

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2013 at 1815 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 1820 hours.

20/13 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 23rd April 2013

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 23rd April 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: ND. **Seconded by:** MB.

21/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **SEC – 10/13(f)** – Informed the meeting that the complainant had been in touch with him and told him that since the letter had been sent out, no incidents of dog fouling had taken place.
- b) **SEC – 13/13(b)** – Asked the Clerk if there had been any response from Mr Wild to the rate debtors issue. **PH** advised the meeting that he had had a helpful reply in that the matter had been referred to the appropriate Department to respond and he was waiting for this.

22/13 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th May 2013.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th May 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. **Seconded by:** ND.

23/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

24/13 Private Sessions.

25/13 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 13/00559/B of 08.05.13 in respect of erection of an extension to barn at Ballacojeen Farm, Ballagawne Road, Baldrine. IM4 6EN. **PH**
Approved subject to condition that the building is painted green in order to merge sympathetically into its surroundings. JF declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.
- b) Planning Approval Notice No 12/01609/B of 16.05.13 in respect of erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage and associated parking at Part Field 614733, Baldrine Road, Baldrine. {Delegated powers}.
Approved by LPC. Noted.

26/13 Correspondence.

- a) Laurence Skelly, Chairman of the Isle of Man Arts Council writes on 12.04.13 regarding Island of Culture 2014 and seeks the cooperation of the Local Authority to mark this occasion with some

special event or significant gesture. For example, Port St Mary is changing it's name to the Manx version for the year. The Authority is encouraged to help make Island of Culture the success it promises to be. More information can be found by going to www.islandofculture.im or contact Emma Callin, Community Arts Development Manager at DCCL on 694598 or emma.callin@gov.im (*Carried over from SM – 23.04.13 to go to SM – 22.05.13*). *A discussion took place and it was resolved that no events would be organised by the Board.*

- b) 'In line with Government's Agenda for Change programme and in particular its policy to reduce bureaucracy, the Civil Service Commission has launched a public consultation on the proposal to establish a Public Services Commission (PSC). This follows the Chief Minister's announcement on 15 March 2013 that there would be a consultation on creating a PSC to modernise Government's employment structures. It is intended that the PSC would be the employing authority of not only civil servants, but also other categories of employee including manual and craft workers employed under Whitley Council terms and conditions, and some other employees across central Government; principally those whose terms and conditions are analogous to the Civil Service or the Whitley Council. This would account for approximately 4,000 staff which is about half of all central Government staff. The consultation document poses questions regarding employment groups to be included; negotiating mechanisms; implications for local authority employees and the concept of new terms and conditions for new starters. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Alfred Cannan MHK said: 'It is important that we move forward with a single employing authority. I would therefore encourage all interested parties to review the proposals put forward in this consultation and let us know your views.' *A discussion took place and there was a general consensus of opinion supporting a single umbrella organisation to deal with employment issues.*
- c) Mr Rodan writes on 23.04.13 with copy of letter from Caldric Randall, Chief Internal Auditor, attached regarding Local Authority Audit Fees. The letter explains the procurement procedure and that it is under review this year when discussions will take place between Treasury and the Department of Infrastructure to obtain best value for money. These consultations will include Local Authorities. *Noted.*
- d) Tynwald Garden Party invitation at the Nunnery on Sunday 7th July 2013 at 1430 hours. SEC
SEC to attend.
- e) Agenda for the ECAS Meeting to be held on Monday 20th May 2013 at 1430 hours at the Strathallan Suite and the Minutes of ECAS – 18.03.13; The ECAS Report for 2013 to 2014.
- f) Douglas Corporation e-mail regarding potential illegal use of CCTV at ECAS - The Chairman has asked for this letter received from Mr. A. Croll and relating to the proposed installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition system at the Civic Amenity Site, be circulated in advance of next Monday's meeting. There is a related item on the agenda to enable the Committee to be updated on progress of the matter. *Circulated. ND gave overview of the meeting and that a solution had been found to enable the proposed usage to go ahead.*
- g) Douglas e-mail with the following regarding elections to ECAS - the Joint Committee agreement is that the Joint Committee, at its first meeting after 1st May each year, should elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year. I had been previously assumed that it would follow the Council's Standing Orders which have moved to biennial elections. So the first items of business at the Monday Meeting will be those elections. They are filled by "Ordinary Resolution" which means that they require 70% of the allocated voting entitlements. *Noted.*
- h) Douglas Corporation invitation to their Civic Service to be held on Sunday 9th June 2013 at St JF

Thomas's Church, Douglas with assembly at the Town Hall at 0930 hours.

JF to attend.

- i) To All Municipal Members and Member Authority Clerks; the next segment of the Training Forum for Commissioners and Clerks is on the subject of Human Resources. All Commissioners and Clerks are very welcome to attend. There is no charge for Member Authorities. The presentation will be given by Mrs Catherine Ashton - Assistant Chief Officer (IHR) at Douglas Borough Council- and held at The Strathallan Suite, Douglas Promenade on Thursday 11 July 2013 at 6.30pm prompt. It is anticipated that the session will last approximately one and a half hours. It would be helpful if you could advise me of your intention to attend. *SC to attend.*
- j) Department of Infrastructure letter of 16.05.13 regarding Delivering Safe Services on the TT Course. The letter provides advice regarding the safe use of vehicles during the TT period and link to website WWW.gov.im/transport/msd/healthandsafety/publications, or by contacting them on 685881. See Kinrade Bros e-mail of 1219 hours on 19.05.13 regarding their risk assessments for this period. *Noted.*
- k) Kinrade Bros e-mails at 1219 hours on 19.05.13 with Risk Assessment for TT period as discussed with Maughold. *Noted.*
- l) Laxey fair Committee reminds the Board Members of both Laxey and Lonan Commissioners aware that they are all invited to attend Laxey Fair, in costume if they wish. They are also all invited to join the Tram at Fairy Cottage. *ND/SC/JF to attend.*

**ND,SC
JF.**

27/13 Enforcement Matters.

- a) *No new matters.*

28/13 Special Agenda Items.

- a) *None notified.*

29/13 Any Other Business.

- a) **ND** – asks if Highways can be contacted regarding potholes on the southbound carriageway, on the bends outside the Liverpool Arms, which are on the ‘racing line’ of the road. **PH**
- b) **SC** – asks if Highways can be contacted regarding potholes on the road that extends towards Axnfel from Rencell Hill. **PH**
- c) **SEC** – asks if Highways can be contacted regarding potholes and flooding in Ballamenagh Road, near junction with Ballannette. **PH**
- d) **ND** – Stated that he had received a complaint from a Resident in Laxey Road regarding the state of the adjoining Property in that it was damaging his ability to sell his own property and could something be done. A discussion took place.
- e) **SEC** – Asked if anything was being done about the derelict property in Baldrine near the Old School House. **PH** stated that the matter was being progressed to the satisfaction of the complainant.
- f) **PH** – Having established that the Chain of Office case was still missing asked for authority to purchase a replacement. After a discussion the request was denied.

- g) **PH** – Informed the Board that there had been increasing incidents of vehicles being sold commercially on the highway and that complaints had been received. He asked for authority to purchase appropriate signage that would comply with the various strands of legislation, in order to bring this activity to a halt. After a discussion, this request was denied and a proposal to place memorandum notes on the vehicles concerned was accepted.

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

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 26th June 2013 at 1815 hours.