

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 2014 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk, Mrs R.Bate.

114/13 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Amendment Notice No 13/91251/B of 10.01.14 in respect of erection of a conservatory to dwelling at Barnston House,, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AJ. [LVC Ref: 3653].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notices no. 13/91251/B.

Approved

- b) Planning Application No 14/00049/B of 16.01.14 in respect of removal of existing chimney stack and erection of replacement stack with flue at Ard Finwork, Ramsey Road, Laxey, IM4 7PY. [LVC ref: 3663].

Resolved - To Approve the following Planning Application Notices no. 14/00049/B.

Approved

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

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

Nil.

115/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 8th January 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed JJ, Seconded JR

116/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 8th January 2014.

- a) **Meeting Reference 103/13, item a).**

Voirrey.Quirk@gov.im e-mails at 1000 hours on 06.12.13 regarding Government review of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2007. In 2011, the Government undertook the Census. From analysing the resultant data, the Economic Affairs Division of the Treasury has been able to make predictions about future population growth on the Isle of Man. The current 2007 Isle of Man Strategic Plan was based on the 2001 and 2006 Census data and this was used to calculate the number of dwellings likely to be required across the Island to meet the needs of the growing population up until 2016. The time has now come to update these figures using the revised 2011 Census data. The Department has identified the parts of the Plan (including Policies, supporting text, tables and appendices) which may require revising in order to update the Plan to a longer time horizon. The rest of the Plan will remain untouched by the Review and will essentially “roll forward” as worded in the 2007 Plan. The Preliminary Publicity Consultation Document details which parts of the existing Plan are subject to review. Details of the consultation and all the relevant documentation can be found on the Government website at the following link <http://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/strategic-plan/>. The consultation will run from the 6th December 2013 closing at 5pm on the 31st January 2014. All responses need to be made on a Response Form which can be completed electronically via the website or filled in by hand and returned to the Planning Office. In order for Local Authority Clerks and Commissioners to learn more about the review and

what the consultation is about, an open house consultation event has been scheduled. This will take place at Murray House, Douglas on Monday 6th January 2014. Officers from the planning policy team will be present from 3pm to 7pm to assist in explaining the scope of the review, the process and to answer any questions. Please feel free to attend at any point during these times but it would be useful if those wishing to attend notify the Planning Office either by emailing planningpolicy@gov.im or calling 685 950.

Michael Gallagher Director of Planning & Building Control emails at 1118hrs on 13.01.14. After receiving a number of requests for an additional event, we have decided to hold an extra open house consultation event for local authority clerks and commissioners. This will take place between 4pm and 8pm on Thursday 23rd January 2014 at Peel Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel.

Resolved to note.

b) Meeting Reference 113/13 item i).

Mr G M Bolt Borough Treasurer, Douglas Borough Council emails at 1155hrs on 08.01.14 with revised Draft Funding Strategy Statement for the Isle of Man Government Superannuation Scheme and seeks comments in writing. Date for Submissions Friday 31st January 2014. Correspondence and Documents circulated at meeting 08.01.14.

Resolved to note.

c) Meeting Reference 109/13 item c).

Mr Wrigley writes on 24.12.13 regarding Alternative Means of Service Delivery Municipal Waste Management. The letter states – “Recommendation 5 of the Council of Ministers response to the Scope of Government Report states: ‘CoMin will set out proposals for reform of two of the biggest areas of expenditure and commonality of Local Authorities, which are housing and waste collection and disposal activities and report to Tynwald by Autumn 2013.’ The Department has undertaken a high level review and identified three options to the Council of Ministers. As a stakeholder, we want your views on the three options, which are outlined in this letter. The key services considered were: **Waste Collection** – (Refuse Collection/Civic Amenity Sites/Bring Bank and Kerbside recycling collections, and **Waste Disposal**, (Energy from Waste Plant/Landfill). Mr Wrigley would be happy to attend Local Authority Meetings to discuss these proposals and in any event responses to the document must be submitted before Friday 7th February 2014.

PK enquired if Mr Wrigley had been invited the Garff meeting. The Clerk advised Mr Wrigley had accepted an invitation to attend the Garff meeting on 12.02.14 at 7.00pm. It was resolved that Mr Wrigleys letter would be placed for discussion in Matter Arising 05.02.14.

117/13 General correspondence

a) John Corrin of Cronk-ny-Marrey writes to SR on 07.01.14 about empty properties and action to deal with them.

A discussion took place with respect to the difficulties identifying and contacting the owners of certain properties. The Clerk advised the owner of a property referred to in Mr Corrin’s letter was known to the Authority. It was Resolved a letter be written to the property owner referred advising that concerns had been raised about the property’s state of repairs.

b) Community Officer Report for December 2013 – No offences disclosed.

Resolved to Note.

c) Malew Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 2nd March 2014 at 1500 hours at Abbey Church, Ballasalla, followed by refreshments. RSVP.

Resolved to Note.

d) Department of Infrastructure letter of 09.01.14 stating that an extension had been granted until 28.02.14 for submissions in respect of the Alternative Means of Service Delivery Municipal Waste Management.

