

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1830 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

### MINUTES

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

**Chair:** Mr N. Dobson. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

Mr S. Clague, formerly shown as **SCL** will now be shown as **SEC**.

**59/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012.**

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The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: ND.**

**60/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.**

- a) **PH – 49/12(f)** – Asked **ND** if he had been able to attend the ECAS Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September, to which **ND** replied no due to a last minute problem. **PH** advised the Board that the next ECAS Meeting had been brought forward from November to 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**61/12 Minutes of the Parish Examination Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012.**

The Minutes of the Parish Examination Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: ND.**

**62/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.**

**PH**, in referring to the Minutes, suggested that it would be of assistance if he went through the list of actions. This was agreed. **PH** confirmed that all actions had been taken and that in respect of the mirror in Baldrine Hill, opposite Baldrine Road, the owner of the land had consented to it's erection. The owner expressed a request that it would be helpful if the Board arranged for the grass bank at that location to be cut at their cost, but declining would not cause withdrawal of his consent. The Board were concerned about setting a precedent if they did so. Two matters were discussed in detail.

- a) **53/12(2)** – **PH** stated that he had received a quotation from Smiths of Derby in relation to the refurbishment of the Pillar Clock, and that using another contractor would not invalidate the Service Contract provided that the mechanism was not touched. **SEC** stated that he would prefer to use an on-island contractor, and this was agreed by the Board. **SEC** will provide the Clerk with details of two suitable contractors.

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- b) **55/12** – **PH** stated that he had not heard anything more from the Organisers of the welcome team, although an event had taken place in the Laxey Valley Gardens on 15<sup>th</sup> September last. **SEC** stated that Mr Barks had been in contact with him and had agreed to accept the Boards' offer of a welcome party and exhibition facility for the motor cycle used. **PH** expressed concern that two different people seemed to be involved in these events and that a single point of contact, through the Clerk's Office was necessary. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Barks accordingly. **ND** reminded the Board of the agreement that had been reached regarding the welcome party and the

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erection of permanent signage to commemorate the achievement. The wording of this sign had been delegated to the organiser.

**ND** thanked the Clerk for completing all of the tasks discussed and planned during this examination and it was agreed that the meeting had been a success.

**63/12 Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012.**

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

**64/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.**

*There were no matters arising.*

**65/12 Private Sessions.**

**66/12 Planning Applications.**

*There were no planning matters.*

**67/12 Correspondence.**

- a) Laxey Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 at 1100 hours at Minorca Hill Methodist Church. **MB/SC/ND to attend.** **MB/SC/ND**
- b) Consultation on the Post Office Amendment Bill 2012 which seeks to broaden the role of the Post Office due to the declining volume of mail brought about by modern technology. Subs to Gary Lark, Department of Economic Development on [gary.lark@gov.im](mailto:gary.lark@gov.im) *Noted.*
- c) Consultation on the Scope of Government Report. Submissions can be by mail, e-mail to [scope@gov.im](mailto:scope@gov.im) or [www.surveymonkey.com/s/ScopeofGov](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ScopeofGov). *SC provided a comprehensive overview of the Document and it was agreed by the Board that he would prepare a submission on their behalf.* **SC**
- d) Local Resident submits a quotation of £1239.80 + VAT for 5000 copies of the Salmon Walks Leaflet for joint funding by LVC/LPC. *Lonan has previously supported this publication and it was further agreed to continue to do so.* **Proposed by: MB Seconded by: SEC.** **PH**
- e) Consultation on Armed Forces Community Covenant. The Covenant would be an official declaration of the Island's recognition and support for those residents who serve, or have served, in the British Armed Forces. Similar Covenants have been developed throughout the United Kingdom as local expressions of the national Armed Forces Covenant which was formalised by the UK Government in 2011. Armed Forces Community Covenants are voluntary statements of mutual support between civilian populations and their Armed Forces communities. They provide a framework within which communities can work together to ensure that there is recognition for the contribution made by serving and retired members of the Armed Forces, and that they and their families are not disadvantaged by their service. Juan Watterson MHK, Minister for Home Affairs, who is leading the consultation on behalf of the Government, commented: 'An Armed Forces Community Covenant for the Isle of Man would reflect the close and enduring links that exist between the Island and the British Armed Forces. It would demonstrate the respect and support of' **PH**

the community for those Island residents who served and those who continue to serve, often in very challenging and dangerous situations.’ Mr Watterson added that although the Covenant concept came from the UK, the content of a Manx version would be for the Island to decide and would take into account responses to the consultation. ‘The Government is sympathetic to the idea of an Armed Forces Community Covenant but would like to gather views from the public before developing the proposal further’, said the Minister. Send responses to [Philippa.Hull@cso.gov.im](mailto:Philippa.Hull@cso.gov.im). *The Board unanimously supported the objectives of this Consultation.*

