

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 1815 hours in the Lonan Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1815 hours.

118/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19th February 2013.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19th February 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

119/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **ND – 116/12(a)** – Asked if the proposed contract had been accepted by the Contractor to which **PH** confirmed he had and the said contracts were here ready for signature by the Board.

See 125/12(d) below.

- b) **JF – 117/12(a)** – Asked if any progress had been made towards the refurbishment of the Commissioners Building to which **PH** stated that the various options were now under consideration.

120/12 Private Sessions.

121/12 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 13/00262/B of 01.03.13 in respect of alterations and erection of an extension to replace existing conservatory at Ramillies, Clay Head Road, Baldrine, IM4 6DN.

PH

Approved.

122/12 Correspondence.

- a) Municipal Information regarding Finance Training for Commissioners. *SC stated that he will be attending the next Municipal Meeting and will update the Board regarding this matter and added that training is open to all.*

SC

- b) Top Spec Fencing provides quotation for replacement of defective fence surrounding the Flag Pole Gardens, Baldrine. *PH informed the Board that the work had now been completed and approval by the Board had been given prior to this meeting and commencement of work. PH sought approval here for the purposes of accounting for the outlay. Proposed by ND and seconded by MB.*

- c) A Resident of Farmhill, Douglas, supplies copy of her response to the Boundary Review Committee proposals. *ND read the letter and a discussion took place regarding the various options under consideration. The Board remains opposed to the separation of Garff.*

- d) Department of Infrastructure letter of 28.02.13 from the Health & Safety Inspectorate inviting representative to Seminar on Health & Safety in Local Government on Thursday 4th April 2013 at 1830 hours at Ground Floor Meeting Room, Murray House. Agenda attached. *PH emphasised the importance of this as the legal responsibility fell to the Commissioners and not the Clerk and*

MB

believed that a member should attend.

MB agreed to attend.

- e) Peel Town Commissioners letter of 05.03.13 informing the Board that their Civic Service will now be held on Sunday 26th May 2013 at 1100 hours at the Methodist Chapel, Athol Street and invitations to follow. *JF agreed to attend.* JF
- f) Department of Infrastructure letter of 08.03.13 regarding Attendance and Travelling Allowances for Local Authorities. The current rates have not changed for a number of years. **With regards to Attendance Allowance** should (a). The existing £30.00 remain the same, (b). Be increased with the rate of inflation since 2006, (c). The existing £30.00 be raised in line with non-Tynwald members to £78.00 per session. **With regards to Travelling Allowance** should (a). Remain the same, (44p per under 1300cc, 50p per over 1300cc). (Tynwald pays 46p and 52p respectively). (b). Be increased in line with the rate paid to Tynwald Members. **Also would the Authorities consider** paying (a). Different amounts depending on the nature of the meeting, (b). Set their own levels of remuneration. Submissions before Friday 26th April 2013. *The options were fully discussed and it was agreed that in respect of Attendance Allowances they would support Option (b) above and in respect of Travelling Allowances they would support Option (a).* PH
- g) Municipal Association report containing the response from Caldric Randall regarding Audit Costs. The nutshell is that until reviews are undertaken and completed it would not be timely to consider reducing audit requirements and associated costs. *A discussion took place during which SC outlined the actions that were being taken by the Municipal Association to try and obtain a more favourable and fair form of charging and requirements. SEC believed that Mr Rodan should be asked to pursue the matter as well and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to him what the Government thinking is at the moment and will they address the anomalies that have become apparent over recent years.* PH
- h) Onchan District Commissioners writes on 12.03.13 to say that their Civic Service will take place on Sunday 19th May 2013 at 1500 hours at St Peters Church. Invitations to follow. *ND agreed to attend.* ND

123/12 Enforcement Matters.

- a) *No new matters.*

124/12 Special Agenda Items.

- a) *None notified.*

125/12 Any Other Business.

- a) SEC – Stated that he had been approached by a Resident in Highfield Drive regarding dog fouling in the area and a request that Dog Bye-Laws in Lonan should be created. ND stated that he had also been approached by the same Resident on the subject. PH stated that he had received a call from the same resident and he had advised him that he would examine legislation regarding dog fouling and also write to all of the residents in Highfield Drive reminding them of their obligations in relation to control of their dogs. PH added that he had also advised him that it could take at least two years to get Bye-Laws into law. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk should (a) Write to the Residents as aforesaid, (b) Prepare draft Bye-Laws and (c) establish costs, timetable and supplementary actions required in relation to the implementation of Local Bye-Laws and report back to the Board at the next meeting PH
- b) SEC – Asked the Clerk what progress was being made with regards to the Baldrine Lodge in

Baldrine. **PH** provided details of the current status and that the matter remained in action.

- c) **SEC** – Asked the Clerk what progress was being made in relation to Green Gables to which **PH** stated that at this time it had not been a priority in light of other demands, but he would re-prioritise it. **PH**
- d) **PH** – Presented the Grass Cutting Contract for signature and approval was given by the Board for the Chairman to sign it off. **PH**
See 119/12(a) above.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1915 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 23rd April 2013 at 1745 hours.