

LAXEY VILLAGE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 30th May 2012 6.45 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

In Attendance: Mr P. Burgess, Clerk.

Apologies: Mr P Hill Deputy Clerk,

19/12 Planning Matters

Planning Applications

- a) Planning Application No 12/00639/C of 27.04.12 in respect of continuation of use of conservatory as a beauty therapy treatment room at 5 Lower Cronk Orry, Laxey. (PA 10/00496/R – Approved by LVC), [LVC Ref: 3577]. *Approved.*
- b) Planning Application No 12/00654/B of 01.05.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows and door to rear elevation at Wavecrest, The Promenade, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3578]. *Approved.*
- c) Planning Application No 12/00658/B of 30.04.12 in respect of erection of a detached dwelling on land adjacent to Westwood, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3579]. *Approved.*
- d) Planning Application No 12/00660/B of 02.05.12 in respect of retrospective application for removal of front wall and extension of hard standing at Verndale, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3580]. *Approved.*
- e) Planning Application No 12/00681/B of 04.05.12 in respect of installation of three additional windows to northwest elevation at Verndale, Glen Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3581].
The Board recommends approval of the above application, but with the caveat that the window overlooking the adjoining property is either opaque or screened so as to maintain the privacy and quality of life of the neighbour.
- f) Planning Application No 12/00730/B of 16.05.12 in respect of change of use from residential to tourism at Cronk Aish, Baldhoon Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3582]. *Approved.*
- g) Planning Application No 12/00749/B of 18.05.12 in respect of erection of six dwellings with parking to replace existing Public House at The New Inn, New Road, Laxey. [LVC Ref: 3583].
A discussion took place and it was agreed to defer this item to the meeting 20.06.12.
- h) **Approval Notices (DoLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- i) **Refusal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Nil.
- j) **Appeal Notices (DLGE Planning Committee)**
Planning Appeal Decision Notice No 11/01733/B of 21.05.12 in respect of appeal by LVC to approval to allow alterations at Montana, South Cape, Laxey. [LVC ref: 3560]. Appeal Dismissed.
Noted.
- k) **Planning Enforcement (DLGE Planning and Building Control)**
Nil.

20/12 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Mid Monthly meeting held 16th May 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed RB, Seconded SJ.

21/12 Matters arising out of the minutes 16th May 2012

- a) **Items 12/12** – Deferred from meeting 16.05.12

Andrew Scarffe request on behalf of the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust for funding painting the of the Snaefell wheel.

Item 118/11 – Extracts from general Correspondence, meeting 01.02.12.

- e) Susan Jones emails on 20.01.12 passing on a request from the Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust that the Commissioners consider the possibility of funding the painting of the Snaefell Wheel. *SJ informed the Board that a quotation would be obtained for the information of the Board but that she believed that it would be between £1,500.00 and £2,000.00. The matter would be revisited upon receipt of the quotation, but the Board were not opposed to it in principle.*
- f) LHT letter of 25th January 2012 appealing for funding during the financial year ending 31st March 2013. *A discussion took place and it was suggested that £1,000.00 had already been allocated in the budget for 2012 to 2013. PK suggested that they should wait for the quotation at 118/11(f) above and say donate £500.00 plus the monies for the wheel. This was not agreed. The amount budgeted for should be confirmed and LHT informed.*
A discussion took place and the Board unanimously resolved to approve £2,860 to fund the panting of the Snaefell wheel.

Proposed AM, Seconded RB

Item 16/12 – Deferred from meeting 16.05.12.

- g) Department of Infrastructure letter of 8th May 2012 from Director of Planning in respect of Consultation on Lower Douglas Master Plan – Draft Interim Planning Guidance for Key Town Centre Sites in Douglas. This aims pending preparation of the Area Plan for the East, to provide guidance to developers and the public alike on the Governments’ vision for the key gateway to the Island and Douglas. The document can be downloaded at www.gov.im/transport/consultations.gov?menuid=169168&type=current. Responses should be on line and they accept the difficulties that this may cause those persons who do not have access to a computer. **Submissions by Tuesday 19th June 2012.** *Noted.*

22/12 **General correspondence**

- a) Consultation on The Criminal Justice, Police Powers & Other Amendments Bill 2012, which seeks to ensure that the Police have the powers necessary to deal with evolving demands and to achieve further efficiencies by removing unnecessary red tape or outdated procedures and for connected purposes. This document is 88 pages long. Go to www.gov.im/dha/consultations.gov.
Submissions before Friday 14th July 2012.
Deferred to meeting 04.06.12.
- b) Planning Department letter of 15.05.12 regarding Planning & Nature Conservation User Group meeting invitation to the next one on Tuesday 26th June 2012 at 1600 hours at Murray House. **One delegate only.** RSVP to Planning – Marie or Sarah.
No one available to attend.
- c) Road Traffic Order in respect of Olympic Torch procession on 02.06.12. *The Clerk reported that at a meeting with Gill Philips of DCCL she had advised that the relay organiser had advised there would be no civic reception as the relay was about the athletes; however all were welcome to attend the event.*
- d) Douglas Corporation Invitation to their Civic Sunday Service to take place on Sunday 10th June 2012 at 1000 hours at st George’s Church, Douglas. Chains of Office may be worn.
No one available to attend.
- e) Diving Raft - replacement of main anchor chain. Clerk reports the Laxey Towing Company has been contacted with a view of replacing the main anchor chain which was identified as being worn last season. Clerk seeks approval from the Board the put the raft in as soon as the anchor chain is replaced. The rope tails were also identified as requiring replacement with either wire rope or chain.
Unanimously approved – Resolved Clerk to arrange as soon as possible.
- f) Secretary to the TMLG meetings email on 23.05.12 confirming there will be no problem with Laxey Commissioners attending the Northern Meeting. The date of the next Central TMLG is Tuesday 26

