

## LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

### Mid Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 6.45 pm

## Meeting Minutes

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

**In Attendance:** Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk. **Guest:** Darren Cain, representing Steven Morley Ltd.

**Apologies :** Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

The Meeting commenced at 1845 hours.

**115/12 RB** welcomed Darren Cain to the meeting and informed the Board that he was attending to provide an update and overview of planned and current projects.

**DC** handed to Board Members two documents outlining matters in relation to the Commissioners Office, proposed Mines Road Toilets and ongoing work at Sunny Cottage.

**Commissioners Office** – Explained the options available to the Board as regards refurbishment or a complete re-build and a discussion followed centred on cost and viability and future need given proposed reform of Local Authorities. Questions were asked about ownership of part of the rear of the property.

**Mines Road Toilet** – The style of the toilet block and the specific location near the proposed new Miners Statue were discussed and considered in light of the Conservation Officer's recommendations. **DC** was unable to give a precise indication of the likely cost, which would be dependent on the construction and extent of the building.

**Sunny Cottage** – **DC** informed the Board that redecoration was well in hand and within agreed budgets.

Copies of the Reports provided by **DC** are attached to these minutes at Appendix 'A' and 'B'.

**DC** concluded his presentation and after a vote of thanks left the meeting at 1910 hours. A short discussion took place in relation to the existing Mines Road Toilets and the Turbine House.

### 116/12 Planning Matters

#### Planning Applications

a) Planning Application No 13/00031/B of 11.01.13 in respect of warehouse conversion to provide holiday accommodation with associated parking and alterations to detached garages at Muir Terrace, Glen Road, Laxey, IM4 7AR. [LVC Ref: 3624]. *The Board approved the plans in principle believing that it would improve the local amenity, however questions were raised about the precise nature of the new doors and windows and it was further agreed that the matter would be deferred until the next meeting in order to obtain clarification about the windows and doors.*

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#### e) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Approval Notice in respect of 12/01427/GB and 12/01428/CON of 04.01.13 in respect of alterations, internal re-ordering and erection of replacement porch at Christchurch, Church Hill, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3611/3612]{Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LVC. Noted.*

Planning Approval Notice No 12/01571/B of 07.01.13 in respect of erection of a Statue at Mines Road/New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3618]. {Delegated Powers}. *Noted by LVC.*

#### f) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

#### g) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Appeal Refusal Notice No 12/00763/B of 10.01.13 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow wheelchair access in section of rear boundary wall at 1 Gretch Noa, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3584].

*Approved by LVC. Noted.*

**h) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**

Nil.

**117/12 Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

*Proposed: JJ, Secoded: AM.*

**118/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**a) RB – 110/12(b)** – Sought progress on this matter to which **PH** replied that it was being dealt with later in the meeting. (119/12(j)).

**b) PK – 114/12(b)** – Confirmed that the bench had been removed to safe keeping but that it was beyond repair. A discussion followed with regards to using another bench for the plaque and **PK** proposed that the bench at the top of Church Hill should be moved nearer to the Church and the plaque placed thereon. There was general disagreement with this, but it was resolved that the bench would be restored and used for the suggested purpose, but should remain at its current location.

**c) RB – 114/12(c)** – clarified that she would be unable to attend the meeting scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

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**119/12 General correspondence**

**a)** RTLC writes on 02.01.13 regarding Bus Vannin – applications for variations of regular Service Licences. The Committee takes the view that the decision was taken on a political decision to reduce costs and that insufficient consultation time was allowed and is reflected by the poor response numbers. If the Board has any queries or concerns they should contact the Committee. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that a letter should be sent expressing their concern at the reduction in service of the Bus 13 and importantly that there was no bus to Nobles Hospital before 1045 hours which caused problems for the elderly and alike.*

**b)** Chief Constable Gary Roberts writes on 03.01.13 to state how important to the safety of the Island the contact is with their Partners, such as Local Authorities. He attaches a copy of the Constabulary Strategic Plan for 2012 to 2016 and would be happy to meet and discuss. *Noted.*

**c)** Community Officer Report for December 2012. No offences disclosed. *Noted.*

**d)** Boundary Review Report for submissions before 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013. *To be discussed at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013.*

**e)** LHT writes on 10.01.13 to acknowledge with thanks the contribution to their funds made by Laxey Commissioners. *Noted.*

**f)** Gareth Roberts of Bagillt Council e-mails at 1519 hours on 12.01.13 to say the Council have agreed to twin with Laxey and will send the confirmation in writing.