Clerk seeks confirmation from the Board in respect of inviting John Wrigley to the Garff meeting scheduled for 12th February 2014.

e) Mr Ronan writes on 09.01.14 regarding the Tynwald motion on the Isle of Man’s Food Production

that he has submitted. The motion requests that the Minister for DEFA, develops a strategy and action plan to increase GDP from locally grown, sourced and processed foods to 7%; and represents a four fold increase since the 2011 report. If you agree with the proposal please contact your Tynwald representative and gain public support.

- f) MEA emails on 14.01.14 in respect of Streetlight LA039 – Top of Old Laxey Hill, New Road
Following an inspection of the above fitting by one of our streetlight technicians we have been advised that above fitting is beyond repair and requires replacing. The mountings on the canopy have broken and the fitting is no longer water tight. The fitting is currently working and has been temporarily taped up to try and stop the water ingress to the control gear. The estimated cost of a replacement fitting will be £460 + 20% VAT.
- g) Stephen Hind, Treasury, emails at 1701hrs on 15.01.14 in respect of Treasury Proposals for Local Government Audit & Financial Reporting: I write to confirm that a consultation meeting has now been arranged for Friday 31st January at 10:00am in the Barool Suite (3rd Floor, Legislative Buildings, Douglas). Mr Downie MLC OBE (who is the Chair of the Audit (Consultative) Committee) will be in attendance, along with myself and Caldric Randall (Chief Internal Auditor). In order to assist with arrangements I would be grateful if you would confirm in advance whether you (and/or your responsible finance officer) will be attending.

118/13 Reports

- a) Clerks Report - Financial Review 2nd draft, 2013/14 with recommendations for 2014/15 budget.
Item moved from Private to Public with confirmation of the agreed village rate and fixed refuse charge. The Board having examined the Clerk's Report unanimously agreed the rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March 2015, a Fixed refuse Charge at £163.00 per Household and a General rate of 165 pence in the Pound. The Refuse charge increase reflected the increased charges imposed by the Department of Infrastructure for tipping at the EFW plant, the General Rate remained unchanged.
Proposed by AM and Seconded by JJ, Unanimously Resolved.

119/13 Any Other Business

- a) Clerk to German Commissioners emails on 11.01.14 requesting if the Authority would be willing to advise the current cost of refuse collection and the number of households by the collection in your area and whether the collection is contracted out or in house.
A discussion took place and concerns were raised about the commercial sensitivity of the contract and it was Resolved the request should be discussed by the Garff Joint Initiative Committee.
- b) Department of Economic Development emails on 17.01.14, with consultation document in respect of proposals to hold an additional practice session in the morning or afternoon of Thursday 29th or Friday 30th May. The Department considers that there may be significant benefit in scheduling an additional qualifying session on the Thursday or Friday of TT practice week to provide competitors more opportunity to practice and prepare their machines and familiarise themselves with the circuit, prior to the scheduled commencement of racing on the following Saturday. The Department invites views on the proposal which would result in additional road closures during the morning or afternoon of the Thursday or Friday of TT practice week. It should be noted that roads would close earlier and open later on the mountain section between Barrule Park and Creg Ny Baa due to the one way system.
The Board Resolved to fully support the Department proposals to hold an additional practice session.
- c) Office of the Clerk of Tynwald writes on 16.01.14 regarding the Tynwald Garden Party on Sunday 6th July 2014. Letter requests details of Commissioner and Guest and to send the information to the Head of Tynwald Administration, Nina Lowney on n.lowney@tynwald.org.im or by phone to 685512 before **Friday 14th February 2014**.
Resolved - AM to attend.

- d) St John Ambulance Charity Event Request Form for collections between 16th June and 21st June.
Resolved to approve.
- e) Angie Street from Isle of Man Railways email, advising that they are planning a Summer Solstice event at Snaefell Summit on the evening of Saturday 21st June, and a family day at the Summit on Sunday 22nd June. We are hoping to partner with the Vikings of Mann for this event and I think that there may be scope for some activities at Laxey Station.
JJ advised he had spoken to the Chairman of the sailing club and they would be discussing proposals for a Maritime event based around the harbour and beach the next time the club meet.
- f) Brain Ward organising secretary of the VMCC TT Rally in 2014, emails at 1447hrs on 14.01.14, seeking permission to use the Promenade at Laxey for our rally signing on and social run starting point between approx. 9-30am and 11-15am on Sunday 1st June ("Mad Sunday"). Laxey is always a popular venue with VMCC riders. It is envisaged that there will be around 70 vintage club members attending with their motorcycles as well as club officials to carry out marshalling duties.
Resolved to approve – JJ to represent the Commissioners on the day and welcome the riders to Laxey.
- g) Ivor Hankinson writes on 20.01.14 with update regarding Miner's Statue and requests permission to erect a plaque.
Resolved to Approve.
- h) Andrew Smith emails on 21.01.14, with provisional date for Laxey Fair Saturday 28th June. The start time will be the same as usual with the Procession leaving the Rose Gardens at 1.30pm.
Resolved to Note.
- i) Mike Barnes Department of Infrastructure emails on 21.01.14 with proposals for amending the traffic order in respect of car parking on Mines Rd. Copies Circulated.
Item deferred to meeting 05.02.14.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm
Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th February 2014, 6.45pm.