

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 1730 hours at All Saints Church, Lonan.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Mr S. Clucas, Mr N. Dobson, Mr S. Clague, Mr M. Burgess, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Mr J. Faragher.  
**Chair:** Mr S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill. **Guests:** Rev. J. Dudley, Rector Clive Burgess of Onchan Church.

The Meeting commenced at 1730 hours.

#### 119/13 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: MB. Seconded by: SC.**

#### 120/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **SC – 115/13(f)** – Gave a comprehensive overview of the proposed Freedom of Information Act at the conclusion of which a discussion took place. It was agreed that the Board would respond in the following terms, that it was unbalanced in that the Government had too many get out from disclosure clauses whereas the Local Authorities did not; that the Chief Minister could issue a Certificate authorising the withholding of information, which completely defeats the purposes of this proposal given that no Chief Minister is going to allow information to be released that could be of embarrassment to him or the Government.; that the fee scales have not been determined, which could be central to the ability of an individual to apply for information and for Local Authorities to budget for. **ND** thanked **SC** for his work in this regard.

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#### 121/13 Private Sessions.

#### 122/13 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 14/00203/B of 19.02.14 in respect of alterations and erection of an extension to existing stables and partial retrospective application for existing at Field 614732, Baldrine Ménage, Baldrine Road, Baldrine. *A full discussion took place and it was resolved that they remain opposed to retrospective applications and the fact remained that the structure established here was not the building for which original consent was given and is less aesthetic than the original plan so submitted, given its elevated position over the surrounding landscape.*
- b) Planning Approval Notice No 13/91346/A of 28.02.14 in respect of approval in principle for the erection of a detached dwelling at land adjacent to Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. {Planning Committee}. *Refused by LPC.*  
Mrs Newton writes on 14.03.14 regarding approval given to PA 13/91346/A at Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road in respect of permission in principle to erect dwelling on land adjacent to Westdene. She states that the Department does not say that this land is not allocated to residential, indicates that no contour drawing has been submitted to give levels, contrary to requested planning practices and therefore a reason to refuse in itself. (Refused by LPC and others). *A discussion took place and it was resolved to lodge an appeal against the approval decision.*
- c) Heritage Homes writes on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 regarding the Development at Reayrt Ny Glionney and the Revised Street Lighting Layout. They seek Board approval and involves the installation of Fourteen (14) Lamp Posts. *The Board approved the layout subject to MEA approval.*

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- d) Planning Application No 14/00232/B of 26.02.14 in respect of alteration of access and widening of driveway at Plot 24, Reayrt Ny Glionney, Lonan, IM4 7LG. PH  
*Approved.*

### 123/13 Correspondence.

- a) *(Carried over from SM – 18.02.14 – 115/13(f))* Consultation on the Freedom of Information Bill 2014 - Please find attached the Freedom of Information Bill 2014 consultation document together with a feedback form for electronic responses. The consultation on the Bill runs for 6 weeks from today. These documents, together with an FAQs document, can be accessed electronically at: <http://tinyurl.com/ohle7dc> The consultation proposes a phased introduction for the Freedom of Information Act, which, when fully implemented will include all public authorities in the Isle of Man including local authorities. The closing date for submissions is Friday 21 March 2014. The consultation period closes on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014. *See 120/13(a) above.*
- b) Department of Infrastructure letter of 19.02.14 regarding the Consultation on Alternative Means of Service Delivery. Attached to this letter is a very detailed questionnaire requesting every single cost application in respect of the refuse collection service. This should be completed and attached to the main response. (Sent on 17.02.14). **Mr Wrigley** writes on 06.03.14 threatening Lonan Commissioners with legal action under Section 4(3) LGA if they continue to refuse to provide information asked for in the questionnaire about Refuse costs. He states that they have provided SITA's costs but won't disclose the details of their contract as it is commercially sensitive. *A discussion took place during which the Clerk advised the Board that he had written to Wrigley in the terms that the matter had to be discussed with the co-partners to the Contract before the information could be disclosed. This was agreed by the Board.*
- c) Department of Infrastructure – Gillespie – writes on 04.03.14 regarding Members Attendance Allowance – Further Guidance. States that it is up to the Commissioners as to whether or not they round it up to 15 or 30 minutes. A review will be undertaken towards the end of the year. *Noted.*
- d) Laxey Commissioners writes on 07.03.14 regarding the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay in Laxey on Saturday afternoon of 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014. This is an invitation to the Chairman to take part in the Relay. RSVP to PB before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014. SC  
*SC to deal.*
- e) Resident of Highfield Drive, Baldrine, writes on 5<sup>th</sup> March in response to my letter of 19<sup>th</sup> February regarding Dog Fouling. She proposes again that Lonan should have bye-laws as Rushen, Port Erin and Castletown do and that Lonan could employ Commissioners Staff to carry out patrols and enforcement. She queries whether a Residents Association would work as if the Commissioners have no powers of enforcement, then nor would they. She has discussed this with neighbours. *See also SM – 18.02.14 - 113/13(e). The Clerk advised the Board that he had written to the complainant and suggested that she should attend the Public Meeting indicating that a Dog Warden employed jointly by the Garff Initiative could be a viable option to resolve the problems that she was experiencing.*
- f) Laxey & Lonan Live At Home Scheme writes an invitation to their AGM on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 1900 hours at the Salmon Centre. SEC  
*SEC to attend.*

### 124/13 Enforcement Matters.

*No new matters.*

**126/13 Any Other Business.**

- a) **ND** – Informed the meeting that a local resident had spoken to him and offered a plot of land, free of charge, for community purposes. Given the timescale of this meeting it was decided to defer this to the next Statutory Meeting in order that the kind offer could be further explored. (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014). **PH**
- b) **PH** – handed out the revised Board Expenses Claim Forms for use from 1<sup>st</sup> April and asked that they were completed monthly and submitted to the Clerk who would then pay on the existing quarterly basis.
- c) **ND** – stated that the next Cooil Roi Meeting was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> April and that JF was unable to attend and it was essential to be fully represented. **SC** stated that he would do so. **SC**

**125/13 Special Agenda Items.**

- a) Garff Signage – Kinrade Bros Haulage Ltd. *{Origin: Garff Meeting – 26.02.14 – 37(a)(ii)}*.

The Clerk produced two pieces of artwork, firstly in relation to the proposed signage for the Refuse Vehicles and secondly the Parish Welcome Signs. The former showed the three Local Authority emblems and the words, ‘working together in Garff’, and secondly ‘in the Sheading of Garff’ in italics. The Board approved both designs. Proposed by **SC** and seconded by **MB**.

- b) Garff Newsletter and Public Meeting. *{Origin: Garff Meeting – 26.02.14 – 37(b)}*.

**SC** opened the discussions by reading his prepared speech, which was essentially about Central Government plans on reform and impact of proposals for a Regionalised Refuse Collection Service; **ND** informed the meeting that he would address the Public on the Garff Joint Initiative and proposals being considered to amalgamate the three Garff Authorities into one Local Authority with individual Wards for Laxey, Lonan and Maughold.

Rev Jo Dudley and Clive Burgess, Team Leader at Onchan Church joined the meeting at 1815 hours to discuss the Church Meeting that was to follow the Commissioners’ Meeting.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1830 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 1815 hours.**