

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 20th November 2012 at 1815 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

Chair: Mr S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1820 hours.

81/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 24th October 2012.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 24th October 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: JF. Seconded by: SEC.

82/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **SC – 72/12(a)** – Asked if a Painter had been sourced regarding the Pillar Clock. **PH** replied that he had written to an approved Contractor and they simply had not replied. A discussion took place and it was agreed that **SEC** would provide a suitable list of Contractors.

**PH
SEC**

b) **JF – 72/12(c)** – Asked if the Christmas Tree had been ordered to which **PH** replied it had and would be delivered on 10.12.12.

c) **SC – 72/12(g)** – Asked if there had been any developments with the Tourist site on the web, to which **PH** replied that there had not.

d) **SC – 72/12(m)** – Asked if the Board had considered a street light necessary at the location to which the general consensus of opinion was that there was adequate lighting in the area. *{See also 85/12(a) below}*.

PH

e) **PH – 80/12(d)** – Asked a member for his menu choice for the forthcoming Commissioners Event.

MB

83/12 Private Sessions.

84/12 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Approval Notice No 12/01254/B of 19.11.12 in respect of retention of existing marquee at Barroose House, Barroose Road, Baldrine. {Committee}. Refused by LPC. *A discussion took place from which the Board believed that appealing against this decision would be futile, but added their astonishment that the Planning Committee should perform such a u turn on their previous position when there had not been any change in circumstances to merit it. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the Chairman of the Planning Committee expressing their views.*

PH

b) Planning Amendment Notice No 12/01321/B of 14.11.12 in respect of formation of re-located driveway and vehicular access incorporating part of adjacent field into residential curtilage at Green Hills, Pinfold Hill, Lonan, IM4 7HJ. **ONLY CHANGE** is that they didn't own the Field and a new map reflects this. *Approved by LPC.*

PH

c) Planning Application No 12/01423/B of 23.10.12 in respect of erection of an extension to dwelling at Avalon, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. *Approved by LPC.*

PH

- d) Planning Application No 12/01433/B of 24.10.12 in respect of erection of a dwelling comprising retrospective amendments to 10/01428/B at land between Invertay and Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. PH
Approved by LPC.
- e) Planning Application No 12/01441/B of 25.10.12 in respect of alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling at Ballacosney, Baldhoon Road, Lonan. PH
Approved by LPC.
- f) Planning Application No 12/01476/B of 01.11.12 in respect of erection of dwelling with garage and parking in Part of Field 614729, Baldrine Road, opposite Upper Packhorse Lane, Baldrine. PH
Approved by LPC.

85/12 Correspondence.

- a) Mike Barnes e-mails at 1624 hours on 15.10.12 to Local Resident regarding his contact of 05.10.12 to the Departments Website regarding the Bus Stop for South Bound use next to the old Post Office. He wants a cut in for people to stand, etc. Mike Barnes states that this is not an option as this has previously been raised on his behalf by Lonan Commissioners. He will see if they can arrange for a Street Light to be attached to the Electricity Pole, or move the Bus Stop. Local Resident e-mails on 15.10.12 suggesting that they acquire land from the property that is currently rented or place a light on the MEA Pole. (*Carried over from SM – 24.10.12 – 77/12(m).*) *Dealt with at 82/12(d) above.*
- b) Wording of Lonan Gentlemen's Fellowship Sign for attachment to Lonan Welcome Signs as proposed by Mr Barks is as follows, PH

Home of
 The Lonan Gentlemens' Fellowship
 Motorcycle world land speed record holders
 Bonneville USA.

A discussion took place and it was generally agreed that the wording was too long and needed to be abbreviated to one line so as fit appropriately underneath the Parish Welcome Signs. The Clerk to write to the Organisers. PH suggested that in the interim period the Members might wish to consider their own interpretation.
- c) The Rates for Maughold are 108 pence in the Pound and £36.03 per household for Refuse; Laxey is 165 pence in the Pound and £123.00 per household for Refuse. See SM – 24.10.12 – 79/12. *Noted.*
- d) Department of Health Consultation on Smoke-free Legislation which seeks to introduce new legislation to reduce children to exposure of smoke and restrict the display of tobacco goods. (Go to www.gov.im/health/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=348.) *Noted without submission.*
- e) Department of Infrastructure writes on 31st October 2012 regarding Walkways. A walkway is a new kind of highway over which the public have a right of way on foot only, but subject to such limitations and conditions, (if any), affecting that right of way as may be specified in a walkway agreement and to any rights reserved by the agreement to the building owner and any person deriving title to the land under him or her. Highway law does not apply to walkways. The letter attaches a copy of the Highways (Walkways) Regulations 2012 which comes into force on 1st November 2012 and a Walkways Memorandum for the Guidance of Local Authorities. *PH explained the rationale behind the forthcoming legislation.*
- f) Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading Initial Consultation on Proposals for Changes to the Legal Quantities for Sales of Intoxicating Liquor. This has been brought about from correspondence with the Trade in as much as it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the necessary measuring

equipment and the need to promote sensible drinking.

Noted without submission.

- g)** Royal British Legion invoice of November 2012 in respect of the provision of a wreath in sum of £20.00 and asks for more if the Board are willing. (Last year the Board donated £50.00). *It was agreed that the same contribution be made this year.* **Proposed by: SC Seconded by: JF.** **PH**
- h)** Manx Telecom writes on 13th November 2012 to give notice that the Payphone in Baldrine, next to the old shop, is to be removed because it has only taken £1.00 in the last year. *Noted.*
- i)** Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture writes on 12.11.12 regarding Ash Dieback – Chalara Fraxinea and asks if the Authority has planted any Ash Trees since 2007 that you check them on a frequent basis for signs of the disease and notify the Department immediately if found. Pictures attached. *Noted as no such trees had been planted.*

86/12 Enforcement Matters.

- a)** Trees and High Hedges matter in Clay Head Road. **PH** explained the situation regarding this problem and a discussion took place.

87/12 Special Agenda Items.

None notified.

88/12 Any Other Business.

- a)** **SEC** – (i). Asked the Clerk what progress had been made with regards to Green Gables to which **PH** replied that he had not been able to progress this matter at this time.
(ii). Asked the Clerk what progress had been made with regards to Baldrine Lodge to which **PH** replied that he had been in contact with the representative today and the matter was on going.
(iii). Asked the Clerk why the Millennium Gardens did not appear to have been cut back to which **PH** replied that it had been cut back to the extent requested by the Board. **JF** stated that it needed to be cut back substantially more and the Board agreed. **PH** to deal. **PH**
(iv). Asked why the Benches had not been restored as requested to which **PH** replied that they have been done.
- b)** **PH** – Asked for three Commissioners to read lessons at the forthcoming Garff Carol Service on 12th December, adding that it was essential that as many Commissioners attended as possible to lend support to the Event. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that **MB/ND/JF** would do so.* **MB
ND
JF**
- c)** **SC** – Expressed his concern that comments made by Councillor Christian of Douglas Corporation regarding the smaller Local Authorities and the need to reduce the number was unhelpful in the current climate and sought permission from the Board to express his concerns at the forthcoming Municipal Association Meeting, to which approval was given.

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

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 18th December 2012 at 1815 hours.