Bagillt Community Council writes on 15.01.13 with confirmation that they have twinned with Laxey as per earlier e-mail. *Noted.*

**g)** Mary Bridson submits application for Charity Collection for St Johns Ambulance on 17.06.13. *Resolved to support this collection. Proposed by RB and Secoded by JJ.*

**h)** Department of Infrastructure Health & Safety at Work Inspectorate writes on 14.01.13 regarding Local Government Health and Safety Responsibilities. To ensure that Local Authorities are compliant with current legislation they are holding a seminar in late March to early April and to which representatives are welcome. **PH** explained that this was just flagging up interest and it was agreed that the Clerk should attend when a date was forthcoming.

**i)** Andy Scullard e-mails at 1448 hours on 16.01.13 attaching Public Liability Insurance confirmation for the TT 2013 Motorcycle Event and asks for cheque for £100.00 payable to him or CTH Insurance. *Previously agreed and cheque signed tonight.*

**j)** Kevin Kniveton e-mails at 1540 hours on 16.01.13 regarding LA103 at Glen Moar, to say that the cost of installing the pillar and bulkhead light is likely to be around £2200.00 + VAT. *A lengthy*

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discussion took place at the conclusion of which it was agreed that the work detailed as per the quotation should go ahead.

Proposed by **RB** and Seconded by **AM**.

**RB** informed the Board that a street lamp in New Road, near Gwelo House, (No LA059).

- k) Cara Ravenshear e-mails at 1413 hours on 16.01.13 to say that Lamp LA159 at South Cape Level Crossing is beyond economical repair and the cost of replacement is £460.00 + VAT. Unanimously agreed. Proposed by **RB** and Seconded by **JJ**.

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- l) Minutes of Municipal Association Meeting of 29.11.12. Noted.

- m) Malew Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at 1500 hours at the Abbey Church, Ballasalla followed by refreshments. RSVP. **RB** to attend.

PH

- o) Invitation to the Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 1445 hours at St Germans Cathedral, Peel. After a short discussion it was found that no Commissioners were available that date.

- p) Secretary of the Municipal Association e-mails with the Secretary's Report for 20.01.13 in which she advises that Castletown will join the Municipal; A question has been asked of the Minister about how the EFW charges have been calculated; An invitation has been sent to the Minister to attend a radio interview. Noted.

## 120/12 Reports

Clerks Report - Financial Review 2<sup>nd</sup> draft, 2012/13 with recommendations for 2013/14 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 agreed unanimously that the rates for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 should be – Fixed refuse Charge at £139.00 per Household and a General rate of 165 pence in the Pound, thus the Refuse increase reflected the new charges imposed by Government, but the General Rate remained unchanged. **JR** queried whether this meant using some reserves. Proposed by **AM** and Seconded by **RB**, who requested publicity being given to their decision.*

PH/PB

## 121/12 Any Other Business

- a) **PK** – Informed the Board that the Christmas decorations had been taken down on 2<sup>nd</sup> January instead of 6<sup>th</sup> January, which is twelfth night and they should have remained until then before being removed.

- b) **PK** – Informed the Board that there was a quantity of Christmas Trees by the Tennis Court and that no notice had been put up this year to advise residents about proper disposal. He requested that **AR** remove them. A discussion took place and this was agreed.

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- c) **PK** – Commented that some of the Promenade Street Lights were not working and queried whether they came on in the morning. A discussion followed when it was established that to attending to this involved access to the Promenade Store, but that the Tenant had changed the lock. Despite requests from the Clerk, the Tenant had failed to provide a key. It was agreed that the Tenant should be asked again and informed that the Authority would remove the lock if the key was not forthcoming and recover any costs incurred.

PH

- d) **PK** – Informed the Board that one of the urinals in the New Road Toilets was missing, to which **AM** replied that a replacement was on order.

- e) **PK** – Informed the Board that the cover over the raft had not been placed over it and by not so doing was exposing it to the winter weather. He requested that it was duly covered. Agreed by the Board.

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- f) **PK** – Informed the Board that the Skate Board Equipment was being used and requested that **AR** check it for safety and secure it.

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- g) **RB** – Informed the Board that the Campsite Warden had received calls from potential campers who had been referred to them by a local Travel Agent. **RB** stated that clearly a misunderstanding was taking place as they have no dealings with that Agent. She requested that the Clerk write to the Agent and Laxey Football Club to ask them to stop this misrepresentation.

PH

- h) **RB** – Requested that any Commissioner attending meetings on behalf of the Board should ensure

that they arrive on time and make the appropriate apologies to the Chair of the meeting if they are late or have to leave before the conclusion of the said meeting. She added that failure to do this reflects badly on the Local Authority.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 6.45pm