

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 20th November 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr D Cain and Mr S.Morley (Steven Morley Chartered Surveyors)

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk.

85/13 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 13/91251/B of 22.10.13 in respect of erection of a conservatory to dwelling at Barnston House, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AJ. [LVC Ref: 3653].
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/91251/B.
Approved.
- b) Planning Application No 13/91253/B of 23.10.13 in respect of retrospective application for erection of replacement roof over garage and timber cladding to external walls at Braeside, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AH. [LVC Ref:3654].
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/91253/B.
Approved.
- c) Amendment Planning Application No 13/91052/B of 30.10.13 in respect of installation of replacement windows and doors at 6 Dumbells Terrace, Mines Road, Laxey, IM4 7NY. .[LVC Ref: 3650].
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/91052/B subject to an understanding that the windows to the front elevation have external glazing bars.
Approved.
- d) Planning Application No 13/91310/B of 06.11.13 in respect of alterations and first floor extension to provide additional living accommodation at Flat 1, 1, Whitehouse Close, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3655][See also approved 11/00056/B – 3508].
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/91310/B.
Approved.
- a) Planning Application No 13/01339/LAW of 12.11.13 in respect of certificate of lawful use for the running of a children's nursery business at Noah's Ark Nursery, Shore Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3656].
Resolved - To Approve Planning Application Notices no. 13/01339/LAW.
Approved.
- e) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- f) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- g) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- h) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**
Nil.

86/13 Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed JJ, Seconded RB

87/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 6th November 2013

a) Meeting reference 80/13, item a).

JJ advised AM that this matter had been discussed following him leaving the meeting on 06.11.13.

JJ handed each Commissioner a copy of the document issued by the Department of Infrastructure titled, 'Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Conduct – Local Authorities'. JJ advised the Commissioners they should be cautious when using Social media and ensure they make it clear whether they are speaking on behalf of the Commissioners or expressing the own views. In the case of the first scenario they should only do this with prior Board approval. JJ asked each member read the document and asked that they treat each other with respect.

b) Meeting reference 81/13, item a).

Clerk Reports - I can confirm that the Laxey Dog Control Bylaws 2007 are time bound and unless revoked earlier will cease to have effect on 31st October 2017.

Resolved to Note.

c) Meeting reference 84/13 item a).

General Registry letter dated 29th October 2013 in respect of land adjoining Riverside House, off Glen Road, Laxey. The Land Registry has received an application for first registration of possessory title to a triangular piece of land adjoining their property. It is the case for the applicants that they have been in sole possession of the property for a period in excess of 21 years and accordingly, in terms of the Limitation Act 1984, they are entitled to be registered as the owners thereof with a possessory title. Commissioners to advise if they are the owners of the property or have an interest in it. They also seek to identify the owner of two pipes which transverse the property. Notice of objections should be lodged at the Land Registry on or before 22nd November. Notice of objection to comply with Rule 119(1) of the Land Registry Rules 2000.

The Clerk reports he has spoken to the Assistant Chief Registrar who has advised the letter is an initial enquiry prior to the normal procedure and that an advert will appear in the press once these enquiries are complete. He has also written to the DoI, the Water and Sewerage Authority and DCCL. The Clerk advises he has been unable to make contact with Harry Wade and understands he is currently of Island. – Resolved to note.

88/13 General correspondence

a) Barbara Dunworth emails at 23.31 on 10.11.13 - Proposed ending of Benefits paid at Post Offices - This matter was discussed at our meeting held on 31 October. Our Vice-Chairman, Mrs Viv Quane, suggested that the Municipal Association should consider writing to Mr Robertshaw. After discussion it was agreed that we should first ascertain the views of all our membership.

It would be appreciated if you would kindly advise me of your Board's view on this issue – at the earliest possible opportunity – so that the matter may be progressed at our next monthly meeting on 28 November, our last meeting of the year.

