

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 1830 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

Present: Mr J. Faragher, Mr N. Dobson, Mr B. Byers, Miss R. Bailey, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Mr S. Clucas.
Chair: Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

74/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 22nd November 2011.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 22nd November 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: BB. Seconded by: ND.

75/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **BB – 71/11(a)(b)** – Asked **PH** if there had been any update on the enforcement matter to which **PH** replied that he had had an acknowledgement only.
- b) **PH – 73/11(b)** – Stated that he had nearly completed the Rates Assessment and that he would deliver the file by hand on Friday.
- c) **JF – 73/11(c)** – Thanked everyone for the Garff Carol Service and that it had been well attended. A discussion took place regarding the collection in that it had not raised much money due to being left at the entrance for the congregation to donate on departure rather than a collection during the penultimate Carol.

76/11 Private Sessions.

77/11 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 11/01626/B of 24.11.11 in respect of installation of solar panels at Moaney Woods Farm, Lonan Church Road, Lonan. **PH**
Approved.
- b) Planning Application No 11/01647/B of 28.11.11 in respect of erection of a detached dwelling in garden between The Lhea and Granane, Pinfold Hill, Lonan. **PH**
Approved.
- c) Planning Application No 11/01677/B of 05.12.11 in respect of replacing existing sheds with a building for the storage of vehicles and equipment at Ballannette, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine. **PH**
Approved.

78/11 Correspondence.

- a) Letter from Deputy Clerk of Tynwald dated 23.11.11 requesting information on Declarations of Interest following a Petition of Grievance. They require the following information:- (1). Is the Authority aware of Recommendations following Braddan Enquiry in respect of records kept by them, (2). Is the Authority aware of Corporate Governance Principles, (3). Is the register open to the Public, (4). Is it on-line, (5). If not, why not. (6). Would the Authority like to make any comments on Petition of Grievance. **PH** informed the Board that they were compliant with the provisions of the Corporate Governance Principles and would respond accordingly **PH**

- b) Isle of Man Water & Sewerage Authority Annual Report and Accounts 2010 to 2011. *Noted.*
- c) An Amendment Document regarding the Countryside Care System. In summary proposes that they would introduce historic provisions for utilising CCS funding for other funding priorities; historic payments to be capped at their historic value for the appropriate scheme year; cease the accrual of penalties back into the scheme budget; remove the requirement to distribute any remaining budget at the end of the scheme year; make a provision for defraying CCS payments against other debts to the Department; open a National Reserve for New Entrants. *The Document had been circulated prior to the meeting and a discussion took place from which it was agreed that they had nothing to add.*
- d) Mr Ronan writes on 29th November to say that he is too busy to attend the Garff Meetings in January but will try and arrange some other date. **PH** informed the Meeting that he had acted on the advice of Hon S. Rodan and had further written to Mr Ronan asking for any dates in January that he may be available. *The Board were disappointed at Mr Ronan's response.*
- e) Ann.Craine@cso.gov.im e-mails at 1558 hours on 07.12.11 regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012 and asks what plans the Authority has to celebrate this event so that it can be collated centrally. Also informs us that there will be an extra Bank Holiday on Friday 6th July 2012. The May Bank Holiday will remain unchanged but in the UK it is being moved to 4th June with an additional day on 5th June. **BB** commented that this was not very satisfactory from a business perspective as the Bank Holidays were different to those in the UK, thus causing some disruption to contact with Companies across.
- f) Weeds Act 1957 Consultation regarding a proposal to remove Section 1 which makes it an offence to harbour listed species unless a notice has been issued by DEFA. This Section is unachievable and contrary to sound environmental practice and convention. Go to www.gov.im/lib/docs/daff/weedsactconsultation.pdf. *Document and recommendations noted.*
- g) TYNWALD, TUESDAY, 13th DECEMBER 2011
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 support completely the direction that this Report is taking us. I think this reform is long overdue and the comment that one of the Hon. Members made, about we need to create a fair and equal society in the Isle of Man, I hope will very much be one of the bedrocks of this next five years in our aspirations as the Government progresses. So I strongly support the reform of 1070 constituencies.
 I also hope, Madam President, in the life of this parliament we will finally complete the reform of the Legislative Council and **finally complete the reform of local authorities, (Several Members: Hear, hear.)** and I think, if we can deal with these three ambitions over the next five years, the Isle of Man's democracy will be in a much stronger, much healthier position than, perhaps, it is perceived to be today.

Extract from Tynwald noted.

79/11 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

80/11 Special Agenda Items.

None notified.

81/11 Any Other Business.

- a) **PH** informed the Board he had received a request from a Resident in Beach Road, Baldrine for the

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provision of a Street Light in the lane. *A discussion took place and it was considered that the cost to provide such a Lamp for two dwellings would be prohibitive given the length of trenching involved to connect to the existing supply. However, they agreed that a quotation should be obtained from the MEA.*

- b) **PH** informed the Board that he had attended the most recent ENPT Meeting during which the matter of road safety at the Liverpool Arms bends was discussed. It had been suggested that an application should be made to have shell grip put down on the bends. *A discussion took place and it was not considered to be the solution.*
- c) **PH** informed the Board that he had received an invitation from the RNLI to a memorial Service to Sir William Hillary on Sunday 8th January 2012 at 1500 hours at St George's Church. *ND/JF stated that they would attend.*

ND/JF
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There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1910 hours.

The next Meeting of the Authority will be the Rates Meeting to be held on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at 1830 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 24th January 2012 at 1830 hours.