

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 1930 hours in the Lonan Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

Present: Mr J. Faragher, Mr N. Dobson, Mr B. Byers, Mr S. Clucas, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Miss R. Bailey.
Chair: Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1930 hours.

103/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21st February 2012.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21st February 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: BB. Seconded by: ND.

104/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **ND – 99/11(b)** – asked if there had been any comment regarding the absence of the Commissioners at the meeting. **PH** replied that he had not had any contact with them nor received an explanation as to why they weren't invited.
- b) **JF – 101/11(a)** – asked if the Lieutenant Governor's Visit was a Special Agenda Item. **PH** replied no as he believed all actions had now been completed. *{See AOB 110/11(b) below}.*

105/11 Private Sessions.

- a) The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the month of February 2012, and these were approved by the Board.
Proposed by: ND Seconded by: BB.
- b) The Clerk presented the interim Financial Statement of Accounts for the month of March 2012, and these were noted by the Board. *Noted by the Board.*
- c) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the period ending 5th March 2012 and this was approved by the Board.
Proposed by: SC Seconded by: BB.
- d) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the month ending 29th February 2012, in respect of the attachment to Laxey Village Commissioners, and this was noted by the Board. *Noted by the Board.*
- e) The Clerk presented the Monthly Waste Statistics for February 2012, the monthly comparison and these were noted by the Board. *Noted by the Board.*

106/11 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 12/00188/B of 06.02.12 in respect of erection of an extension to rear elevation to provide ancillary accommodation at Torridon, Baldrine Road, Baldrine.
Approved.

- b) Planning Application No 12/00262/B of 22.02.12 in respect of installation of replacement windows at La Petite Colline, Snaefell Road, Agneash. *Approved.*

107/11 Correspondence.

- a) **Consultation on the Regulation of Care Bill.** The purpose of the Bill is to
1. Introduce a comprehensive, robust and proportionate regulatory system for private and Third Sector social care service providers and non-NHS care service providers.
 2. Provide protection for care service users - many of whom are society's most vulnerable people.
 3. Improve transparency by standardising regulation and inspection.
 4. Create a more equal playing field by inspecting DSC services to the same requirements and standards as independent sector providers.
 5. Differentiate between childcare providers operating on a commercial basis, who will continue to be regulated, and parents setting up their own personal arrangements with friends and family.
- The full document is over 200 pages in length including a questionnaire and can be viewed by going to www.gov.im – Current Consultations. **Subs by Friday 25th May 2012.**
- b) E-mail regarding the Isle of Man Government Annual Report GD 0044/11, the upshot of which is that the Treasury has understated the VAT Sharing Agreement by just under £41 million. Also attached is a copy of a question by a Labour MP about the Sharing Agreement. *A discussion took place during which it was questioned as to whether the understatement was intentional.*
- c) Consultation on the Landlord Registration Scheme which seeks to register landlords and set minimum standards of condition and compliance with safety laws. **Subs by Friday 27th April 2012.** *The Board agreed in principle with the proposals contained therein.*
- d) Invitation to the Armed Forces Day Celebration on Sunday 24th June 2012 at 1535 hours at the Villa Marina preceded by a march from Regent Street by veterans. **RSVP before 22.06.12.** *The formation of the Board was not known at this time but JF, who is Captain of the Parish and PH indicated that they would attend. (PH to put invitation to the new Board in May).* JF/PH
- e) Office of Fair Trading Consultation on Proposed Estate Agents and Landlords Bill 2012 which seeks to make fresh provision for the registration and regulation of estate agents and to provide registration and regulation of private landlords. **Subs by Friday 27th April 2012.** *The Board agreed in principle with the proposals contained therein.*
- f) Deputy Clerk of Tynwald writes on 27.02.12 with recommendations from the Select Committee on Local Authorities: Members' Interests, (petition for Redress of Grievance). Recommendation 1 = should register any interest which could reasonably be regarded as bearing upon the way in which a member may carry out his or her duties; and that the definition of "relevant interest" for this purpose should be the same as that applicable to Members of Tynwald. Recommendation 2 = That the Department of Infrastructure should introduce legislation to require that the registers (or books) currently maintained under Section 13 of the Local Government Act 1985, together with registers of the wider interests referred to in Recommendation 1 above, must be made open to inspection by the public. Recommendation 3 = That the Department of Infrastructure should introduce legislation to give the Department an express power to issue guidance to local authorities and to impose on local authorities a duty to follow such guidance. **Subs or comments by Monday 26th March 2012.** *A discussion took place and it was concluded that the Members already complied with the*

recommendations contained therein and looked forward to seeing the same transparency by members of Tynwald.

- g) Itinerary and menu for Municipal AGM which is set for Thursday 24th May 2012 at Glen Helen. Requests urgent decision about venue and menu. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that the venue was acceptable and the Hot Buffet provided the best value.* PH

108/11 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

109/11 Special Agenda Items.

None requested.

110/11 Any Other Business.

- a) **ND** – passed on the gratitude of a resident in Baldromma for the swift replacement of his broken wheelie bin.
- b) **JF** – introduced a number of final points in relation to the forthcoming Lieutenant Governor’s visit. PH
- He presented the painting of St Adamnan’s Church by Anita Woods and the Board agreed that it was exceptionally good.
 - The Vicar was off island on the date of the visit.
 - The menu was discussed by the Board and various options were approved. JF needed to know whether the Lieutenant Governor would be accompanied for catering purposes. PH stated he would contact his Secretary. PH sought confirmation that the coach driver would be provided with a full lunch. JF stated that this had been arranged.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2010 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 1830 hours.