A discussion took place and it was unanimously resolved to support the proposal from the Municipal Association to write to Mr Robertshaw expressing concerns regarding the long term impact on the viability of local Post Offices.

b) Angie Street of Department Community Culture and Leisure telephones on 13.11.13 to enquire if the Commissioners have any events planned for the Island of Culture or 100 anniversary of the outbreak of the first world war planned for 2014. The DCCL are looking to hold events on the MER and around Laxey station however due to low attendance numbers they will not be repeating the 60's weekend or the Victorian Extravaganza. Angie suggested doing something in Laxey which is tied in with the popular Island at War event which takes place on the steam railway and has offered to attend the Commissioners meeting on 4th December to discuss.

A discussion took place and it was resolved to invite Angie Street to the meeting 04.12.13.

c) Malcolm Hulme emails at 1229hrs on 15.11.13, with letter attached from Onchan District Commissioners Chairman Rob Callister. The letter advises the Minister for Social Care of the Boards stance in respect of Local Authority Housing reform.

Resolved to note.

89/13 Reports

Nil.

90/13 Any Other Business

- a) Laxey Football Club writes to reject the offer made by Laxey Village Commissioners to provide four litter bins stating they already have 7 and don't require any more and ask if the Commissioners would revisit their decision as it does not really address the hygiene issue, again asking for two dog bins to be placed at either end of the footpath. They ask that the dog bins be added to the general collection round. Clerk note – Colas have supplied three of the bins and forth the should be delivered this week.
A discussion took place and it was Resolved to purchase two dog bins.
JJ asked if PK had signed the Declaration of Interest register when this matter was discussed at the meeting 16.10.13. PK stated he could not remember. JJ examined the register and advised PK he had not declared an interest. PK stated he would sign the register retrospectively.
- b) Minutes of Municipal Meeting of 31.10.13.
Resolved to note.
- c) Tourism Awards 2013 – Laxey Campsite has been shortlisted in the Best Campsite/Hostel category. The winners of the awards will be announced at the awards ceremony on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 3pm. Invitation attached for one representative plus guest. Note: Laxey Campsite has won this award on 2 previous occasions in 2010 and 2012.
Resolved – John Bate and Roz Bate to attend.
- d) Email at 14.29hrs on 19.11.13 from Port St Mary Commissioners advising they are holding their annual Celebration of Christmas on Friday 6 December 2013 in the Town Hall, Port St Mary starting at 7.30pm. The doors will be open from 6.30pm to allow the public to shop at the local stalls which will also be present in the hall. There will be refreshments served after the carol service followed by fireworks. Our Chairman, Mrs B McCabe wishes to extend a cordial invitation to your Chairman and a guest to attend the event, where chains of office are encouraged to be worn. We would be grateful if you could indicate whether or not your Chairman is able to attend.
Resolved – Andrew Moore to attend.
- e) Lonan Commissioners email on 20.11.13 with proposed Date of Next Garff Meeting – The most suitable date for Lonan this year is Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 1900 hours. Please confirm acceptance. The date proposed above is probably the only date convenient to Lonan this year due to other commitments and absence of Clerk.
Resolved – RB and JR to attend.
- f) Laxey Fire Station writes a letter of thanks for the donation towards their fireworks display and adds that they spent a total of £1150.00 on the fireworks.
Resolved to note.
- g) RB asked that the sign at the top of Old Laxey Hill advertising the Laxey Beach Café is removed. RB advised people were seeing the sign and going down to the promenade only to find the Café is closed for the winter. Resolved - Clerk to contact proprietor.
- h) JR advised he had attended the Regeneration Public Arts sub-committee meeting JR advised it had been agreed to hold a 'Sculpture Event' in Laxey as part of the 2014 Year of Culture. If successful it was hoped this could be grown into a bigger event in following years. JR stated the event would be held in September/October in the hope that it would encourage more visitors at the end of the season. Funding would be required and it was hoped this would come from mix of public and private sources. The proposed venue for the event was the Laxey Glen Gardens. A discussion took place as to whether this was the best location for the event with suggestions to use Rose Gardens and Valley Gardens.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 4th December 2013, 6.45pm.