

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 1830 hours in the Lonan 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 S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

In the initial absence of the Chairman, **ND**, the Vice Chairman, **SC**, took the Chair.

**ND** arrived at 1845 hours and **SC** remained in the Chair for continuity purposes.

### 43/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: JF. Secoded by: SCL.**

### 44/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **PH – 35/12(a)** – Informed the Board that he had had contact with Jo Dudley and Manx National heritage are now examining the relevant signage wording and would hope to have the project completed by the Spring of next year. **SCL** sought confirmation that this would ultimately be dependent on a satisfactory quotation for the work. **PH** confirmed that this was so.

b) **PH – 35/12(c)** – Informed the Board that the Agneash Recreation sign had been completed at a cost of £150.00 and the sign was handed around the table for inspection. **JF** asked whether the land owners had seen it to which **PH** said not as yet but they were aware of the wording and graphics.

*ND arrived.*

### 45/12 Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: SCL. Secoded by: ND.**

### 46/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There were no matters.

### 47/12 Private Sessions.

a) The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the month of June 2012. **JF** raised the matter of the invoices issued by the jobbing Gardener, Mr Armstrong, stating that the charges had gone up and in his view they were not getting value for money. **PH** stated that now he had to pay for disposal charges and he had employed Mr Armstrong on other matters that had arisen, in particular cutting back vegetation from a turning area in Packhorse Lane and cutting back brambles from Garwick Beach Road. Both of these were a consequence of the Department of Infrastructure stating that their hedge cutting this year would be reduced and they would only concentrate on main routes. The Authority had a duty to provide a service to the ratepayers and respond to reasonable requests. Mr Armstrong was particularly helpful as he could be called upon at short notice to carry out 'odd jobs'. A discussion took place and it was determined by the Board that under no circumstances whatsoever

would Mr Armstrong or other person employed by Lonan Commissioners carry out the functions of the Department of Infrastructure. **Proposed by: JF and seconded by: SCL.** Clerk to take note.

Following the above discussion the accounts were approved by the Board.

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

- b) The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the month of July 2012, and these were approved by the Board.

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

- c) The Clerk presented the interim Financial Statement of Accounts for the month of August 2012, and these were noted by the Board. *Noted by the Board.*

- d) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and this was approved by the Board. **Proposed by: SCL Seconded by: MB.**

- e) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012, in respect of the attachment to Laxey Village Commissioners, and this was noted by the Board.

- f) The Clerk presented the Monthly Waste Statistics for July 2012, the monthly comparison and an annual comparison and these were all noted by the Board.

#### **48/12 Planning Applications.**

- a) Planning Application No 12/01076/B of 31.07.12 in respect of alterations and erection of extension to dwelling at Riakano Lodge, Packhorse Lane, Baldrine. *Approved by the Board.* **PH**

- b) Planning Application No 12/01077/B of 31.07.12 in respect of alterations and erection of a two storey extension to dwelling at Ballacowle Cottage, Agneash. *Approved by the Board.* **PH**

#### **49/12 Correspondence.**

- a) PKF write on 20.07.12 with the letter of engagement outlining their responsibilities and those of the Authority and requires signature and return. *It was agreed that SC should examine the document and the Board would accept his advice. PH stated that he would collect the document from SC the following day.* **SC/PH**

- b) Draft Financial Report for Year End 31.03.12. *Copies of the Report had been circulated to the Board, but it was agreed that SC would further examine it and report back if necessary. Agreed and noted.* **SC**

- c) A Consultation on the Social Policy Debate for submissions before Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and is about the future delivery of Services. Questionnaire attached. *The Consultation was open to public discussion and the Board resolved to respond individually*

- d) News Release regarding the future use of Recreational Development in Plantations and seeks views on the way forward. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that a response should be sent on the basis that they agreed in principle with expanding the use of the Plantations but it should create income for the Government and not become a facility at the expense of the tax payer.* **PH**

- e) Department of Infrastructure Draft Minutes of NTMLG – 12.07.12. **PH** informed the Board that a re-call notice had been sent out to the Local Authorities to return their ‘Smiley Sid’ Signs as they were to be managed centrally.
- f) Paul Cowin e-mails at 1305 hours on 03.08.12 the Minutes of ECAS – 18.06.12 and gives notice that the next meeting will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1500 hours at the Northern Civic Amenity Site. **ND** updated the Board on future plans for the Site which included the possibility of using Number Plate identification in order to monitor the vehicles using it. *Noted.*
- g) A Consultation on Personal Service Companies. A personal Service Company is one through which services are rendered by a member/shareholder of the Company or by a relative which may result in deferment of tax and reduced National Insurance Contributions. This proposal seeks to close that loophole. *Noted.*

**50/12 Enforcement Matters.**

*No new matters. PH updated the Board on matters relating to Baldrine Lodge.*

**51/12 Special Agenda Items.**

*No new matters.*

**52/12 Any Other Business.**

- a) **JF** – referred to the appalling state of the Centennial Gardens in Baldrine and further suggested that the gardener was not doing his job. **PH** stated that he, (Mr Armstrong), had not had any clear direction in this matter but that in discussions with Mr Armstrong it had been decided that in September the bushes would be pruned and cut back. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Site would be visited as part of the Parish Inspection next week and a decision would be made.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1940 hours.**

**The next Meeting of the Authority will be the Parish Inspection and will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 at 1830 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1830 hours. (JF extended his apologies)**