Amenity and Lands at DEFA, said:

'The Department is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced individual or group, who is able to demonstrate that they can deliver and sustain high standards of service to visitors and the local community.

'There are two lease options. One option is the lease to occupy, maintain and manage the Pavilion building which includes restaurant, ballroom and 3-bedroomed apartment accommodation. The other lease option also includes managing and formally utilising the surrounding Laxey Glen, with its gardens and wooded areas, maintaining public access and amenities. The importance of the public access to the glen and garden areas is a key consideration in this lease option and the Department will give preference to offers that positively support this objective.

'We welcome expressions of interest for the lease as these premises and grounds are a key part of the economic diversity of Laxey, attracting visitors and locals alike.'

The Pavilion has previously been operated as a café, licenced restaurant and function venue. Laxey Glen is in the centre of the village and attracts many visitors, including children and families.

For an information pack, please contact the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture headquarters in St. John's, by telephoning +44 1624 801263 or email: [Nicky.Davison@gov.im](mailto:Nicky.Davison@gov.im). The closing date for [expressions of interest](#) will be 12.00 noon on Thursday 4 September.

*Resolved to note.*

- c) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust writes on 15.08.14 with copy of invoice from Buchanan & Pitts in respect of the repainting of Lady Evelyn which LVC has agreed to pay. [Discussion in private].

*A discussion took place and it was unanimously Resolved to pay the invoice presented in respect of painting the Snaefell wheel.*

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- d) Darren Cain e-mails at 1256 hours on 15.08.14 regarding Promenade Kiosk - We have arranged a pre start meeting for the Promenade Kiosk on 26 August 2014 at 14:00 at our office. Please confirm whether you wish to attend.

*It was Resolved JP would attend.*

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- e) Darren Cain e-mails at 1258 hours on 15.08.14 regarding the Commissioners Office - We have instructed Paul Bergin to re-inspect the roof and provide a repair solution for the principle rafter. He will be in contact in due course to gain access.

*Resolved to note.*

- f) Manx National Heritage writes on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2014 to inform the Commissioners that the Great Laxey Wheel will be undertaking a major refurbishment 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014 until 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The work will involve removal of defective render, cleaning of the wheel, timber repairs, redecoration of the

wheel timber, viewing gallery and anti-slip treatment. Limited access to the site will be maintained albeit none to the wheel itself.

*Resolved to note.*

- g) **JP** enquired when the new door would be fitted to the small Promenade store. A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk would request DPM Conservatories liaise with **PK** to confirm final specification. PB/PK
- h) **AM** enquired if there were any parking restrictions that would prevent campers van parking on Laxey Promenade. The Clerk advised he understood they could stay for 24hrs before moving on.
- i) **PK** requested permission from the Board for a plumber who was carrying out works to the Football Club House to replace the push button flushes in the public toilets. It was Resolved to support **PK** request and the plumber under take the repairs. PK
- j) **PK** reported a 4 of the Promenade lights were not working, along with the lights and hand dyers in the Promenade. It was resolved the Clerk instruct an Electrician to investigate. PB

Meeting Closed at 12.05pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014, 10.00am.