

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting and Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 1830 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

Present: Mr S. Clucas, Mr N. Dobson, Mr S. Clague, Mr P. Hill.

Guest: Mr D. Humphrey, Planning Director for Heritage Homes.

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

* Mr J. Faragher attended post meeting at 2010 hours.

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

09/15 Meeting with David Humphrey of Heritage Homes to discuss the completion of the Reayrt Ny Glionney Estate and proposed revised planning application. Action

a) **SC** welcomed the members and **DH** to the meeting. On behalf of the Board he outlined the planning history for All Saints Park in relation to density and dwelling numbers allowed by a Planning Inspector in 2006 in line with the Laxey & Lonan Area Plan Order 2005. **DH** then outlined in detail their proposals in relation to numbers, density and house types. He stated that he had consulted with local residents and had already received feedback. Concerns were generally expressed in respect of drainage and sewerage. **SC** referred to the Play Area and the fact that the previous Developer had assured the Board that they would assist in the proper preparation of the site and he asked **DH** if Heritage Homes would honour that commitment. **DH** stated that he could not see any problem with this and asked whether a round area was a pre-requisite, to which **SC** said no. A further discussion took place regarding timescale and other issues. There being no further matters **SC** thanked **DH** for his attendance and he left at 1855 hours.

10/15 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 14th April 2015.

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

Proposed by: ND. Seconded by: SC.

11/15 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **SC – 05/15(g)** – asked if the matter of travelling time had been resolved and a discussion took place. It was mentioned that Douglas Corporation were attending the Garff Joint Initiative Committee Meeting on 20th May and this matter could be formerly discussed.

12/15 Private Sessions.

13/15 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Application No 15/00439/B of 22.04.15 in respect of erection of a two storey extension to side elevation of dwelling at 9, Reayrt Ny Glionney Drive, Lonan, IM4 7LG. PH

Approved subject to clarification about the extensions proximity to the boundary.

b) Planning Application No 15/00458/B of 28.04.15 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling comprising and amendment to approved PA 13/91534/B at Baldromma Christian, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine, IM4 6AG. PH

Approved.

c) Planning Application No 15/00485/B of 01.05.15 in respect of alterations, erection of ground and PH

first floor extensions and retaining wall to dwelling at Kirkbank, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JD. *Approved.*

14/15 Correspondence.

- a) Port St Mary Commissioners Invitation to the Chairman and Guest to the Mona's Queen 111 Anchor Memorial Service & 75th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo on Friday 29th May 2015 at 1830 hours at Kallow Point, Port St Mary. Refreshments in the Pavilion Restaurant. *SC to attend.* SC/PH
- b) **SEC** e-mails - Dear Peter, Further to last night's meeting I would request that when engaging subcontractors that they confirm to you that they have the following: Adequate Public Liability insurance, suggest min £10m; Health and Safety policy statement; Work specific risk assessments. Also to protect all commissioners from the possibility of personal claims against them should we have a D&O (directors and officers) policy in place? Can you circulate to all the commissioners in Lonan, Laxey and Maughold for their information? (Tower Insurance e-mails - You are correct the policy is for the collective. I think what you may be looking for is directors and officers indemnity). *SC thanked SEC for his observations and it was resolved that a quotation be obtained for Directors and Officers Indemnity.* PH
- c) House of Keys Polling Districts with explanatory letter and maps. (Note: the changes will not apply to the Local Authority Elections). *Noted.*
- d) Highways Amendment Bill 2015 - My Chairman has asked me to contact other Local Authorities in connection with the above amendment bill. In view of the actions of the Department recently over the dumping of the sludge from Peel Harbour at Poortown Quarry, which has been well documented in the press, the Commissioners feel that the Department have once again acted in an unprofessional way, over this amendment bill and are trying to force services onto the Local Authorities without proper prior consultation. The most alarming and far reaching sections of the bill in the Commissioners eyes is in the explanatory notes item 3 Part 2 whereby it would appear that the amendment will make provision for bridle paths, cycle paths, cycle tracks and footpaths the responsibility of the Local Authorities. (In view of the fact that pavements were not handed over under the recent transfer of functions, the Commissioners find this proposal unacceptable. Item 15 makes provision for the installation and improvement of street lighting by the Department but at the Local Authority's expense; this could have severe cost implications for the Local Authorities. The reason for this communication is to ask if any of your Board's members have raised any of these concerns and if so what action will they be taking. I have asked the Minister for, and been given an extension of time for comment until 22nd May in the meantime I would be grateful to hear your thoughts on the matter. Christine Faid. Clerk. German Parish Commissioners. *A discussion took place during which they commended German Commissioners for their observations and concerns, which the Board shared. The matter of promoting the Isle of Man as a Dark Skies Area was discussed in view of the Public Lighting matter. A response to be sent in support of German Commissioners.* PH
- e) Letter from Curphey of 11.05.15 in which with regards to the Transfer of Services the Department will in certain circumstances, such as inadequate budget, will financially support the provision of services as transferred. *Noted.*
- f) Office of the Clerk of Tynwald writes on 12th May 2015 to invite the Chairman and Guest to the Tynwald Day Ceremony. Seats are reserved in the Chapel and a place in the procession will be allocated. The First procession from the Robing Room to the Chapel will depart 10 minutes earlier than in previous years at 1025 hours. *SC to attend.* SC/PH

