

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 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.

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

**95/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

Action

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

**Proposed by: BB. Seconded by: RB.**

**96/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.**

a) **PH – 94/11(b)** – Informed the Board that all of the signs and bin had been erected and that the Display Cabinet was now with Colas for assembly and erection at Baldrine Park.

b) **JF – 94/11(c)** – Stated that he had only noted the north bound facing sign and that there was no south bound sign. He stated that he would raise the matter at the next NTMLG Meeting.

JF

**97/11 Private Sessions.**

**98/11 Planning Applications.**

a) Planning Application No 12/00151/B of 01.02.12 in respect of creation of vehicular access at Thieny-Garee, Ballaragh.

PH

*Approved.*

**99/11 Correspondence.**

a) Consultation on Payment of Class 2 Self-Employed National Insurance Contributions. The proposal is that self-employed people should pay their Class 2 Contributions for the whole of the tax year at the same time as their Class 4 Contributions payment on account, i.e on or before 6<sup>th</sup> January in the tax year.

*Noted.*

b) A Resident asks why there were no representatives at the meeting held at the Methodist Chapel, Baldrine, in which the future use of the Hall was discussed. The purpose to seek additional uses. **PH** advised the Board that no invitation was sent to the Commissioners and he only found out about it retrospectively.

c) David Humphrey e-mails to say that the position regarding preparation of the Play Area will not be undertaken until completion of the Development and will not be within the current Financial Year 2012 to 2013. (The full text of the e-mail was helpful). *A comprehensive discussion took place with regards to the existing site and that progress should be made towards pursuing the Church Close/Ballacannell option.* **PH** suggested that due to the time lapse between the original application and the future one some form of public consultation should take place in case circumstances had changed. This was rejected by the Board as the principle of installation of Play Equipment had already been put to consultation. **PH** reminded the Board that there was no grant available and that an architect would need to be employed to re draft the plans. **ND** stated that he believed that the

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original budget excluded the grant which would have been an additional benefit. He continued by saying that it was likely that the costs of equipment had not increased overly since the original estimates. **RB** believed that that were increasing numbers of young families in the area and the matter should be progressed as soon as possible. **PH** was asked to obtain quotations for the landscaping as per the existing plans, in order to start the process.

- d) Chris Hannon e-mails at 1017 hours a Consultation on Proposed Statutory Documents. Go to [www.gov.im/transport/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=287](http://www.gov.im/transport/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=287) for details. *Noted.*
- e) A Consultation on proposals to increase the maximum award limit under the Isle of Man Financial Services Ombudsman Scheme from £100,000.00 to £150,000.00. *Noted.*
- f) Maughold Parish Commissioners e-mails at 0954 hours on 17.02.12 to say that he has confirmed a meeting with Steve Willoughby and Mr Ronan on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 1900 hours at the Cornmill, New Road, Laxey. All Commissioners should attend. *ND/JF/BB/RB to attend.*

ND/JF  
BB/RB

#### 100/11 Enforcement Matters.

*No new matters.*

#### 101/11 Special Agenda Items.

- a) **Lt Governor's Visit. { Origin - SM – 24.01.12 – JF}.**  
A discussion took place.

PH  
ND

- b) **Appointment of Returning Officer.**

**PH** asked the Board to appoint a Returning Officer for the forthcoming election which would normally be the Clerk. He advised the Board that Mrs Rush, former Maughold Commissioner, had offered to do this owing to the Clerk's absence, but that he had only just found out that she may not be available. Therefore he asked the Board to appoint both Mrs Rush and himself in the event that it was uncontested. Proposed by **BB** and seconded by **ND**.

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#### 102/11 Any Other Business.

- a) **PH** outlined the content of the speech by the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure, Mr Cretney, who stated that the refuse collection service in the Isle of Man was inefficient, that he intended to force Local Authorities to amalgamate before the next General Election and that with regards to Planning, the main emphasis was to be aimed at applications that represented an economic benefit to the Isle of Man and that restrictions would be lifted with regards to zoned and non-zoned land. **PH** stated that at no time did he mention Local Authorities and the importance of local knowledge and contact that they had. The emphasis was entirely monetary benefit. **PH** added that he felt that the speech was inaccurate in some content and bullish.

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

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 1930 hours.**

**The following Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 1830 hours.**