- f) Department of Infrastructure letter of 03.09.12 enclosing the Isle of Man Marine Plan – Statement of Public Participation Document. The Government recognises the importance of the sea surrounding the island, both from an economical and environmental point of view and wants to enlist members of the public who be interested in taking part in shaping their marine area as aforesaid. E-mail – [msp@gov.im](mailto:msp@gov.im) or see [www.gov.im/transport/planning/marinespatialplanning.xml](http://www.gov.im/transport/planning/marinespatialplanning.xml). *Noted.*
- g) Department of Infrastructure letter of 13.09.12 enclosing the Isle of Man Marine Plan – Marine Development Consenting Consultation. The Government recognises the importance of the sea surrounding the island, both from an economical and environmental point of view and wants to take advantage of any offshore energy sources such as wind farms or tidal power. *Noted.*
- h) Planning Department letter of 04.09.12, further to their 27.06.12 regarding Local Authority User Group Meetings. The dates of these meetings have been determined and are – North @ Ramsey Town Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; East @ Strathallan Suite, Douglas on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; West @ Peel Town Hall on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 between 1800 hours and 2100 hours; South @ Castletown Commissioners Office on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November between 1800 hours and 2100 hours. You may attend any venue and workshops going through various scenarios will take place in connection with all aspects of the planning process from application to decision and enforcement. The evenings will be administered by Miss Corlett and Miss Chance. *SC stated that he would attend the East Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, but this fell on the same night as the Statutory Meeting. It was agreed to defer the Statutory to the following evening.* SC
- i) Consultation on the Summary Jurisdiction and Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2012 which is in relation to enforcing the collection of fines. The principal difference between the proposed Bill and the existing legislation is to enable the Chief Registrar to seek enforcement of an unpaid fine by an attachment of earnings order or application for benefit deductions without having to make a separate application to the Court which imposed the original penalty. It also enables the Chief Registrar to maintain a register of fines defaulters and to make this available to interested persons, which might include credit reference agencies. *The Board unanimously supported the objectives of this Consultation.* PH
- j) Royal British Legion writes on 02.09.12 regarding this year’s Poppy Appeal that starts on 25<sup>th</sup> October. They seek their usual support to display signage and carry out collections and assume that unless they receive any objection to this then the Board have provided approval. *Approved.*
- k) Department of Social Care letter of 06.09.12 enclosing the Housing Review Consultation Response Report. The documents can be viewed on line at [www.gov.im/socialcare/consultationDetail.gov?id=311](http://www.gov.im/socialcare/consultationDetail.gov?id=311). Hard copy of Short Report at LPC. *Noted.*
- l) Department of Community, Culture and Leisure letter of 12.09.12 from Laurence Skelly regarding the Hop Tu Naa Festival 2012. The Government have liaised with the Arts Council and Manx Heritage Foundation to support the above Festival with grants. Organisations who are arranging

events that involve Community involvement, Youth engagement, Artistic and craft activities, celebration of Hop Tu Naa and traditional Manx cultural activities may apply for financial assistance towards this.  
*There are no planned events in Lonan.*

- m) Treasurer of All Saints Lonan Church and Burial Ground Authority writes to Mr Ronan regarding the disproportionate audit charges being levied by PKF in respect of their accounts which has increased from £190.00 in 2009 to £1378.00. It has taken 6 months to audit a total of 18 transactions, one of which was to the Auditor themselves. *The Board agreed that this was an absolutely absurd and profound waste of tax payers money.*
- n) A letter from the Municipal Chairman regarding the Scope of Government Report and is in respect of the increased costs without gain if Local Authorities were simply merged. There has to be more structure. The letter includes four questions for urgent response. *SC suggested that the Clerk would be able to address these issues.* PH

**68/12 Enforcement Matters.**

*No new matters.*

**69/12 Special Agenda Items.**

*No matters notified.*

**70/12 Any Other Business.**

- a) **ND** – stated that he had had a complaint from a resident at Fairy Cottage in relation to the condition of the lane that runs from opposite Ballacollister Road towards the coast, in that it is rutted and in poor condition. Clerk to establish that this lane is maintained at public expense and then contact the appropriate authority. PH
- b) **ND** – stated that he had received an additional complaint from the resident in relation to the footpath that runs from the lane referred to above, to the beach, in that it is severely overgrown and inaccessible. Clerk to arrange for this to be cleared. PH
- c) **ND** – informed the Board about the preparations for the Lonan Civic Service. He stated that he had been asked whether the service should have a communion or be multi denominational. It was agreed that it should be multi denominational. With regard to the Order of Service he had arranged to meet the Vicar on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 1100 hours to discuss this and other relevant matters. **PH** asked if he could attend with him, to which **ND** agreed. The Clerk was asked to prepare the invitation list. The Civic Service takes place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012 at 1100 hours at Lonan All Saints Church. ND/  
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**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2000 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 1830 hours.**