

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Extraordinary (Garff – Lonan) Meeting

Tuesday 4th February 2014 at 1815 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

Present: Mr J. Faragher, Mr S. Clucas, Mr N. Dobson, Mr M. Burgess, Mr S. Clague, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Nil.

Chair: Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1815 hours.

Public Sessions.

105/13 Planning.

Action

- a) Planning Application No 14/00065/A of 20.01.14 in respect of approval in principle for the erection of a dwelling on land adjacent to Rydal Mount, Main Road, Baldrine, IM4 6AE. *Approved.*
- b) Planning Amendment Notice No 13/91307/B of 23.01.14 in respect of erection of agricultural buildings and erection of extensions to existing agricultural buildings at Ballachrink Moar Farm, Ramsey Road, Lonan, IM4 7PP. (Original approved by LPC and the amendments show south-east elevation of barns added to plans and the design of the stables has changed to a duo-pitch roof).
Approved – no submission required.

106/13 Correspondence.

- a) Paul Cowin e-mails at 1614 hours on 23.01.14 - A special meeting of the Eastern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee has been arranged to take place at **3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 6th February, 2014**, at the Strathallan Suite. An agenda will be circulated tomorrow, the items for consideration being the budget and legal advice received in respect of the charge by the Department of Infrastructure for use of the Site. The current situation with regard to Douglas is that the Council has not approved the minute of the Joint Committee fixing the budget and has not made any budgetary provision for payment of its proportion of the charge in 2014/15. I am conscious that the other participating local authorities will be resistant to the additional burden as well but I have not yet heard from any about approval or disapproval of the Joint Committee's budget. It may be helpful to know in advance of this special meeting what each authority's stance is. **ND to attend and during a discussion asked for the Boards' authority to empower him to agree to the additional payment if the legal advice proposed that. It was unanimously approved. Proposed by SEC and Seconded by MB.** ND
- b) Resident writes on behalf of a group of residents of Clay Head Road to express concern at the use of Clay Head Road as the main route for SCS services. The Complainant states that there is a large amount of traffic, sometimes travelling at speed, every day using the back entrance of Ballanette to access the SCS site at Ballacreggan. This includes large delivery lorries, tankers, cement lorries etc as well as SCS vehicles of all sizes. Clay Head Road is a small, narrow lane, already in bad condition. It is also part of the coastal path. The use of it as an access route for a large buildings and maintenance company presents a safety hazard as well as causing significant damage to the environment. There is a risk to walkers and residents from these inappropriately large vehicles - there are several instances of the manx stone walls being knocked down and the verges destroyed; there is nowhere for a pedestrian (sometimes with pushchairs) to avoid the oncoming vehicle. Also, the road itself is not robust enough to sustain this amount of heavy use. **SEC declared an interest. A discussion took place when SEC assisted the Board by explaining the current use of this access which was in relation to the construction of a stone built store and Clay Head Road was the most appropriate route to get to the site. He agreed that he was also concerned that the weight of some of the vehicles could compromise the alternative route from Ballamenagh Road. Further to this he added that the works were almost complete and the alleged nuisance will end very shortly. He** PH

regretted any inconvenience or concern that had been expressed and offered to meet with them. PH to respond accordingly.

107/13 Special Agenda Item.

- a) **Garff Rates Equalisation Exercise.** { Origin: Garff Meeting – 14.01.14 – 28(a)}.
SC handed out a spread-sheet to each member that detailed the income and expenditure of each of the Garff Authorities and explained in detail various aspects of the information contained therein. A discussion followed. The Board fully supported the proposal to have a Garff Board, but the finances had to be correct. ND proposed a vote of thanks to SC for the considerable amount of work that he had carried out to produce these findings. Unanimously given
- b) **To Discuss and Contribute to, the Contents of the Proposed Garff Joint Initiative Committee letter to the Residents.** {Origin: Garff Meeting – 14.01.14 – 29(b) and Statutory Meeting – 21.01.14 – 103/13(b).}.
PH produced a report prepared by the Clerk to Laxey Commissioners in which various suggestions were made. The Board considered all of the points outlined and fully agreed with them. ND proposed in addition to these that a piece on rates equalisation and the benefit to Garff Residents should the three Authorities form a single Authority. SEC proposed that a simple questionnaire be attached and that a Public Meeting be held. A discussion took place and it was suggested that the School Hall would be appropriate and that one combined meeting should take place. It was considered that this should take place as soon as possible. SC asked if it would be possible to have the draft letter ready by the date of the next Statutory meeting. PH stated that every effort would be made by the respective Clerks to achieve this after the matter had been discussed at the forthcoming Garff Meeting on 12th February.

108/13 Any Other Business.

- a) ND – Informed the Board that he had received complaints about ‘No parking’ Cones placed in Clay Head Road j/w Baldrine Hill in that motorists were ignoring them. He questioned whether or not these had been placed there by the Police and asked the Clerk to clarify this and take the necessary action if the Police were not involved. PH informed the meeting that earlier today he had received the same complaint and a request to have double yellow lines painted there.
- b) PH – Sought directions from the Board about the financial split between the Heritage Trust, (LHT), and the Railway. Previously when the overall contribution was £1000.00 per annum it was split £750.00 to LHT and £250.00 to the Railway. At the Rates Meeting held on 7th January 2014, (90/13(b)) it was agreed to raise the amount to £1500.00. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the split should be £1000.00 to the LHT and £500.00 to the Railway. Proposed by ND and seconded by JF.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1945 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 18th February 2014 at 1815 hours.