

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 21st August 2013 at 1830 hours in the Laxey 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 J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

47/13 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 31st July 2013.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 26th June 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: MB.

48/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **SC – 39/13(a)** – asked **SEC** if he had heard from Mr Snelling, to which he replied that he hadn't. A discussion took place and **SC** said he would contact him to see if he was still interested. **SC**
- b) **SC – 42/13(b)** – stated that he had attended the Seminar on Waste Management and reported the figures and information that had been presented to them by a representative from Douglas Corporation. A discussion took place. *See also 53/13(c) below.*
- c) **SC – 42/13(f)** – Informed the Board that Ballagawne Road was becoming quite dangerous due to the restricted width caused by the overgrown verges and asked if there had been any progress, to which the Clerk replied that he had made the request to the Department but as yet there had not been a response. **SEC** added that the drainage situation in Ballamenagh Road had still not been addressed. **PH** stated he would contact the respective Departments to try and resolve the situation. **PH**

49/13 Minutes of the Parish Examination of 15th August 2013

The Minutes of the Parish Examination Meeting of 15th August 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: MB.

50/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There was none.

51/13 Private Sessions.

52/13 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Approval Notice No 13/00782/B of 15.08.13 in respect of alterations, erection of extensions and installation of a dormer window to dwelling at Rose Cottage, Baldrine Hill, Baldrine, IM4 6DQ. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*
- b) Planning Approval Notice No 13/00753/B of 19.08.13 in respect of alterations and extension to main dwelling and installation of pitched roof to replace existing flat roof on detached ancillary accommodation at Baldrine Lodge, Main Road, Baldrine. IM4 6ET. {Delegated Powers}. *Approved by LPC. Noted.*

53/13 Correspondence.

- a) Department of Planning and Building Control letter of 31st July 2013 regarding the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) (No 2) Order 2013. This deals with the land ownership Statement Certificate 01 and clarifies the procedure. It also suggests that Local Authorities should post copies of the yellow Planning Notice on their Notice Boards for information of the Public. {Please note: All Lonan Planning Application Notices are published on our website}. *A discussion took place during which the Clerk stated that he believed that as all Lonan Planning Applications were placed onto their website, this was a noticeboard, and should meet the criteria. A discussion took place and this was agreed.*
- b) Department of Social Care writes on 31.07.13 regarding proposals to try and reduce long term unemployed. The object of the letter is to ask if there is any scope to employ unemployed persons on a work experience basis at £6.40 per hour and that they will not lose their benefits. If you have vacancies please contact the Department of Economic development. *A discussion took place and it was with regret that it was acknowledged that there were no employment opportunities at Lonan Commissioners.*
- c) Waste Management Presentation Waste Minimisation Slides from Andy Crook of Douglas Corporation. *Noted – See also 48/13(b) above.*
- d) Treasury Rating Valuations Office writes on 05.08.13 to say that the following addresses in Reayrt Ny Glionney Chase have been awarded a temporary reduction in their rateable value due to the disturbances and inconvenience of living on a building site – Nos 1,3, 4, 5, 6. *A discussion took place during which the Board accepted that as the current law stood the applicants had an entitlement to the temporary revaluation, but believed that it should only apply to the end of the current financial year or when the building works were completed, whichever was the earlier. Consequently their objection was withdrawn.* **Proposed by SC and Seconded by MB.** PH
- e) Marown Parish Commissioners invitation of 08.08.13 to their Civic Service on Sunday 29th September 2013 at 1100 hours at Marown Parish Church. **JF to attend.** JF
- f) Ramsey Town Commissioners invitation of 19.08.13 to their Civic Service on Sunday 29th September 2013 at 1500 hours at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Maughold Church, Queens Promenade, Ramsey. (The Procession commences at 1430 hours from the Town Hall). **JF to attend.** **SEC asked if it was normal for Commissioners to charge for expenses to attend these services to which JF stated that if the Commissioner was representing the Board, then yes. SEC wanted it placed on record that he did not agree with this.** JF
- g) The Original Manx Fudge Factory writes regarding the return of the Continental Markets. He states that these are intended to take trade away from the rural areas, Manx employments and business and is for the benefit of Douglas only. He quotes statement made at a meeting by Chris Pycroft of the Douglas Development Partnership, when questioned about these Markets, he said, “I don’t care what happens to them I only care what happens in Douglas.” The writer details facts about the traders who are operated by a UK Company called Market Place Europe Ltd, based in Stalybridge, Tameside and the traders mostly live in NW England and not from Europe. They have poor hygiene records, employ their own staff and all of the money goes to them with no benefit for the IOM. He further adds that the Steam Packet only charge them £200.00 per commercial vehicle return. You are requested to bring your observations to the DDP and your MHK. *Noted.*

- h) Minutes of Municipal Meeting on 25.07.13. SC provided an overview of the matter discussed which covered matters in relation to Public Sector job security and Social Housing.
ND arrived at 1910 hours and apologised for his late attendance.
- i) Lonan Burial Ground Authority Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December 2012. *Noted.*

54/13 Enforcement Matters.

- a) **PH** informed the Board that he was still dealing with the matter relating to a neglected property in Laxey Road. At this time he was experiencing difficulty contacting the owner, although he had established an address. **SEC** thanked the Clerk for his work in relation to Baldrine Lodge which was now being re-developed.

55/13 Special Agenda Items.

- a) **Rate Defaulters.** {Origin – ND - 21.08.13. – 42/13(d).} PH
PH opened the discussion by reminding the Board of the discussions that took place at the last Statutory Meeting of 31st July, (42/13(d)) in that he had proposed inviting the Treasury Rates Manager to the next Statutory. He added that he had been in contact with him and he had agreed to attend, together with the Rates Valuation Officer. In view of this he believed that it would be more beneficial to postpone discussing this item until after the attendance of these Officers. A discussion took place and it was agreed. **PH** indicated that the meeting should commence at 1800 hours. Therefore it was decided that the next Statutory Meeting would take place on Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 1800 hours.

56/13 Any Other Business.

- a) **SEC** – Referred to the property at Ballabeg Crossing which was apparently being used in connection with the motor trade and the visual aspect of this was harmful to the local environment. A discussion took place as to whether there was any legislation available to address this matter and whether the property was registered as a business. A discussion took place and the Clerk was requested to write to the owner to ask him to make the situation more aesthetically acceptable. PH
- b) **ND** – Informed the Board about a meeting that he had attended with the Clerk at Onchan District Commissioners to discuss the proposals from the Tolson Report and the future framework of Social Housing. The purpose of the meeting was to establish whether or not there was an opportunity for Onchan to work with the adjoining Authorities or indeed within the Garff Joint Initiative. The discussions included the matter of Sheltered Accommodation, such as Cooil Roi. **ND** stated that the meeting was helpful. A discussion took place.
- c) **PH** – brought to the attention of the Board a topic that was currently being discussed at the Garff Committee Meetings in relation to the correct apportionment of bin between the three Local Authorities and advised them of various scenarios that were being proposed to address this imbalance. PH

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1935 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 25th September 2013 at 1800 hours.