

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 18th August 2015 at 1830 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

Chair: Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill. **Guest:** Police Superintendent Kevin Willson.

The Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

37/15 Guest Speaker - Superintendent Kevin Willson of the Isle of Man Constabulary

Action

JF welcomed **KW** to the meeting who introduced himself, his role in the Police Service and the purpose of his visit, which was to establish what the local concerns were in Lonan and whether or not there was general satisfaction at the performance of the Police. The consensus was that they were happy with the Police however **ND** stated that they didn't know who their local Police Team was. **PH** commented that there were regular meetings with the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team and that newly promoted Inspector Kneen had just introduced himself. A general discussion took place regarding specific matters. In response to a question from **SEC** he outlined the current Command Structure. With all matters raised and discussed, **KW** thanked the Board for welcoming him to their meeting and left at 1900 hours.

38/15 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 14th July 2015.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 14th July 2015 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: MB.

39/15 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **PH – 32/15(c)** – Advised the Board that he had just received the Report on Costs for All Saints Church, and he circulated copies of it to those members who were not already in possession of it. **ND** brought to their attention the situation about financial resources ring fenced for the Church and reasons why it couldn't be used. A brief discussion took place and it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting to allow the members to examine the documents produced.

PH

40/15 Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 5th August 2015.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 5th August 2015 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: ND.

41/15 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) There were no matters arising.

42/15 Private Sessions.

43/15 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Amendment Notice No 15/00255/B of 28.07.15 in respect of erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking and access on land adjacent to Lingmell, Highfield Drive,

PH

Baldrine, IM4 6EE. (Original application approved by LPC). *Approved.*

- b) Planning Application No 15/00832/B of 23.07.15 in respect of erection of a detached garage and retrospective approval for a detached stable with feed store and tack room at Fern Cottage, Ballaragh Road, Ballaragh, IM4 7PJ. *It was resolved to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that there was no supporting statement regarding the development such that they could make an informed decision and that the location plan didn't clearly show where the property was.* PH
- c) Planning Application No 15/00837/B of 24.07.15 in respect of erection of replacement garage and creation of patio area within rear garden at Appin Lodge, Upper Packhorse Lane, Baldrine, IM4 6EA. *Approved.* PH
- d) Planning Application No 15/00857/B of 29.07.15 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling at Berberis Cottage, Pinfold Hill, Lonan, IM4 7HJ. *Approved.* PH
- e) Planning Application No 15/00860/B of 30.07.15 in respect of alterations and erection of ground and first floor extension to dwelling at Gull Cottage, Beach Road, Baldrine, IM4 6ES. *Approved.* PH
- f) Resident of Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JH submits a copy of a letter of 23.07.15 regarding an objection to Planning Application 15/00752/B – Reayrt Ny Glionney.
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PH read the letters and the comments were noted.
- g) Planning Application No 15/00925/B of 12.08.15 in respect of replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with roof tiles at 7, Baldrine Park, Baldrine, IM4 6DE. *Approved.* PH
- h) Planning Application No 15/00934/B of 13.08.15 in respect of alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling at Glen Beigh, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, IM4 6DR. *It was resolved to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds that the development was excessive and an overdevelopment given the location and plot of land upon which it is to be sited. They considered that the plans were not satisfactory.* PH

44/15 Correspondence.

- a) To All Municipal Members and Members Authority Clerks: I can now confirm the details for the Forum meeting for all Clerks, Commissioners and Councillors, on the subject of “Working with the Legislature and perhaps an improved Understanding of How the Legislature actually Works”. **This is to be held on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 5.45 pm** prompt in the Legislative Buildings (room to be advised at a later date); it will be led by Mr Jonathan King, Clerk to Tynwald, and his staff. Tea and coffee will be provided. There will be no charge to Municipal Members or Member Authority Clerks. If you would like to put your name down to attend, please advise me well in advance and no later than a few days beforehand, in order to give them a chance to set up a suitable room for the number attending. *SC/ND/MB/JF to attend.* SC/ND MB/JF PH
- b) Inspector Kneen writes on 28.07.15 to say that his promotion has been confirmed and that whilst he is based in Peel he still retains responsibility for the North and to that end he would like to attend a Commissioners Meeting in September to introduce himself. *The Board resolved to invite Inspector Kneen to the next meeting.* PH

