

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Parish Examination Meeting

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 1830 hours commencing at the Liverpool Arms Hotel.

### MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

#### 53/12 Itinerary

Action

#### 1830 Liverpool Arms Hotel.

**PH** provided a short briefing on the itinerary for the evening's 'mobile' meeting. The party travelled in 3 cars, **SCL/SC/ND**, **PH/JF**, and **MB**. **Departed at 1830 hours.**

#### 1840 Baldrine Park/ Old Groudle Road to view upkeep of Lane.

Board examined upkeep of Old Groudle Road and found this to be in exceptional condition. Met the informant, Mr Cooil who introduced them to Mr Scott Stewart, a Local Resident, who had undertaken the responsibility to cut the grass along a large stretch of the Lane, and was actually working at the time. **ND** introduced himself and on behalf of the Board thanked him for his community spirit in this regard. **PH** to write a letter of thanks. **Departed at 1845 hours.**

PH

#### 1850 Millennium Clock/Centennial Gardens.

Examined the Pillar Clock and it was agreed that it needed repainting. **PH** to obtain quotations for such work. Two of the benches at the location were seen to be in need of cleaning and re coating. **PH** to organise. The Board continued on to the Centennial Gardens where they were met by Mr & Mrs Atkinson, Mr & Mrs Corlett and Mrs H. Corlett. Having been introduced the Board temporarily excused themselves and examined the Centennial Gardens. It was agreed that the bushes should be substantially cut, probably to about just above wall height, that the benches should be cleaned and recoated and that the paved area should be weed killed and power washed. **PH** to arrange for these actions to be completed. **Departed at 1900 hours.**

PH

#### 1900 Baldrine Road/Baldrine Hill/Tram Crossing.

The Board then spoke at length to the Residents where the matter of speeding traffic, a breaking up pavement alongside the tram line opposite the Methodist Chapel, and dangers caused by the high hedge at the junction with Baldrine Road and Baldrine Hill. This was examined and found to be extending over the public footpath from the curtilage of the property. The proposal by the Highways Department to consider placing a mirror opposite Baldrine Road was discussed. Additionally concerns were expressed about the mirror located at the M.E.R crossing that faced traffic approaching it from Highfield Drive in that it did not face the correct way and also dangers were expressed that there was no mirror facing the other direction. The Board undertook to investigate these matters. **PH** confirmed that the matter of the mirror and speeding traffic were already matters under consideration by the Department, the latter as part of an overall plan to improve safety on the A2 generally. **ND** thanked the Residents for meeting them and expressing their concerns. **PH** to contact the relevant Authorities for action. **Departed at 1915 hours.**

PH

**1925 Clay Head Road/Close.**

The Board noted whilst driving to Clay Head Close that there was evidence of large vehicles having been using this road due to cracks in the road surface and evidence of encroachment into the bankside on sharp bends. At Clay Head Close they were met by Mr McKibbin who showed them various specific areas of damage to the road that had been caused both by the large vehicle s accessing the building site at the end of the close and also by areas being excavated. A discussion took place and the matter as to whether or not the Developer should be made to pay for the restoration work as opposed to the tax payer should be raised with the Department. It was further  
13 agreed that the Clerk would examine the planning approval notice in respect of 11/00538/B to see if there was such a condition. It was generally felt that most of the concerns that had been expressed at the Appeal Hearing had come to fruition. *PH to investigate.* **Departed at 1935 hours.** PH

**1945 Church Close/Ballacannell.**

The Board discussed the request for recycling facilities in this area but it was considered that permission would be unlikely, given that at the successful appeal against approval to erect play equipment for local people, centred on the fact that this would allegedly generate lots of traffic, which a recycling area certainly would. There was agreement that traffic parked in Church Road did create a problem, but this had already been the subject of an enquiry by the Department as to solutions and nothing had come of this. The fence around the recreation Area was seen to have some  
14 of the posts missing and it was agreed that these should be replaced. The matter as to whether it should be coated or indeed completely removed was discussed. *PH to arrange for the posts to be replaced and others secured.* **Departed at 1955 hours.** PH

**1958 Reayrt Ny Glionney.**

The Board examined the progress on the Estate and discussed the planned future for the Public open Space and noted the large mound of soil overlooking Croit-e-Quill Road, which was of concern to those residents living below it. **Departed at 2005 hours.**

**2010 Croit-e-Quill Road. (Appointment at Marine Mount).**

The Board was welcomed by Mr & Mrs Whelan and Mrs Eastwood. After introductions, matters relating to the condition of footpaths; overhanging and high hedges; parked vehicles in Croit-e-Quill Road near junction with Church Road that caused danger to traffic passing them when faced with left turning vehicles; periods when fires can be lit; maximum size of vehicles allowed to park in residential areas; condition of certain properties; provision of recycling in this area. A full discussion took place regarding these matters and all relevant points were explained as to actions being  
15 undertaken or not possible. *PH was requested to obtain the legislation regarding large vehicles.* There being no further matters the Board thanked them for inviting them into their house to discuss these matters. **Departed at 2025 hours.**

**2025 Agneash Village.**

The Board agreed that in view of the fact that no Resident had expressed the desire to meet them or indicate problems in the Village, and they were not aware of any they decided that due to the lateness of the day, they would continue to the next venue on the itinerary.

**2040 Ballaragh Village.**

The Board drove through Ballaragh and parked next to the reservoir where a discussion took place regarding the proposal by a Resident to erect a seat and signage facing Cumbria. **JF** confirmed that this matter was considered as part of the Millennium Celebrations but had never been pursued. The logistics surrounding this were discussed in regard to cost and permissions from land owners, and it was agreed that the proposal would not be followed up at this time, but may receive consideration at some time in the future. Ragwort was noted throughout the roadside hedges, but the road width seemed adequate and unlikely to be seen as a priority by the Department within their hedge cutting programme. **Departed at 2045 hours.**

**Extraordinary Meeting  
Commenced at 2100 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Conference Room.**

**54/12 Garff Joint Initiative Committee – Report on ‘A Garff Board’.**

**ND** provided a comprehensive background leading to the writing of the Report that was before them and it unanimously agreed that it was well written and detailed. The Clerk was thanked for his work in this regard. A discussion took place regarding various aspects of the Report which would be for consideration when the Garff Joint Initiative Committee met again on 12<sup>th</sup> September next.

**55/12 Lonan Gentlemen’s Fellowship Speed Achievement.**

**PH** provided the background to this item and the discussions that he had had with Val Cochrane, who was part of the Team. The Board agreed in principle to most, if not all of the proposals before them. **SCL** offered the use of his property at Ballanette if they wished to have a motorcade there and display the motor cycle. As regards the Welcome sign they were in favour of adding a permanent record of this achievement but believed that another Lonan Resident, Mark Cavendish, should also have the same accolade. ***PH** to liaise with the Organiser and other Agencies.*

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**PH**

**56/12 Any Other Business.**

There was no further business.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2125 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 1830 hours. (*JF* extended his apologies)**