June in the Highways Meeting Room, Sea Terminal Building at 9.30am The date of the next Northern TMLG is Thursday 12 July in Ramsey Town Hall at 9.30am.

Noted.

23/12 Committee Reports

- a) **Municipal Association** – *RB reported the AGM had taken place on 24.05.12 and Steven Hamer of Kirk Michael Commissioners had been appointed as President and David Talbot Elected as Chairman, the membership fee for the municipal year £275.*
- b) **Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust** – *No meeting.*
- c) **Cooil Roi Housing Authority** – *SJ reported there were still a number of ongoing matters to be resolved relating to the refurbishments works.*
- d) **Laxey & Lonan Sports and Community Facilities** – *No meeting.*
- e) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee** – *No meeting.*
- f) **Central Traffic Management Liaison Committee** – *No meeting.*
- g) **Laxey Youth Initiative** – *No meeting.*
- h) **Regeneration Committee** – *Next meeting 31st May at 18.30hrs.*
- i) **Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee** – *SJ advised the Commissioners due to work commitments she was unable to attend the ECAS meeting. A discussion took place and AM was nominated as the Commissioners representative.*

24/12 Chairman's Report

SJ welcomed RB and AM to the Board, and stated there were a number of project's that needed progressing over the next four years.

25/12 Review of Standing Orders

This matter is deferred to meeting 20.06.12. Please advise any further changes additions.
No further amendments submitted.

26/12 Any Other Business

- c) Alan Kinrade telephones Friday 29th May 2012 seeking permission to borrow two 1100 litres wheelie bins from the rear of the Commissioners office for use at the Football Club campsite. Clerk's note – Only Kinrades Haulage will be affected by this as they use the bins for street litter, Alan will take the litter direct to the refuse wagon for the duration of the loan.
A discussion took place and it was agreed to approved the request.
- d) Linda McCauley emails in respect of Laxey link bus trial which will now commence running on 11th June 2012 for a duration of 4 weeks. A short meeting of the regeneration committee will take place on 31st May at 1830hrs to confirm the arrangements.
Noted.
- e) Lonan Parish Commissioners write on 29.05.12 to the Laxey Board regarding a Youth Survey in Laxey which revealed various requests for services, one which was the provision of free Wi Fi. The Board of Lonan would be happy to support this proposal and would share the costs equally with Laxey. Submitted for the Boards' consideration.
A general discussion took place and AM made a number of comments in respect of the proposed regeneration plans. No decision on the Wi-Fi proposals.
- f) G. McKevitt of 2 Amulree, Glen Road, Laxey writes on 25.05.12 to complain about the installation of two additional recycling bins and the added noise and reduction in parking availability.
A discussion took place and it was resolved the Clerk write and advise the additional bins had been introduced to reduce the number of visits by the recycling vehicles.
- g) Department of Infrastructure letter of 23rd May 2012 regarding Presentation by iESE Ltd on Partnership and Efficiencies in the Public Sector. This is to take place at the Barrool Suite of the Tynwald Legislative Building on Monday 11th June 2012 at 1200 hours. The Presentation will be by

Councillor Paul Bettison and Doctor David Greenfield and will cover areas of how Local Authorities can operate more efficiently, embrace more services and reduce costs. Please provide details of those persons attending as soon as possible to Mrs Carole Ferguson on 686539.

Clerk to request the Deputy Clerk attends.

- h)** Susie Cox of the Children's Centre applies for permission to hold collection on Thursday 7th June 2012 all day for Children's Centre Charitable Projects.

Proposed AM, Seconded JJ – Resolved.

- i)** C McFarland, Chair of Cooil Roi Residents Association welcomes the new Board and offers his full assistance in relation to any Cooil Roi matters. *Noted.*
- j)** RB requested the Clerk circulate the slides in respect of the presentation by Richard Ronan titled "the future structure of Local Authorities on the Isle of Man".
- k)** RB reported she had received a phone call from a resident on Friday 25th May (at approx 1730rs) in respect of expansion movement in the Promenade sea wall. RB advised she had contacted the Clerk who dealt with the matter in an expedient manner by contacting the Department of Infrastructure.
- l)** PK stated the Mines Road Toilets required works carrying to improve.
- m)** PK stated he had been talking to Nigel Dobson of Lonan Commissioners and ND has proposed the Garff Joint Initiative should go ahead with a joint with 2 members from Lonan, 3 member from Laxey and 2 Members from Maughold. SJ asked it there were any ideas from Laxey's Board in respect of future joint services the GJI could provide. PK handed SJ and RB a note with a number of suggestions.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm

Date of Next Meeting 20th June 2012