- c) Marown Parish Commissioners Invitation of 27.07.15 to their Civic Service on Sunday 27th September 2015 at 1500 hours at Marown Parish Church. RSVP to Ian Maule at marown.comm@manx.net or telephone 851630. **JF/PH**
JF to attend.
- d) Joyce Fowler writes on 20.07.15 to thank the Board for their letter of condolences following the death of Eric. The Board recognised the significant contribution that Eric had made to Lonan whilst a Commissioner and he was sadly missed upon his departure. **PH** *read the letter to the Board.*
- e) Road Races Bill 2015 – Consultation - Good afternoon everyone, The Department of Infrastructure is seeking to update key elements of legislation to ensure that motorsport festivals continue to flourish and make an important contribution to the Island’s economy and culture. The Road Races Bill 2015 aims to better reflect the needs of event organisers, participants and fans by reducing bureaucracy, enhancing safety and increasing the period over which road racing can take place. Details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in the consultation document. *Noted.*
- f) Consultation on the proposed Establishment of a separate Financial Intelligence Unit for the Isle of Man - Good Afternoon, The Cabinet Office is seeking views on the proposed establishment of an independent Financial Intelligence Unit, with enhanced information gathering powers. The current Financial Intelligence Unit sits within the Financial Crimes Unit, the changes proposed in the Financial Intelligence Bill, will put the unit on the same footing as those in other jurisdictions and enable it to meet its international obligations. Details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in the consultation document. *Noted.*
- g) Minutes of GJIC – 05.08.15. **PH** *referred to 96(b) – Disclosure of Information, and advised the Board that the requested amendment had been made and he had just received the new Draft Order. A general discussion took place regarding a number of issues and topics in the minutes and also the election process, which ND explained in detail. SC added that the reference to rates equalisation over five years was not mentioned in the minutes and this had been agreed. It will be raised at the next Garff Meeting in matters arising.*
- h) **CONFIDENTIAL.** To all Local Authorities. **Consultation on the Terrorism and Crime (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2015.** *Noted.*
- i) Letter from the Department of Infrastructure dated 11.08.15 regarding updates on Local Authority Transition Meetings held in July and August. *Noted.*
SC left the meeting at 2000 hours.
- j) Minutes of the Municipal Meeting of 30th July 2015. *Noted.*

45/15 Enforcement Matters.

- a) *No new matters.*

46/15 Special Agenda Items.

- a) *No new matters.*

47/15 Any Other Business.

- a) **SEC** – Asked whether the Authority had obtained Directors and Officers Insurance Cover to protect the Commissioners from being liable in any actions brought against them as individuals whilst **PH**

acting in their capacity as a Commissioner. **PH** stated that he had completed the necessary application form but was still awaiting the outcome. He added that he would chase the matter up.

- b) **ND** – commented on the 50 mph limit that had been imposed on the stretch of road between Whitebridge and Baldrine and the fact that no Order had been issued or the matter discussed at the Traffic Management Meetings. It was believed that this had been put in place during hedge cutting or road marking works.
- c) **PH** – raised a matter concerning continued employment and hours. After a discussion it was also agreed that the Commissioner’s Office would open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. **PH**
- d) **PH** – Asked what date the Board wished to hold the annual Parish Inspection and it was agreed that it would take place on the same day as the September Statutory Meeting, but prior to that. (See below).

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2030 hours.

The next Meetings of the Authority will be the Parish Inspection Meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 1730 hours, followed by the Statutory Meeting at 1900 hours.