

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 29th May 2013 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk, Mr R.Henthorn

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk. Mr AJ Moore (Chairman)

The Clerk advised apologies had been received from the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

18/13 Planning Matters

a) Planning Applications

Planning Application No 13/00586/B of 13.05.13 in respect of reconstruction of Weir at Laxey Woollen Mills Weir, adjacent to Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3640]. Submissions before Friday 14th June 2013.

Resolved - To Approve the Planning Application no. 13/00586/B

b) Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)

1. Planning Approval notice No 13/00246/B of 14.05.13 in respect of creation of footpath, erection of footbridge and car park wall and amendments to PA 10/01820/B at Salmon Centre, Mines Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3631]{Delegated Powers}.
2. Planning Approval Notice No 13/00405/B of 16.05.13 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling and garage constituting an amendment to 12/01081/B, Sarasota, Ramsey Road [LVC Ref: 3634].
3. Planning Approval Notice No 13/00348/B of 22.05.13 in respect of alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3632]{Delegated Powers}.
4. Planning Approval Notice No 13/00412/B of 22.05.13 in respect of installation of first floor replacement windows to dwelling at Lothorian, Quarry Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3635]{Delegated Powers}.

Resolved - To Note item 1. to 4.).

c) Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Planning Refusal Notice No 13/00179/B of 28.05.13 in respect of retrospective erection of a garden store with terrace over at Pine Lodge, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Re: 3629]{Delegated Powers}.

Resolved - To Note.

d) Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)

Nil.

e) Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)

Nil.

19/13 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Mid Monthly Meeting held on 15th May 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was unanimously resolved they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded JR

20/13 Matters arising out of the minutes 15th May 2013

a) Minute Reference 15/13, e).

The Clerk reported he had attended the Local Authority Finance Officers Group meeting on 24.05.13, and a detailed discussion had taken place in respect Local Authority property valuations and the general downturn in property values on the Isle of Man. The Clerk advised Moira Radcliffe of Braddan Commissioners had carried out an investigation and presented her findings to the meeting. MR had concluded that there had been movement in property values between 2009 and

2013, however the prices had not reduced to such a degree to warrant an impairment valuation for the year ending March 2013.

21/13 General correspondence

- a) Paul Cowin from Douglas Corporation e-mails at 1535 hours on 15.05.13 regarding potential illegal use of CCTV at ECAS - The Chairman has asked for this letter received from Mr. A. Croll and relating to the proposed installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition system at the Civic Amenity Site, be circulated in advance of next Monday's meeting. There is a related item on the agenda to enable the Committee to be updated on progress of the matter.
Resolved - To Note.
- b) To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks: I am pleased to advise you that the next segment of our Training Forum for Commissioners and Clerks is on the subject of Human Resources. All Commissioners and Clerks are very welcome to attend. There is no charge for Member Authorities. The presentation will be given by Mrs Catherine Ashton - Assistant Chief Officer (IHR) at Douglas Borough Council- and held at The Strathallan Suite, Douglas Promenade on Thursday 11 July 2013 at 6.30pm prompt. It is anticipated that the session will last approximately one and a half hours. It would be helpful if you could advise me of your intention to attend.
Resolved – PB and RB to attend.
- c) Andrew Smith emails on 15.05.13, re Laxey Fair on 29th June. Invitation to all Board Members to attend Laxey Fair. You are also all invited to join the VIP Tram at Fairy Cottage. If any are able to assist on the gates that would be much appreciated.
Resolved - To Note.
- d) Department of Infrastructure letter of 16.05.13 regarding Delivering Safe Services on the TT Course. The letter provides advice regarding the safe use of vehicles during the TT period and link to website www.gov.im/transport/msd/healthandsafety/publications, or by contacting them on 685881. See Kinrade Bros e-mail of 1219 hours on 19.05.13 regarding their risk assessments for this period.
Resolved - To Note.
- d) Kinrade Bros e-mails at 1219 hours on 19.05.13 with Risk Assessment for TT period as discussed with Martin at Maughold.
Resolved - To Note.
- e) Rossborough Insurance letter of 14.05.13 regarding fact that they have taken over Marsh's Contract and their terms and contact points.
Resolved - To Note.

22/13 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – Roz Bate. RB advised she had attended the AGM
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – Peter Kinnish – No Report
- c) **Coil Roi Housing Authority** – Andrew Moore Justin Rosa – Nothing to Report
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – Jeff James – Nothing to Report
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – Roz Bate, Justin Rosa. **New Date is Wednesday 10th July 2013.**
- f) **Northern Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – Roz Bate, Peter Kinnish. A discussion took place and it was resolved RB would raise the matter of the suspension of car parking on New Road during the TT period at the next meeting. It was agreed that it was not necessary for the full 2 weeks and possibly could be limited to the Rose Gardens.
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – Roz Bate, Jeff James - Nothing to Report
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – Peter Kinnish, Justin Rosa, Meeting dates 12.06.13.
JJ welcomed Richard Henthorn to the meeting. RH and PK briefed the Commissioners on the Public Art Presentation which had taken place, RH explained they had looked at various options from a number of Artists and had short listed three. The first was a proposal for sculptures in the

Laxey Glen Gardens. The proposal was to hold an event as part of the 2014 Year of Culture, this would comprise of a competition with entrants being supplied with local materials and the completed sculptures forming a visitor trail in the Glen Gardens. If this was successful it could become an annual event. The second proposal was for a 'bicycle/human' powered 'geezer' located in the Valley Gardens, the idea behind this was to provide an interpretation of the power of water highlighting the extensive use of water power for mining in Laxey. The third proposal was for 'Glass Sculpture' which would represent the Mercury Arc rectifiers used on the Manx Electric Railway. This would give visitors an insight into working of these devices and act as an introduction to the proposed 'Laxey Sub Station Museum'. RH advised there had been a proposal for seating in the station but this had been dismissed due to costs A general discussion took place and it was Resolved to support the Regeneration Committee recommendation and seek further detail on the three proposals.

JJ thanked RH for attending. RH left at 7.15pm.

- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – Andrew Moore – No Report.

23/13 Chairman's Report

No Report.

24/13 Any Other Business

- a) PK stated that the MER station was not looking at its best with litter lying around and the bare patches on the green. PK felt this was giving visitors a poor impression of Laxey
Resolved – Clerk to write to Peter Maddocks at DCCL and ask if they can look into tidying up the station area and carrying out some remedial repairs.
- b) JR stated that Laxey was not designed for cars and could the Board look into the possibility of assisting Christ Church to Tarmac the area around the Church to provide a usable turning.
A discussion took place and it was resolved JR would speak to Reverend Jo Dudley to seek her thoughts on the matter.
- c) JR requested if a bolt could be put on the outside of the gate to the Children's play are on the Promenade.
Resolved – Clerk to arrange for a bolt to be fitted.

Meeting Closed at 8.05pm

Date of next meeting - Thursday 20th June 2013, 6.45pm.