LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Thursday 20th June 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, John Bate, Campsite Warden (left at 6.52)

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

18/13a The Chairman welcomed John Bate to the Meeting. JB advised the Commissioners that there had not been an increase in the Campsite charges since 2010. JB recommended following a review of other Campsite charges that the Laxey Campsite charges for the 2014 season should be increased as follows:

Current Charge		Proposed Charge
Adult:	£6.00 per night	£7.00 per night
Child	£2.00 per night	£3.00 per night
Car	£2.00 per night	No Change
Camper Van	£2.00 per night	No Charge
Electric Hook	£3.00 per night	£4.00 per night

A discussion took place with respect to awning's and gazebo's, at present the Warden may make an additional charge, the Clerk advised that other campsites charge for awing and gazebo's and suggested a price of £3.00 per night. It was Resolved the Laxey Quarry Road Campsite charges are amended as recommended. AM thanked JB for the hard work he puts in running the Campsite and said it was a credit to the village. JB left at 6.52pm.

18/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Planning Application No 13/00617/B of 24.05.13 in respect of alterations and erection of a second floor extension to dwelling comprising amendments to 12/01413/B, Oirr Ushtey, The Promenade, (LVC Ref: 3609).

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00617/B

Planning Application No. 13/00622/B of 05.06.13 in respect of Erection of a Porch to front elevation of dwelling, Lothlorien, Quarry Road, Laxey. (LVC Ref 3642).

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00622/B

Planning Application No.13/00639/B of 05.06.13 in respect of Installation of 2 roof lights and a window, Mill Stream Cottage, Mines Road, Laxey. (LVC Ref 3643).

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00639/B

- b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)
 Nil
- c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)
- d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)
- e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)
 Nil.

19/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 29th May 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

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20/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 29th May 2013

a) Minute Reference 24/13, a).

The Clerk reported Mr Maddocks at the DCCL had responded to email sent expressing the Commissioners concerns regarding the state of the MER station. The Clerk read out the email advising that Mr Maddocks had passed the matter onto the Department of Infrastructure Properties Division who are now responsible for maintaining all the Governments property portfolio.

21/13 General correspondence

a) Letter and Booklet from Ashley Petit Architects dated 30.05.13, reference 'TT Camping'. The letter advises they have been working with Angela Byrne at the Isle of Man Tourism, looking at ideas to improve 'Isle Of Man Campsites' in response to new regulations proposed by Government – 'Common Standards of Parks'. APA seeks a meeting with Commissioners representatives at the campsite to discuss proposals.

Clerk to advise response from Angela Byrne in respect of the proposed new minimum standards. *See General Correspondence item f*).

- b) Department of Infrastructure letter of 05.06.13 regarding the Petition Lease Agreement with DCCL. The Department has approved the application from LVC under Section 25 Local Government Act 1985 to enter into a 20 year lease with DCCL concerning an area of land in Laxey, known as the Heritage Garden.

 Resolved To Note.
- c) Amy Heap guider in charge 5th Douglas Brownies emails at 0917hrs on 11.06.13, seeking permission for a cook out and games on the Promenade and Green on Wednesday 17th July 2013, between 6.30pm and 8pm.

Resolved - To approve the request by the 5th Douglas Brownies to hold a cook out and games on Laxev Promenade Greens. Retrieved

- d) Philippa Harrison emails at 1431hrs on 11.06.13. 'Once again WaterAid\'s fundraising mountain challenge, the 6 Peaks will be starting off on the Isle of Man. This year's event takes place from 5-8 July, with the teams walking Snaefell on the Friday afternoon. Last year we were lucky enough to have a team from the Isle of Man, and this year a member of that team is taking part again! We were wondering if perhaps the Vice Chair of the Laxey Commissioners would be available to join us for buffet lunch at Laxey and to start the teams off on their way.'

 Resolved JJ to attend.
- e) Mannin Media Isle of Man Tourist Guide for 2014 offer to advertise therein. Apply before Monday 8th July 2013.

Resolved – To place an advertisement for the Laxey Quarry Road Campsite in the Isle of Man Tourist Guide.

f) Angela Byrne head of Tourism emails at 1122hrs on 14.06.13.

I can confirm that we are reviewing the Campsite and Hostel standards to bring them in line with the UK. This will involve changes to our legislation and therefore there will be a consultation period. I am not in a position to confirm exact dates at this time, however the owners/operators of all campsites and hostels on the Island will be consulted before anyone else as this obviously affects them directly.

I have attached a copy of the standards that are currently operating in the UK under the designator of 'Parks' however I cannot confirm that we will take on everything that is contained within this but it will give you an idea as to what we are aiming for. This change is very much overdue as we reverted to the UK Common Standards for all other tourist accommodation in 2007 and the standards of our campsites and hostels hasn't been reviewed for over 10 years.

