

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 1830 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

92/15 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15th December 2015.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15th December 2015 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: MB.

93/15 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) There were no matters arising.

94/15 Minutes of the Extraordinary Rates Meeting of 12th January 2016.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Rates Meeting of 12th January 2016 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: MB.

95/15 Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- a) There were no matters arising.

96/15 Private Sessions.

- a) The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2015, and these were approved by the Board.

Proposed by: SC Seconded by: MB.

- b) The Clerk presented the interim Financial Statement of Accounts for the month of January 2016, 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 January 2016 and this was approved by the Board. **Proposed by: SC Seconded by: MB**

- d) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the month ending 31st December 2015, 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 December 2015, and the monthly and annual comparison; *Noted by the Board.*

97/15 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 16/00018/B of 08.01.16 in respect of alterations and extension to dwelling

PH

at Ballabundu, Chapel Lane, Baldrine, IM4 6DG. *The Clerk declared an interest in this application and took no part.* *Approved by the Board.*

98/15 Correspondence.

- a) Manx Telecom – Submits agreement for purchase of redundant telephone kiosk in Pinfold Hill. *A discussion took place and having previously resolved to purchase the said kiosk, JF signed the agreement.* PH
- b) Result of Waste Collection Survey - In advance of the LA Transition Seminar on January 13th, and to advise discussions at the next Waste Working Group meeting on January 26th, I have started to collate the information supplied by LAs through the waste collection survey. I would like to check I have all the information available and have not missed or misinterpreted any of the information supplied. Could I ask individual LAs to check their information provided. I have summarised the main points below – these highlight some missing information. If you have any amendments or additional information can you please get this to me by Friday 8th January. As agreed by the WWG the responses will be provided to the WWG for consideration/review, and made available to a wider audience in a summarised, non-attributed format only (unless otherwise agreed). *Noted.*
- c) ‘Look Local’ Newsletter - The Minister and the Department Member with responsibility for local authorities, Mr Chris Thomas MHK, recognise the importance of updating ratepayers and taxpayers on the considerable progress we have all been making together on Local Authority Transition. The attached newsletter will therefore be made available on the DOI website in the New Year. *Noted.*
- d) Housing Meeting and approval of ToR. - If you haven't already done so can you please seek approval for your Board for the attached term of reference. Onchan Commissioners have resolved not to have representation on the political steering group, however they will keep a watching brief and send an officer to the Working group meetings. Suggest that this is also raised in matters arising at Wednesday evenings Garff meeting. I understand that Maughold have suggested they should have political representation on the Northern Group. *The document was approved by the Board and MB agreed to attend the next meeting on 28th January 2016.* MB
- e) Consultation in principle on the introduction of greater identification verification measures at harbours - The Department of Home Affairs is inviting feedback on the possibility of introducing border identity checks for people travelling to and from the Isle of Man by sea. Identity measures at sea ports are being considered as a way of improving the safety of the Isle of Man and its residents. The Department believes that a requirement for people to verify their identity before travelling by sea would help to combat crime. The Chief Constable’s annual report for 2014-15 highlighted the vulnerability of our borders as the biggest threat to national security. The report said action was needed to prevent the Island being seen as a soft target by criminals who travel under a false name to commit offences such as drug smuggling and money laundering. People entering and leaving the Island via sea ports are currently not required to produce photographic identification. The public consultation is seeking the views of individuals and businesses on whether this needs to change to aid the detection of criminal activity. The proposal would require people travelling by sea to show one of 14 valid forms of identification – such as a driving licence, passport or bus pass – when checking in. This would have an impact on ferry boarding times and result in a need for additional staff and new facilities for foot passengers and vehicle drivers waiting to pass through the border checks. Further information on this proposal can be found in the consultation paper attached, or which can be viewed on the Government consultation website at <https://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=556> I would be grateful to receive any responses to this consultation by **Thursday 12th February 2016** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have

any queries on this matter. (Filed under Port Security). *A discussion took place and they agreed with the principle that the safety of the Island should be enhanced by monitoring those people entering it.*

- f) Isle of Man Government Annual Report 2014 to 2015. *Noted.*
- g) Please see attached letter and news release sent on behalf of Mrs Della Fletcher, Electoral Registration Officer. *Noted.*
- h) Invite to the Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Sunday 24 January 2016 at St Thomas' Church, Finch Road, Douglas. *JF/MB to attend.* **JF/MB**
- i) Department of Economic Development writes on 11.01.16 with Micro Business Grant Scheme Application Forms for public display and use. *Noted.*
- j) Minutes of Garff – 06.01.16. To resolve to approve 124(a). – Quotation and Service Level for Gully Cleaning and Road Sweeping. *A discussion took place and as they had all attended this meeting they resolved to approve the motion. Proposed by SC and Seconded by MB.*
- k) Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2016 - The Department of Infrastructure is seeking feedback on proposals to update the Isle of Man's road traffic legislation. The draft Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2016 proposes a series of amendments to the Road Traffic Act 1985, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984. Please find attached a copy of the consultation document which includes an explanation of the policy behind the major proposals, an Impact Assessment and details on how to respond to the consultation. Also attached is a copy of the draft Bill which includes an explanatory memo detailing the clauses and a copy of the Buses (Carriage of Passengers for Hire or Reward) (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2016. Main change is the recommendation to reduce the Drink/Drive BAC from 80 to 50. Subs by Friday 12th February 2016. *A discussion took place and the Board believed that the introduction of, or extension of permissions for the entry of caravans was a grave error of judgement. They did not believe that there was any evidence to support the fact that this will increase tourism to the island, indeed it may hamper it. A caravan would take up the space on the ship of at least one car with passengers, reduce the available space on sailings and possibly increase the costs of tickets. Road safety aspects caused by slow moving vehicles unfamiliar with the roads, has not been explored.* **PH**

99/15 Enforcement Matters.

- a) Lonan Property. *PH informed the meeting of the sad demise of the owner and that he was in contact with the next of kin.*

100/15 Special Agenda Items.

- a) **To Approve the Rates for Year Ending 31st March 2017.** **PH**
A discussion took place as a result of which it was resolved to approve the rate of a separate Refuse Charge of £147.00 and a General Rate of 89 pence in the pound. Proposed by **JF** and seconded by **MB**, with **ND**'s proxy to **JF**. **SC** expressed his opposition to the proposal stating that evidence shows that the rates should have been reduced.
- b) **To appoint Accountants to prepare the Year Ending 31st March 2016 Reports for Audit.** **PH**
The Clerk sought approval to appoint Moore Stephens to carry out the pre-audit work. This was agreed, proposed by **SC** and seconded by **MB**.

101/15 Any Other Business.

- a) **SC** – led a discussion regarding the appointment of a replacement Clerk and the terms of reference.
- b) **PH** – requested permission to go ahead and advertise the vacancy and that the other Clerks be informed. This was agreed. **PH** to provide a draft of the advertisement. **PH**
- c) **JF** – Read a letter from a resident in Glen Roy regarding the collapse of the bridge and path at the ford crossing and the need to replace it as soon as possible and asked for support from the Commissioners to try and get an early resolution. **PH**

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

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 1830 hours