



Laxey Village Commissioners

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15th January 2016

Dear Commissioner

You are hereby summoned to attend the Mid Monthly Meeting of Laxey Village Commissioners' to be held on **Wednesday 20th January at 10.00am** in the Commissioners Offices, please see agenda together with minutes and reports attached.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Burgess".

Mr P. Burgess,
Clerk to the Board of Laxey Village Commissioners.

AGENDA

Public Meeting

1. Planning matters
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2016.
3. Matters arising.
4. General correspondence.
5. Reports
6. Any Other Business

Private

1. Confirmation of the Private Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2016.
2. Matters arising.
3. Correspondence.
4. Reports
5. Staffing Matters
6. Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 10.00am

20th January 2016

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th January at 10.00am.

Papers to Meeting

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

113/15 Meeting With Peter Tyreman, Ellis Brown Architects. Mr Tyreman to brief Commissioners on Campsite shower block and Glen Road Car Park/Recycling Area.

114/15 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) **Planning application no. 16/00035/B**, in respect of Construction of a new bridge over Laxey River with refurbishment of section of road to both sides of bridge, including re-surfacing of road, re-alignment and re-paving of footpaths and installation of lighting. Laxey Bridge Glen Road Laxey Isle Of Man. LVC ref 3741. **Submissions by 5th February 2016.**

Approval Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)

c)

Refusal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)

d)

Appeal Notices (DEFA Planning Committee)

e)

Planning Enforcement (DEFA Planning and Building Control)

f)

Planning - other Correspondence

g)

115/15 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 6th January 2016 were presented for approval.

116/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 6th January 2016.

a)

117/15 General Correspondence

- a) Patricia newton writes letter regarding the style of the new bridge in Laxey. Circulated previously.
- b) **Flooding on Glen Road 3rd December 2016** - Resident e-mails at 1625 hours on 12.01.16 on loskimbers@hotmail.com - GoodAfternoon, I have just viewed the proposed ideas for the new bridge and think that all are acceptable in appearance although No2 is appealing with the added design detail to match the lighthouse. However, I truly hope that the people making the decision, base their choice on the effectiveness of the structure to allow an optimum flow of water and not on appearance alone. My daughter and I are 2 of the poor people totally flooded out and are extremely concerned about the lack of care given to the rivers, other water courses, drainage etc. The priority always seems to be about getting everywhere ready for the TT.... an important event I know BUT please don't insult the poor residents of Laxey who have had their lives badly disrupted or worse by ignoring the works that are vital to stop flooding in the future. We have had neither help, advice nor support from D.O.I , IOM government or anyone else.... no words of reassurance that steps are being taken to prevent this life changing event re-occurring.... we are very concerned for our future.

- c) **Invitation to a Consultation Seminar on Legal Aid.** Martin Blackburn e-mails at 1635 hours on 12.01.16 - Dear Colleagues **Invitation to a Consultation Seminar on Legal Aid** I write to you as Chair of the independent Legal Aid Committee (LAC). As you are aware the LAC is undertaking a review of how legal advice and representation is provided to those without means to pay for it themselves. As part of the review, the LAC consulted publicly, providing an opportunity for relevant agencies and the wider community to submit their views. We particularly requested comments on the ability of the current system to provide: 1. Fairness and equity in access to justice; 2. Effective use of limited resources and value for money; 3. Transparency, simplicity and efficiency; 4. Professionalism and continuous quality improvement in practice; and 5. Shaping the service around the needs of its customers / clients / users. We encouraged respondents' ideas to be unhindered by the existing arrangements and to express options for radically alternative approaches which may deliver the above principles. In addition to the written responses to the consultation process we have met with several organisations that are important stakeholders in the criminal and civil justice arena. Through this process the LAC has identified areas for streamlining, simplification and improved efficiency and consistency in the delivery of the current service and considered areas with the potential for more radical structural change in the future. The Committee would like to invite you, as a representative of an organisation with whom we have consulted, to a seminar so that we can share with you the story so far on this review and [engage with you as we consider the future shape of government supported access to legal help](#). At the seminar, members of the Legal Aid Committee and officers in the Legal Aid service will: 1. Provide feedback on the consultation process; 2. Explain the improvements to the existing system which have already been implemented; 3. Outline the further improvements to the existing system which have been proposed in our consultations and through our own analysis of the current system; 4. Outline areas for more radical changes which have been proposed in our consultations and through our own analysis of alternative systems; and 5. Suggest the next steps to engage you in considering these potential changes. This will be a participative process and there will be opportunity for Questions and Answers, discussion and engagement in planning. The seminar will take place on Tuesday 26 January 2016 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Ground Floor Committee Room, Murray House, Mount Havelock, Douglas. We are conscious that many individuals and organisations will have work and other commitments and so we have chosen this time so as to enable as wide a spectrum of attendance as possible – even if you are unable to stay for the duration, we would welcome your attendance. If you like to attend please inform Ms Alex Powell on 686422. I hope you are able to attend as we value your input in this important work in ensuring a positive future for delivering equitable and effective access to justice.
- d) **Garff Merger Employee Contracts of employment** - Lonan Commissioners email with response from Douglas Borough Council in respect of seeking advice on HR and reviewing staff contracts.
I'm completely snowed under at the moment and I am going on leave soon for a 3 week period. What I would suggest is that you contact the Manx Industrial Relations Service who will be able to give the required advice in relation to the merger and what actions need to be taken. There is a need to consult with employees and this can help to maintain performance and productivity by improving employee engagement. Obviously effective communication with all stakeholders from the outset is vital and the processes and outcomes should be clear to all involved. The key roles and responsibilities in the merger process should be identified and should be communicated and negotiated in a way that reflects the interests of all parties. Engaged employees are more likely to adapt better to change if they are consulted regularly and given some say in the decision making process as they will feel part of the future success of the organisation going forward. I could do a brief meeting but I am not sure that this would cover all that is required? You need to identify where you are at, where you want to be and then think about how to get there (but I'm sure you know that already).
- e) **Mines Road Street Lamp** - Stuart Clague calls into the Commissioner's Office on 12.01.16 to thank Commissioners for installing the additional street lamp on Mines Road, opposite the upper Salmon Centre Car Park.

- f) **Housing Review – Eastern Area Housing Steering Group Terms of Reference.** Clerk seeks approval of Document. See Attached White Papers.
- g) **Eastern Area Housing Steering Group Meeting -** Braddan Commissioners offices at 2.30pm on Thursday 28th January.

118/15 Reports

- a) **Estimates for the financial year 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.** See attached white papers. Clerk recommends the village rate and fixed refuse charge remain at 205/16 levels, i.e. Village Rate 174p/£ and fixed refuse charge £163.

119/15 Any Other Business

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Meeting Closed at
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd February 2016, 10.00 am.