

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 1815 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

## MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1815 hours.

### 34/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: JF. Seconded by: SC.**

### 35/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **ND – 27/12(a)** – Asked what progress had been made with regards to the St Adamnan’s Churchyard signage. **PH** stated that he was still awaiting a reply from Rev Dudley.
- b) **PH – 27/12(b)** – Informed the Board that he had been in contact with the Youth Services and they had advised him that the Club already had the benefit of Wi-Fi. It was concluded that the Board would not pursue this matter.
- c) **PH – 32/12(b)** – Advised the Board that he had obtained a quotation for the manufacture and supply of a wooden sign for the Agneash Recreation Area at a cost of £120.00. As it was within the budget set, he had authorised the said manufacture. **SCL** asked if the owners had been consulted to which **PH** said that they had approved of the wording. **PH** showed the artwork to the Board.

### 36/12 Private Sessions.

### 37/12 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 12/00913/B of 25.06.12 in respect of creation of a hard standing area and vehicular access and erection of a shed, (partial retrospective), at thie Ny Garee, Ballaragh.

*Approved by the Board.*

### 38/12 Correspondence.

- a) Onchan District Commissioners writes on 18.06.12 regarding Partnerships in that at a recent seminar, (iESE), some Authorities stated that it would be helpful to know what services were offered by each other. To that end this letter attaches a full list of the functions and services operated by Onchan and that could be shared in Partnership arrangements. These included debt collection, maintenance of play equipment, supervision of derelict sites, footpath cleaning, bye law enforcement and many other related functions.  
*Noted for future reference.*
- b) Invitation from Onchan District Commissioners to their Civic Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 1500 hours at St Peter’s Church, assembling at the Youth and Community Centre Car Park at 0225 hours for procession.  
**JF/ND to attend.**
- c) Department of Infrastructure letter of 22.06.12 regarding Consultation on Proposed Draft Building (Fees) Regulations 2012. The object of the proposed changes is to improve efficiency and deliver a

JF/ND

value for money Building Control service to the Island and their customers. These proposals will include increases in charges. *Noted.*

d) Consultation on the Draft Carers' Charter. The Charter is intended to create a framework for developing appropriate support for carers on a partnership basis across the public, private and third sectors. It also includes clear actions which, working together, the partnership will implement in order to improve outcomes for carers. *Noted.*

e) Consultation on the Bribery Bill 2012. *Noted.*

f) Consultation on Bus Speed Limits. This proposes to increase the permitted speed of buses from 40 mph to 50 mph on various specific stretches of road. Applicable to Laxey and Lonan is the Coast Road to Ramsey excluding Laxey. A twelve month trial will take place.

*Noted, PH advised the Board that the Police supported the proposal.*

g) Planning & Building Control Department writes on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012 regarding the most recent User Group Meeting. At this meeting some members expressed the desire that Local Authorities should take a more proactive role in planning matters and to that end the Department is proposing to hold a session with the Authorities as more of a joint participation rather than a lecture. They suggest that the meetings are split into areas, placing amongst others, Laxey & Lonan with Santon and Maughold with Ramsey. They suggest that such a session should take place either in September or October. The request now is are the Commissioners interested in this and if so how many would like to attend. Replies to Senior Planning Officer Sarah Corlett. *The matter was discussed and SC and ND stated that they would attend if it was in the evening. The fact that the Garff Authorities had been split into separate meetings was noted and that the groupings were those of the former 4+1 Local Government Reform Proposal. The Board took the view that nothing had changed in the minds of the Department as to the way they saw Reform.*

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h) Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 0930 hours at Ramsey Town Hall. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012 attached. PH handed the 'Kishfield File' to SCL as this was on the Agenda *SCL to attend.*

SCL

i) Taxation Strategy 2012 to 2016 Consultation which includes radical changes to taxation system from removal of married person's allowances, all other allowances other than tax free but replacement with higher allowances & changes to claimed benefits. Also compulsory on line completion. *Noted. SC stated that he would look at the document and report back with any advice.*

SC

j) [Sharon.Baldwin@gov.im](mailto:Sharon.Baldwin@gov.im) e-mails at 1032 hours on 09.07.12 to say that the Police Consultative Forum will be holding public meetings to discuss Criminal Justice Police Powers and Other Amendments Bill 2012. The Eastern one will be at Onchan Parish Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 1930 hours. *SC stated he would attend.*

SC

k) Resident of Garwick Beach Road, Baldrine, IM4 6ES, asks for Highways not cut the Blackthorn Bush in front of their house as they are happy to cut it and maintain it. Observations.

*No objections from the Board.*

### 39/12 Enforcement Matters.

a) *PH provided an update with regards to the two properties in Baldrine, BL and GG, subject to the Building Control Act and Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1985 with regards to tracing the owners. He stated that he had now finally made progress in that regard and should be*

*able to progress the matter from now. He further added that with regards to BL, he had met with the Environmental Health Officer who was going to assist.*

**40/12 Special Agenda Items.**

*No new matters.*

**41/12 Any Other Business.**

- a) **SCL** – stated that a bungalow at the end of Baldrine Park, junction with Ballamenaugh Road had just been sold, but the hedge was too high and was blocking the visibility at the junction. He asked the Clerk to contact the owner in order to reduce the obstruction. **PH**
- b) **SCL** – referred to a letter that he had handed to the Clerk prior to the meeting regarding a request from a local resident in Ballamenaugh Road. The Resident had brought to his attention the appalling state of the road surface, drains and hedges and requested that the Board writes to the Department to restore the road, repair the drains and reduce the hedge obstruction. **PH** to write to the Department. **PH**
- c) **JF** – made the same request regarding Ballagawne Road. **PH**
- d) **ND** – asked the Clerk to contact the Vicar with regards to setting up a meeting to discuss the forthcoming Civic Service. **PH**
- e) **ND** – referred to the planned Parish Inspection on 22<sup>nd</sup> August and proposed that publicity should be given to this in order to invite comment from members of the public. He proposed a press release and putting a blog onto the website. This was agreed. **PH**

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1900 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 1830 hours.**