

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th February 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies : Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

128/12 Election of Vice Chairman

A discussion took place and it was Resolved to defer the election of a Vice Chairman until the Annual General Meeting on 1st May 2013.

129/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/00126/B of 04.02.13 in respect of extension to rear elevation at 41 Ard Reayrt, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3626]. **Submissions before Friday 8th March 2013.**

It was Resolved to defer this item deferred to meeting

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

Nil.

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

Resolved - To note the following Planning approval Notices no. 12/01674/B.

Planning Refusal Notice No 12/01674/B of 05.02.13 in respect of erection of four dwellings at the New Inn, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3621]. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC.*

- d) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**

Nil.

- e) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

130/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 6th February 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed AM, Seconded RB

131/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 6th February 2013

- a) Minute reference 127/12, item e).

Clerk advised the tenant of the promenade still had still not supplied a key. *A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk arrange for the lock to be removed, a new one fitted and keys to be supplied to the tenant.*

PB

132/12 General correspondence

- a) Office of Human Recourses letter dated 13.02.13 relating to a matter raised at a recent Whitley Council meeting requesting information from Local Authorities employing people on Whitley Council Terms and Conditions. The information requested in relation to how the organisation manages Health and Safety in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 2003. See attached Blue papers.

The Clerk recommended initially the Board appoint a Health and Safety Consultant. A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk should contact other Local Authorities and seek advice.

PB

- b) Consultation on the Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill 2013, the purpose of which is to achieve a reasonable balance between the rights of landlords and tenants in private rented accommodation. The new legislation will

1. Require landlords of rented dwellings, (who are not exempted) to be registered,
2. Require landlords, certain letting agents and rented dwellings to comply with minimum

standards made by DSC,

3. Require landlords, who do not themselves, meet the minimum standards, to use a letting agent to manage the tenancy of their properties,
4. Empower the DSC to inspect rented dwellings and enforce those minimum standards,
5. Create offences for landlords who fail to register or fail to meet the minimum standards.

Legislation makes it illegal for a landlord to operate unless they and their properties are registered.

Submissions by Friday 22nd March 2013.

It was Resolved to note the contents of the Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill 2013 consultation correspondence.

- c) Buck Recycling Letter and enclosure regarding Private Bring Bank Service.
It was Resolved to note the letter and enclosed documentation regarding private bring bank service.
- d) Ballaugh Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 24th February 2013 at 1045 hours at Ballaugh Parish Church.

It was Resolved the Clerk respond to Ballaugh Parish Commissioners apologising there was no one available to attend their Civic Service on Sunday 24th February 2013.

- e) Margaret Lowey of 2 The Downings, Harthill, South Yorkshire, S26 7WD writes on 07.02.13 asking if she can erect a memorial bench on The Promenade, to the memory of her late husband, Francis Corlett Lowey, formerly of Freelyn, South Cape, who enjoyed Laxey. She will be in the Isle of Man in June and then in August when she attends the wedding of Sheila & Ken Kinrade's daughter, Rachel.

JR proposed the Commissioners should look at alternatives to memorial benches. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to approve Mrs Lowey's request to site a memorial bench on the Promenade.

- f) E-mail at 1039 hours on 13.02.13 from DEFA to say that the Department proposes to introduce regulations requiring flats and houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) to be registered with the local authority and regulations controlling the standards of amenity within both types of accommodation. An Order setting out the definition of what constitutes a house or flat in multiple occupation is also proposed.

Submissions before Friday 10th May 2013.

The Clerk advised the Commissioners that under the revised regulations Local Authorities would be required to maintain a register of flats and houses in multiple occupation. It was Resolved to note the correspondence.

133/12 Reports

a) Approval of Audited 2011 Year End Accounts

The Audited Statements of Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2011 was 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.

Resolved – to approve the Statement of Account for the financial year ending 31st March 2011.

Proposed AM, Seconded RB, signed by JJ.

b) Works and Amenities update – To be circulated separately on Monday 18th February 2013.

The Clerk referred to the works and Amenity report circulated and advised the list had been split into 3 section, which were LVC in house works, LVC Contractors and other agencies (i.e.

Department of Infrastructure). AM proposed that the Works and Amenity Committee should be resurrected. A discussion took place and it was resolved JR and PK would compile a list of 10 items and report back to the Board.

134/12 Any Other Business

- a) Barbara Dunworth sends the Municipal Minutes of 31.01.13, a letter from John Quayle regarding Domestic & Commercial Gate fees at EFW, the Agenda for 28.02.13 and Secretary's Report.

Resolved – Clerk to circulate the letter to the Board.

- b) Anonymous letter complain about poor state of the Skate Park which is full of rubbish and other obstructions. The author states that Mr Kinnish promised a better skate park in his manifesto and he, together with 148 'Likes' on facebook support to idea. www.facebook.com/pages/New-Skate-Park-in-Laxey/138248309597883?fref=ts.
RB advised it had been the Boards policy not to accept anonymous letter as there was not way of responding to them. Resolved to note the contents of the letter.
- c) Sir Laurence New writes on 15th February in support of the Commissioners views on the Boundary Review and commends the wisdom and judgement demonstrated by Steve Rodan. He requests a copy of his views if available in brief written form.
Resolved - To note the contents of Mr New's letter.
- d) L. Miller writes a letter of support for Laxey Commissioners views on the Boundary review recommendations.
Resolved - To note the contents of Mr Miller's letter.
- e) Department of Social Care writes on 18th February 2013 regarding input of Non-Local Authorities into the Housing Review. Mr Robertshaw refers to a number of projects being progressed as a result of the Housing Review March 2012 which can be found at www.gov.im/socialcare/housing/progress_report.xml and wishes to engage all Authorities that have Social Care Housing within their jurisdiction, but not under their control. To that end he would like to attend a Commissioners Meeting to discuss proposals.
The Clerk reported that Lonan Commissioners had proposed Mr Robertshaw be invited to the next Garff meeting 13th March 2013. A discussion took place and it was Resolved to invite Mr Robertshaw to the next Garff meeting.
- f) Female anon telephones the office to report there are numerous unlicensed vehicles on the Glen Rd recycling area car park. The Clerk reports there are currently 2 unlicensed vehicles on the car park, and seeks direction from the Board as to how to deal with them.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk contact the abandoned vehicles officer to establish if the vehicles were abandoned and whether they could be dealt with.
- g) Mayor of Douglas invites the Chairman to attend the Mayors Parlour for drinks on Thursday 11th April 2013 at 1900 hours. RSVP.
JJ advised he would not be able to attend. Resolved Clerk to respond and advise.
- h) Laxey Properties writes on 19th February 2013 to say that they have heard that Laxey Commissioners may be looking for new premises and he would be happy to meet the Board to discuss vacant property at Whitehouse Close which may be suitable.
Resolved – Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Skillciorn and a representative from the Commissioners

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th March 2013, 6.45pm.