

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th May 2015 at 10.00am.

Meeting Minutes

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.

11/15 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

- b) Planning Application No 15/00501/B and 15/00502/B of 08.05.15 in respect of reconstruction of collapsed river bank wall at Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3716].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00501/B and 15/00502/B.

- c) Planning Application No 15/00508/B of 12.05.15 in respect of enclosure of yard area to form an attached garage with patio area above at The Craig, 16, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3717].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00508/B.

- d) Planning Application No 15/00511/B of 11.05.15 in respect of alterations and conversion of existing dwelling into two dwellings including replacement windows at Harbour Lights, 4, Tent Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3718].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00511/B.

- e) Planning Application No 15/00512/B of 12.05.15 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling to provide garaging and additional tourist accommodation at The Greaves, Ramsey Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3719].

It was Resolved to approve planning application 15/00512/B.

- f) Planning Application No 15/00514/B of 12.05.15 in respect of erection of extension to dwelling at Bwaane Grianagh, 1, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3720].

Deferred to allow Commissioners to visit site.

g) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice No 15/00338/B of 13.05.15 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at Isabella Cottage, 24, Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3713]. *Refused by LVC. Resolved to note planning approval notice No. 15/00338/B.*

h) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

i) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

j) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

k) Planning - other Correspondence

Nil.

12/15 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2015 were examined for accuracy and it was unanimously Resolved that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: **JJ.** Seconded by: **RB.**

13/15 Matters arising out of the minutes 6th May 2015.

- a) **Harbour Toilets** – AM report that at the meeting on 18th May the Minister had stated that responsibility for the Harbour toilets at Castletown were in the process of being transferred to the

Local Authority and proposed writing again to the Director of Ports quoting the Minister and also requesting the toilets are left open until 10.00pm.

Resolved – Clerk to write to Director of Ports.

- b) **All Saints Church Lonan – JP** reported that herself and **PK** had attending a meeting at Ballanette with the Arch Deacon and other interested parties. **JP** briefed the meeting on matters relating church and finances relating to the church, the toilets and Church yard. **JP** stated that if a ‘friends of All Saints Church’ were formed and the church made into a festival church, church monies could be made available for maintenance works. They are working to a plan of two years to put the church up for sale and if a ‘friends’ group were to come forward with a credible plan they would be happy to discuss the future of the church with them. **JP** advised the Arch Deacon was prepared to extent timescales to allow for a ‘friends’ group to be formed. The Arch Deacon stated he is looking for a committee of up to six people to discuss proposals. Steve Rodan will be setting up this committee.

- c) **Regeneration Committee** – The Clerk briefed the Commissioners on a number of matters relating to the progress of the scheme and sort approval to contribute towards the cost of turfing the area of the Rose Gardens from the shelter to the tram crossing, advising the Department only had funding to seed the area.

Way marking signage scheme proposals – A discussion took place in respect of the motif to be placed on the top of the signposts and it was unanimously agreed this should be a leaping salmon.

14/15 **General Correspondence**

- a) Malcolm Cowin e-mails at 1141 hours on 06.05.15 - Please find enclosed a copy of the draft watercourse management leaflet based on the Environment Agency’s living on the edge leaflet. Please read through the leaflet and send through any comments the Commissioners may have by 29th May 2015. The intention is that the leaflet will be displayed on our website for public information. If you have any queries on the leaflet please contact me.

JJ took the documentation away to read and report back.

- b) German Commissioners e-mail at 1629 hours on 08.05.15 about Highways Amendment Bill - My Chairman has asked me to contact other Local Authorities in connection with the above amendment bill. In view of the actions of the Department recently over the dumping of the sludge from Peel Harbour at Poortown Quarry, which has been well documented in the press, the Commissioners feel that the Department have once again acted in an unprofessional way, over this amendment bill and are trying to force services onto the Local Authorities without proper prior consultation. The most alarming and far reaching sections of the bill in the Commissioners eyes is in the explanatory notes item 3 Part 2 whereby it would appear that the amendment will make provision for bridle paths, cycle paths, cycle tracks and footpaths the responsibility of the Local Authorities. (In view of the fact that pavements were not handed over under the recent transfer of functions, the Commissioners find this proposal unacceptable. Item 15 makes provision for the installation and improvement of street lighting by the Department but at the Local Authority’s expense, this could have severe cost implications for the Local Authorities. The reason for this communication is to ask if any of your Board’s members have raised any of these concerns and if so what action will they be taking. I have asked the Minister for, and been given an extension of time for comment until 22nd May in the meantime I would be grateful to hear your thoughts on the matter.

A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk write and express concerns in respect of powers for the department to force Local Authority to carry out street lighting schemes at their own expense.

- c) Letter from Mrs Curphey of 11.05.15 regarding the Transfer of Functions. Purpose of letter is to advise the Local Authorities that in certain circumstances the Department will provide financial assistance in circumstances for which the Authority has sufficient budget to fund.

Resolved to note.

- d) Office of the Clerk of Tynwald writes on 12th May 2015 to invite the Chairman and Guest to the Tynwald Day Ceremony. Seats are reserved in the Chapel and a place in the procession will be allocated. The First procession from the Robing Room to the Chapel will depart 10 minutes earlier

than in previous years at 1025 hours. RSVP to Shirley Hughes on s.hughes@tynewald.org.im or 685501.

Resolved – Clerk to respond advising AM will attend.

15/15 Reports

a) Isle of Man Flooding and Wave Topping Study - Report on Residents Consultation – Circulated with papers to meeting.

A detailed discussion took place and it was felt that further investigation should be undertaken on a number of matter raised in the consultation responses, including incorporating the second sea wall into properties, protecting sewers from backing up in the low lying area around the harbour and Back Shore Road. The Board felt the proposal to raise the harbour wall was valid as long as it did not compromise the flow back of water from the promenade. It was Resolved to invite Alan Hardinge from the Department of Infrastructure to meet with the Commissioners to discuss matters further.

16/15 Any Other Business

a) Douglas Borough Council Invitation of 13.05.15 to their Civic Sunday to be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 at 10.20 am at St George's Church. Procession to form up in Ridgeway Street at 9.50 am. Free Parking at Level 3 of Shaw's Brow Car Park. Chains of Office to be worn.

No one available to attend, apologies to be sent.

b) Chris Littler e-mails at 1516 hours on 18.05.15 regarding the proposal to create an Orienteering Map for Laxey.

The Clerk circulated documentation provided by Mr Littler including the initial set up cost proposal. A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk would seek further information on the matter.

c) Notice Boards - PK requested the Clerk circulate details of notice Boards with costs.

Meeting Closed at 11.55hrs

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd June 2015, 10.00 am.