

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th June 2012 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mrs S Jones (Chairman), Mrs R. Bate (Vice Chairman), Mr J James, Mr P Kinnish (left at 7.50pm), Mr AJ Moore.

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk

27/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/00749/B of 18.05.12 in respect of erection of six dwellings with parking to replace existing Public House at The New Inn, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3583].

Letter of objection received.

The Board recommends refusal of the above application on the grounds that:-

- 1. The proposed development is over intensive for the size of the site, 4 or 5 properties would sit more comfortably on the footprint.*
- 2. The two properties with the end gables facing New Road are not in keeping with the traditional "Manx cottage" style of building, and therefore would have a detrimental impact on the street scene.*

RB declared an interest.

- b) Planning Application No 12/00763/B of 24.05.12 in respect of creation of wheelchair access in section of rear boundary wall at 1 Gretch Noa, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3584].

Approved

- c) Planning Application No 12/00796/B of 04.06.12 in respect of erection of a replacement ticket kiosk at MER Station, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3585].

Approved

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

None

28/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the monthly meeting held 30th May 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed AM, Seconded RB

29a/12 Guest Speaker – Mrs Joan Charnock, Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust .

SJ welcomed JC to the meeting. JC briefed the Commissioners on the forthcoming visit to Laxey by members of the Bagillt Heritage Society, Flintshire, North Wales. JC stated Bagillt had connections to Laxey through the Snaefell wheel which was manufactured at Messrs Leigh and Gilbert Howell, Hawarden Iron Works, Bagillt. JC advised the Society members would be in Laxey for the day on Saturday 28th July 2012. and the L&LHT had requested the Commissioners consider paying for provision of Lunch at the Working Mens Institute, the hire of the Room would be paid by Stuart Claque.

Resolved – Commissioners to provide funding not exceeding £300 for the provision of Lunch and refreshments. Proposed AM, Seconded PK

29/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 30th May 2012

PB reported the Deputy Clerk had attended the Presentation on Monday 11th June 2012 by iESE Ltd on Partnerships and efficiencies in the Public Sector. The key point of the presentation highlighted

the saving that can be made when Local Authorities work together, as the Garff Joint Initiative Committee has already demonstrated.

Noted.

30/12 General correspondence

- a) Department of Community, Culture & Leisure writes on 4th June 2012 to thank the Laxey Board for their welcome and assistance with regards to the Olympic Torch. The letter particularly thanks the Clerk, Mr Burgess, for his substantial contribution in the organisation of the event which reflects well on the Commissioners and Village as a whole. *SJ reported she had been on Laxey Station when the Torch arrived on the Tram and had welcomed the Torch bearer on behalf of the Local Authority. Noted.*
- b) Letter from Richard Ronan dated 5th June 2012 regarding the Garff Joint Initiative Committee. He states that a number of Authorities have sort meetings with him and he wishes to know whether or not the Garff Authorities would like to have a further meeting with him, preferably within the next two months. If so to contact Rachel.Bevan@gov.im to arrange a mutually acceptable date. *The Clerk reported that Lonan Commissioners had proposed initially the Garff Joint Imitative should meet without Richard Ronan to discuss and agree additional services they wish to see being transferred from Central Government and agree matters for discussion in respect of Local Authority reform.*
- c) Peel Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 15th July 2012 at 1100 hours at Peel Methodist Church. *No Commissioners available to attend.*
- d) Gill Anderson of the Douglas Development Partnership telephones requesting loan of the Skate Ramps for Festival of Youth Saturday 21st July.2012. *Resolved – that the equipment is loaned as requested.*

31/12 Review of Standing Orders

Deferred to 18.06.12.

32/12 Any Other Business

- a) Noah's Ark Nursery request permission to use the Promenade Green for their sports day Thursday 28th June between 10 and 11am. *Noted, Approved.*
- b) Link Bus signs – Funding for larger signs required. The Clerk advised that representatives from the regeneration Committee had met on Monday 18.06.12 for a press photo at the wheel car park and observations were made in respect of the size of the link bus signs and they were not viable enough.. *Clerk sated quotes had been obtained and funding of £140 was required to purchase the larger signs. Resolved – That the larger signs are purchased and erected as soon as possible. Proposed PK, Seconded AM.*
- c) Richard Henthorn emails dated 18.06.12 on behalf of the WMI Management Committee seeking waiving the village rate for the WMI or the Commissioners making a financial contribution towards. *The Clerk advised the rate charges for the WMI was £456.63, and t as the Authorities rates were collected by Treasury we had to abele by there rules, which state rates reductions can only be applied if the rentals income is from a Charitable organisation and for none profit making purposes, at present the majority of the WMI income comes from private and commercial bookings. PK stated he did not agree with this request. (Note some Local Authorities collect there own rates and can apply there own discounts or waivers). [PK apologised and left the meeting at 7.50pm]. A discussion took place and the Commissioners resolved the Clerk write to the WMI and advise they were unable to assist with this request at this time.*
- d) PK emails 1446hrs on 20.06.12 at 1445hrs in respect of various works for the attention of the Department of Infrastructure. *Clerk to forward to relevant DoI officers.*
- e) RB reported there was a scaffolding pole in the river adjacent to Cooil Roi. *Clerk to contact DoI.*

- f) RB reported that John Bate had received a number of calls during TT at unsociable hours from visitors looking for the Laxey AFC Campsite. RB stated a number of the bookings had been through Regency travel and perhaps they did not make it clear which campsite was being booked and provide directions.
Resolved Clerk to write to Laxey AFC and request they provide clear directions to the site and place temporary signage at strategic locations providing directions during the TT fortnight.

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm
Date of next meeting 4th July 2012