

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 1830 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

Chair: Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill. **Guests:** Mr Jim Brookman, Miss Lisa Sheridan.

The Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

63/11 Meeting with Representatives of Richmond Square Design regarding Croit-ny-Cabfyl. Action

JF welcomed **JB** and **LS** to the meeting and introduced the Commissioners. **JB** outlined the fact that they were a specialist design company producing high spec developments to order and were developing the site at Croit-ny-Cabfyl, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine. He handed copy plans around for the Board members and made a detailed presentation of all of the aspects of the proposed dwelling and equestrian centre. At the conclusion of the presentation various points of clarification were sought. Provision of passing places and whether the equestrian centre was for commercial or private use was of particular concern to the Board. **JB** stated that there would not be any problem with creating passing places on their land and that the equestrian centre was for private use only and had 12 stables only. **JF** thanked them for their attendance and they departed at 1910 hours. A discussion took place.

64/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 18th October 2011.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 18th October 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: BB. Seconded by: ND.

65/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **BB – 53/11(c)** – Asked what progress was being made towards the Baldrine Road sign. **PH** explained that there had been difficulties due to changes in legislation regarding wording styles, but this had been resolved and the sign was being made now.

66/11 Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 9th November 2011.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of 9th November 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: BB. Seconded by: ND.

67/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

68/11 Private Sessions.

69/11 Planning Applications.

There were no Planning Matters.

70/11 Correspondence.

- a) Department of Infrastructure letter and Consultation of 29.09.11 in respect of Draft Planning Policy Statement – Replacement and Extension of Dwellings in the Countryside. Go to www.gov.im/consultations.gov?menuid=16916&type=current. *The Board considered that there were no contentious issues with these proposals that there would not be benefit responding to it. Noted.* (Deferred from SM – 18.10.11 – 56/11(c).
- b) Petition letter addressed to Heritage Homes by local resident in Croit-e-Quill Road regarding the large amount of earth and debris that has been deposited at the rear of their properties which has caused flooding and dampness. They requested that an undertaking given to Hon Rodan in April that it would be removed within two months will be complied with as soon as possible. (Letter copied to Hon S Rodan). *See b2) below.* PH
- b2) Heritage Homes copy letter to Resident on 08.11.11 regarding Croit-e-Quill Residents’ concerns about the problems caused by flooding and the mound of earth at Reayrt-Ny-Glionney. They stated that they would divert the water and clean gullies; they would not remove the mound of soil because it has a lot of stones in it but will screen it and use it at a later date; The Development will continue when they have sold the buildings and the Site Manager returns in seven months’ time from another project. *The Board discussed both letters before them and agreed that they would keep a watching brief on the matter and act when or if appropriate.*
- c) **ND** – Stated that he had received a complaint from a resident in Barroose Lane that the lane was being used by dog walkers and that dog excreta was being deposited and not removed by the respective owners and requested a bin to be placed at one end of the said Lane. A discussion took place and it was decided that further enquiries would be made and that this subject should be deferred to the next Statutory Meeting when there was a full Board. *{Extract from SM – 18.10.11 – 59/11(a).} Further discussion took place and it was agreed that a Dog Bin would be obtained and erected at the junction of Barroose Lane and Barroose Road. Proposed by **ND** and seconded by **BB**.* PH
- d) Isle of Man Water & Sewerage Authority Consultation on the Recreational Use of the Island’s Reservoirs. Period of Consultation from 31.10.11 to 09.12.11. View on line or Complete by SurveyMonkey or by e-mail to Karen.westcott@gov.im. *Noted – Commissioners to make individual responses.*
- e) Colin Whiteway e-mails at 1524 hours on 03.11.11 details of their rates collection service which they will charge a flat rate of 1.5% for. (Treasury charge 2% for 1st £40,000 and then 1.5% for balance). They say that they have got a 99% success rate in collection. *See e2) below.*
- e2) Treasury e-mails at 1128 hours on 14.11.11 a report to rebut the Braddan Commissioners offer to provide rate collection services and demonstrates that the Treasury is working. *A discussion took place regarding the general collection of rates and success rate in Lonan and costs incurred. The Board were not aware of any cases that had successfully gone to Court on Lonan’s behalf. **PH** stated that one significant had but this had been unsuccessful, but that was not the fault of Treasury. **SC** suggested that the Department should be written to ask for details of prosecutions and what the state of arrears is at the moment. Agreed.* PH
- f) Port St Mary Commissioners e-mail at 1440 hours on 10.11.11 an invitation to their Celebration of Christmas 2011 on Friday 2nd December 2011 at 1930 hours at the Living Hope Community Church, Bay View Road, Port St Mary. *No Commissioners were available that night.*
- g) Letter from the Director of Planning of 14.11.11, sent on behalf of the new Chairman of the Planning Committee, Mr H. Quayle. He wants to improve contact between the Planning Committee PH

and Local Authorities by establishing a primary contact point with the Authorities. It is the intention that they will regularly attend and observe Committee Meetings. A detail of elected representative to the Department is requested. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that a reply should be sent expressing appreciation that the Department wished to involve the Local Authorities more and that in this case they believed that the best contact point remained with the Clerk.*

- h) Waste disposal charges will rise from £30.74 to £35.00 from 1st April 2012. This is an increase of 14%. Commercial charges unchanged. (This will add approximately £1825.84 to the annual cost of disposal). *Noted.*
- i) GD 0044/11 – Isle of Man Government Annual Report 2011 on the Government Strategic Plan 2007 – 2011 – Page 20 – General Revenue Account. *Noted.*
- j) Invitation from Carrey Friend of the Isle of Man Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Charity and the IOMLGBT Community Organisation to a World Aids Day Event on Thursday 1st December 2011 at 1830 hours at Davisons Villa Marina Arcade in Douglas. *Noted.*
- k) Smith of Derby letter of 15th November 2011 inviting LPC to renew the Baldrine Pillar Clock Service Agreement for a further three years at a cost of £564.00 + VAT. (£188.00 per annum), or annually at a cost of £203.00). *Board agreed that the contract should be renewed on a three year basis. Proposed by ND and seconded by JF.*

PH

71/11 Enforcement Matters.

The Clerk brought two enforcement matters to the attention of the Board.

72/11 Special Agenda Items.

There were no special agenda items.

73/11 Any Other Business.

- a) **ND** – referred to the meeting with Hon Steve Rodan at the recent Garff meeting in that the intentions of Central Government were to devolve as many functions and costs to Local Government over the coming years and that it had been suggested that this would be phased in over a three year period such that the Authorities would pay 30% of the cost in the first year, 60% in the second and 100% in the third. A discussion took place and whilst a number of acceptable services were agreed in principle the issue of road maintenance was seen as a step to far.
- b) **PH** – Informed the Board that he was slightly behind with the rates preparation but hoped to be in a position to provide them with the assessment information by mid-December.
- c) **JF** – Raised the matter of the forthcoming Garff Carol Service and that he required 3 readers; **RB**, **ND** and **BB** stated that they would do so. **PH** stated that he would stand in if anybody was unable on the night. The discussion moved onto refreshments and **ND** agreed to source the mulled wine and wine. Mince pies etc would be provided. As regards cost it was suggested that the three Authorities share the costs. **PH** stated that he would contact them. With regards to the Order of Service, **JF** and **PH** would discuss this after the meeting tonight.

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There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2035 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 20th December 2011 at 1830 hours.