Please do not be alarmed by this as we are in the very early stages of a process expected to take 12 - 18 months and if we do take the new standards there will be a time frame built in for campsites to prepare. I would very much stress that it is our intention to consult fully with all campsites on the Island throughout the process.

The Clerk advised he had reviewed the proposed standards and believed there was little concern regarding Laxey Quarry Road Campsite as it more than exceeded the minimum requirements. The Clerk passed a copy of the of the Visit England - British Graded Holiday Park Scheme guide to RB.

22/13 Any Other Business

- a) Laxey Quarry Rd Campsite grading and assessment report dated 26th May 2013.
 - The Clerk advised the report was excellent and a reflection of John Bate's work in maintaining the site and the only remedial actions required are an additional toilet brush for the ladies toilet, coat hooks for the back of the toilets doors and a hand to be placed next to the chemical toilet disposal point. The Clerk advised these had been actioned.
- E-mail at 0655 hours from Lonan Commissioners Colin Whiteway from Braddan has e-mailed the following message:- "Earlier this week, the Housing Authorities in the central valley (ie from Peel eastward) met with David Tolson, where he floated an idea of a central valley housing authority which included Laxey, Lonan and possibly Maughold. It wasn't particularly well received, but those present agreed to take it away and provide some feedback. I think DSC was intending to discuss this issue with the non-housing authorities in the central valley so I am just checking, in the light of this suggestion, that your committee still wants to meet us?" Please can you ask your respective Boards what their views are regarding meeting Braddan at the next Garff Meeting. An early response would be helpful.
 - A discussion took place and it was agreed it was still relevant for officers from Braddan Commissioners to attend.
- c) <u>Karl.Cubbon@gov.im</u> e-mails at 1421 hours on 19.06.13 a Consultation 1 in respect of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2013.
 - I am writing to invite your Authority to comment on the attached consultation documentation in relation to the Department's intention to introduce a Bill designed to place all the legislation concerned with combating the financing of terrorism and related money laundering within one Act (rather than the two Manx Acts and a further Order-in-Council as now).

The Bill repeals the Terrorism (Finance) Act 2009 and amends the Anti-Terrorism and Crime Act 2003 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2008.

Paper copies of the consultation document and related appendices can be provided to you on request. If you would like to discuss any matter contained within the documentation please contact me.

I would be pleased to receive your views on the Bill by email to dhaconsultation@gov.im or letter at the above address by Wednesday 31st July 2013.

<u>Karl.Cubbon@gov.im</u> e-mails at 1521 hours on 19.06.13 a Consultation 1 in respect of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2013, a copy of the Bill.

The consultation document was given to JJ to review and report back to the next meeting.

d) Stephen Harrison e-mails at 1428 hours on 19.06.13 on heritage@manx.net - I wonder if you would be good enough to give me an update on this matter (- see our previous, attached, correspondence). As you know, we have waited well over a year for any action on this matter and, frankly, I think it is unreasonable to expect us to be patient with Mr Burrows much longer before vigorously advancing with action under the Trees and High Hedges legislation. As you know, he gave you an assurance that he would tackle this matter "in the Spring". Yet again, nothing has happened. Are the Commissioners also now being misled? I would stress again that we do not see the necessity for Mr Collins or Mr Burrows to completely fell the trees – we appreciate the privacy they provide to their properties. Our point however is that the trees could be reduced in height by at least thirty feet and still provide this privacy from pedestrians and vehicles along the Ramsey Road. I think we have been and are being entirely reasonable in this matter, in accordance with one of the main reasons the legislation was brought through the Tynwald. Mr Burrows, however, is not being reasonable and I hope that you will now be able to bring your full power to bear on the matter to ensure a prompt resolution.

A discussion took place and it was Resolved the Clerk write to both Mr Collins and Mr Burrows 20^{th} June 2013

- reminding them of the original letter sent last year.
- e) Minorca Hill traffic issues at school pick up times.
 - The Clerk reported complaints had been received regarding issues with parents parking cars opposite the bus stop on Minorca Hill at School picking up times. When the bus arrives to pick up the school children this causes Minorca Hill to become gridlocked. The Clerk advised he had contacted the Sergeant Lund at Ramsey Police Station and Mike Barnes at the Department of Infrastructure and they had both agreed cones along this section of Road to discourage people from parking there.
- f) JJ raised the matter of PK telling children not to play on the Henry Bloom Noble Recreation Ground football pitch. PK denied this was the case. RB stated her grand children had said PK had asked children not to play on the pitch.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd July 2013, 6.45pm.

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