g) Minutes of Meeting held on 12.05.15 between Heritage Homes and Residents of Croit-e-Quill Road in which they produced plans to change existing approval for three dwellings to a total of nine dwellings. *See 09/15(a) above.*

h) Garff Agenda for 20.05.15 and Minutes of 15.04.15.

Noted – Copies already sent to Board Members.

i) 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. *A discussion took place and it was agreed to defer this matter to the August Meeting for a decision as to attendees.*

PH

j) Municipal Secretary - I attach my report as at 15 May, which includes a schedule of guest speakers for the rest of this year, for your assistance. *Noted.*

k) Douglas Borough Council Invitation of 13.05.15 to their Civic Sunday to be held on Sunday 14th June 2015 at 10.20 am at St George’s Church. Procession to form up in Ridgeway Street at 9.50 am. Free Parking at Level 3 of Shaw’s Brow Car Park. Chains of Office to be worn. *JF to attend.*

JF/PH

15/15 Enforcement Matters.

a) *No new matters.*

16/15 Special Agenda Items.

a) *None notified.*

17/15 Any Other Business.

a) **SEC** – Stated that the name plate sign for Ballamenagh Road at the junction with Main Road, Baldrine was in need of replacement. PH advised the Board that this was the responsibility of the Local Authority and not Highways and could he have a proposer and seconder for the expenditure. Proposed by **SEC** and Seconded by **ND** on proviso that a quotation be obtained in the first instance.

PH

b) **SEC** – Stated that the railings opposite the Millennium Clock alongside Main Road, Baldrine and the Manx Electric Railway were in a corroded state and need to be repaired/re-painted and asked that the appropriate Department be tasked to carry out this work. Also he mentioned the state of the pavement at that location which was breaking up due to growth.

PH

c) **SEC** – Asked if Mr Rodan could be approached to call a Public meeting to discuss the future of All Saints Church. A discussion took place and it was felt that there must be something to tell the Public or outline a proposal to invite comment. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Rodan requesting he call a meeting.

PH

Annual General Meeting.

SC thanked the members for their help and assistance throughout the year, and then handed the Chain of Office to the Clerk; the Clerk then continued with the procedure.

18/15 Election of Officers.

PH advised the Board about the voting procedures and slips that were in their respective files.

- a) **CHAIRMAN** – **PH** enquired of the Members of the Board who did not wish to be considered in the election for Chairman. As there were only three Commissioners present, and **SC** had a proxy from **JF** it was decided to abandon the normal election protocol and a discussion took place on the basis that both **JF** and **ND** wished to stand as Chairman and both had equal support. After a lengthy discussion **ND** agreed to withdraw his request to stand as Chairman, but that he would stand as Vice Chairman. It was resolved that **JF** would act as Chairman for the year 2015 to 2016. In the absence of **JF**, **SC** remained in the Chair.
- b) **VICE CHAIRMAN** – **ND** was elected to be the Vice Chairman for the year 2014 to 2015 as declared in 17/15(a) above.

19/15 Election of Members to the various Committees.

A discussion took place and it was resolved that the status quo would remain with the elected members continuing in post as per the year 2014 to 2015 with the exception of Item (f), where **MB** would be the primary representative and **SEC** as the deputy.

- a) Municipal Association – 1. **SC** elected and **MB** to act as second.
- b) Laxey and Lonan Heritage Trust – 1. **ND** elected.
- c) Cooil Roi Housing Association – 2. **JF** and **SC** elected.
- d) Planning Sub Committee – Status Quo maintained as per AGM – 25th May 2004.
- e) Laxey & Lonan Sports and Facilities Committee – 2. **ND** and **MB** elected.
- f) Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group – 1. **MB** elected and **SEC** to act as second.
- g) Garff Joint Initiative Committee – 2. **SEC** and **ND** elected.
- h) Golden Jubilee Trust – 1. **MB** and **ND** elected.
- i) Eastern Civic Amenity Committee – 1. **ND** and **JF** elected.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2010 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be on Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at 1830 hours

Post Meeting.

- a) **JF** attended at 2010 hours and he was briefed about the meeting and his election as Chairman. The

Chain of Office was handed to him.

- b) **SC**, whilst in discussion with **JF** about the meeting with **DH**, suggested that the Clerk write to **DH** ^{PH} to receive written clarification about their intentions in respect of the Play Area at Reayrt Ny Glionney.