

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Extra Ordinary Rates Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 1815 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1815 hours.

90/13 Rates Assessment for Financial Year 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015.

Action

JF welcomed the members to the meeting and outlined the purpose of the evening. Using a part completed Estimate for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2015 Form, (Number 06 in the Clerk's File) the members used this as a template for making their notes during the discussions that followed. The result of these discussions and decisions is noted on an original note made by the Clerk. Specific matters involving new costs were raised as follows,

- a) Clerks Remuneration – The matter was discussed in light of the current climate and agreed that the Clerk's remuneration should increase by 1% from 6th April 2014. Proposed by **SC** and seconded by **MB**.
- b) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust – **ND** reminded the Board about the agreement that had been reached to increase the contribution from £1000.00 to £1500.00 and then annually by the RPI. A discussion followed and the Clerk requested that the matter should be proposed and seconded in order to formalise the arrangement. Proposed by **ND** and Seconded by **SC**. (*Post Meeting Note: Agreement originally made at the L.H.T Meeting held on 10.01.13, extract "Grants – to ensure that monies are received on a regular basis from both sets of Commissioners it was proposed that a formal invoicing system be instigated. It was further proposed that for 2013 a sum of £1500 was requested from both sets of Commissioners for the provision of tourist information services and that it was increased annual thereafter in line with the rate of inflation . Proposed SR Seconded SC.*)
- c) Board Expenses and Remuneration – **PH** explained the provisions of the Local Government (Members' Attendance Allowances) Order 2013 in respect of claiming for meeting preparation time. He added that for more than a decade the Authority had received a weekly bulletin and enclosures that formed part of the Agenda and preparation for the monthly Statutory Meeting and concluded that this fell within the definition. There being nothing in the Legislation to contradict that. He recommended that the Board by resolution agree that it was appropriate to claim one hour's expenses per week for meeting preparation. The Board resolved to support this. Proposed by **ND** and Seconded by **MB**. A discussion took place with regard to meetings or events that can or cannot be claimed for.

Having completed the calculations, the Clerk informed the Board that he would report back as soon as possible with the final calculations for discussion.

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91/13 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 13/91465/A of 09.12.13 in respect of application in principle to replace existing Nissan Hut with a dormer bungalow at Field 614992 adjacent to Riverside Cottage, Glen Roy, Lonan. *Approved – See also SM – 25.09.13 – 61/13(a).*
- b) Planning Application No 13/91493/B of 18.12.13 in respect of erection of an extension to dwelling at 1 Reayrt Ny Gliionney Chase, Lonan, IM4 7LF. *Approved.*

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92/13 Special Agenda Items.

- a) To appoint Accountants to prepare the Year Ending 31st March 2014 Reports for Audit. PH
The Board agreed to the Proposal to appoint Messrs Moore Stephens, Accountants, to prepare the Year Ending 31st March 2014 Reports for Audit. Proposed by **SC** and Seconded by **ND**.
- b) Garff Joint Initiative Committee – Resolution to form, (in principle) a Single Garff Authority.
{Origin: Statutory Meeting – 11.12.13 – 86/13(g)}.
PH explained the reason for bringing this item to this meeting and the concept of the proposed Resolution. **ND** led the discussion that followed with full participation from the members present. At the conclusion of the debate it was determined that the Resolution was not supported by majority although there was support for a Public Meeting to discuss this and other matters currently affecting Local and National Government.

93/13 Any Other Business.

- a) **SC** – informed the Board that he had been in contact with Mr Rodan with regards to the recovery of bad debts in relation to the payment of domestic rates, (*see SM – 11.12.13 – 89/13(a)*). He stated that the result of this contact had been that it could be possible to arrange a meeting with Treasury to discuss this and asked for Board approval to arrange it. This was agreed and further suggested that the member should be invited to attend a Board Meeting. SC
- b) **ND** – extended his apologies for being unable to attend the ECAS Meeting on 23.12.13, but this was due to an unexpected problem.
- c) **PH** – proposed that Messrs Kinrade Bros should attend the next Garff Meeting to sign the agreed Refuse Contract and discuss informally the Report by the Department on Refuse and Waste Reforms. This was agreed. **PH** to liaise with the other Boards. PH
- d) **PH** – requested that in view of the decision not to support the Resolution at 92/13(b) above, all members of the Board should attend the forthcoming Garff Joint Initiative Committee Meeting on 14th January. This was agreed.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1920 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 21st January 2014 at 1815 hours.

The next Garff Joint Initiative Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 1900 hours.