

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 1600 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

Chair: Mr S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1605 hours.

50/14 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 20th August 2014.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 23rd July 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: JF. Seconded by: MB.

51/14 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **SC – 42/14(c)** – asked if any complaints had been received since the removal of the Notice Board to which the Clerk replied that there had not been any.

b) **SC – 45/14(m)** – provided an update regarding the Civic Service and that all was going well. **JF** enquired if he was reading a lesson to which **SC** replied that he was. **PH** added that the first lesson was being read by **ND** and he would send the reading to **JF**.

PH

52/14 Private Sessions.

53/14 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Application No 14/01039/B of 03.09.14 in respect of widening of vehicular access and driveway at Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JJ. *Approved.*

PH

54/14 Correspondence.

a) To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks: A Training Forum meeting for ALL Commissioners and Clerks has been arranged as follows. May I ask Member Authority Clerks to make this known to all of their Commissioners, not just those on the Executive Committee. Thursday 09 October 2014 at 1800 for 1830 at Ramsey Town Hall, by kind courtesy of Ramsey Town Commissioners. Please note that the entrance is from West Street where there is parking behind the Town Hall, or nearby on the Quay or Shoprite car park. Refreshments will be available. The meeting will close at approximately 2030 or 2100 at the latest. The Presentation will be given by Mr Oliver Helfrich as a continuance from our Forum meeting earlier this year on the subject of Doleance. If you have any aspects you would like to see covered please let me know at the earliest opportunity. To facilitate the arrangements please advise me the names of those who wish to attend, no later than two weeks beforehand. For last minute bookings please contact me regarding availability. I will be happy to answer any queries but please note that I shall be off the Island from 06 October for one week. *SC explained the situation and stated that everyone was welcome to attend. Noted.*

b) Marown Parish Commissioners invitation of 20.08.14 to their Civic Service on Sunday 21st September 2014 at 1500 hours at the Marown Methodist Chapel, Old Church Road, Crosby, followed by refreshments. RSVP to Ian Maule on 851630 or marown.comm@manx.net.

SC

SC to attend.

- c) Ramsey Town Commissioners invitation of 22.08.14 to their Civic ‘Municipal Sunday’ Service on Sunday 28th September 2014 at 1500 hours at St Paul’s Church, Market Square. Procession at 1430 hours from Town Hall. Chains of Office. Light refreshments. RSVP. **JF** to attend. **JF**
- d) Grass Cutting by Lonan Commissioners on Department of Infrastructure Land. In order to make savings the Department is only prepared to pay for four cuts per year. We are contracted to make eight cuts per year. This means that the Authority will have to subsidise the Department. *A discussion took place and it was resolved that with regret they would have to accept the situation and pay the difference.*
- e) Green Gardens Contractors writes to request contract extension, in order that he can drive down costs and invest in new equipment. *A discussion took place and it was resolved to accept the offer subject to a 3 year extension at this time. Proposed by SC and Seconded by MB. (Unanimous).* **PH**
- f) Groudle Glen Railway cordially invites the Commissioners to attend the launch of their new coaches on Saturday 13th September 2014 at 1445 hours at Lhen Coan Station. The Lieutenant Governor will attend at 1500 hours. Dress Code is smart casual. (The coaches have been built by craftsmen at the Village Workshop in Laxey). RSVP by e-mail to alex@ggr.org.uk by 10.09.14. **MB** attending. **MB**
- g) Municipal Association forwards Press Release regarding attendance of Minister Teare at the last Municipal Association Meeting. *SC provided an overview of the meeting with Minister Teare which he believed was reasonably positive. A wide range of topics were freely discussed. Noted.*
- h) Letter from the Department to Braddan Commissioners regarding provision of budgets for public sector housing deficiencies. *Noted.*
- i) Please be advised that the Cabinet Office have gone out to public consultation on their draft Equality Bill, the papers of which can be accessed via the web-link below:- <http://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=454> Reference is made to Local Authorities in Section 50 of the draft Bill. Should you wish to submit any comments, could you please do so by post to Anne Shimmin (External Relations Manager at the Cabinet Office, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas, IM1 3PN) or via e-mail equality@gov.im by no later than **14th November 2014.** *Noted.*
- j) Please find attached a letter and attachments from Mrs Craig concerning the Local Authority Borrowing Framework Agreement, and the appointment of HSBC Bank. (HSBC will be contacting each Local Authority to obtain their details so that an Account can be set up). *Noted.*
- k) Local resident writes to complain about anti-social behaviour caused by horse riders in Croit-e-Quill Road, and environs, with the depositing of horse excreta. Complainant accepts that they live in a semi-rural area but this does not excuse this in an urban one. Given that the horses are walked regularly from the Ménage at Strenaby, it would not be unreasonable to have a policy of clearing up after the daily walking of the horses. There are alternative solutions. *The Clerk informed the meeting that the complainant had spoken to some riders since writing to the Board and had met with abuse and subsequently witnessed the horses galloping in Croit-e-Quill Road. A discussion took place and it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the proprietors asking them to encourage their clients to be more thoughtful and consider picking up any excreta. The Clerk further raised the matter of the plastic fence in Croit-e-Quill Road that had been erected illegally and for which approval was refused at an Appeal Hearing. The Clerk was directed to contact the Enforcement Officer to find out why no action had been taken.* **PH**

55/14 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

56/14 Special Agenda Items.

a) Approval of Audited Accounts Year Ending 31st March 2014.

SC asked for permission to sign off the accounts and this was granted.
Proposed by **ND** and Seconded by **JF**.

PH

57/14 Any Other Business.

a) ND – stated that there was a need to clarify what expenses could be paid and from what source; referring to claims made in relation to attendance at Cooil Roi. A discussion took place and it was resolved that as Cooil Roi was a Board in its own right then meeting expenses should be claimed from them and not Lonan Parish Commissioners. It was further agreed that members should claim from Lonan up until the end of this September, after which claims must be made to that Board. **PH** stated that he would contact the Clerk to Cooil Roi to see if she would agree to prepare the claim form on their behalf and for their approval. Agreed.

PH

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1655 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 0930 hours.