

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at 1830 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

### MINUTES

**Present:** Mr J. Faragher, Mr S. Clucas, Mr N. Dobson, Mr S. Clague Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** None.

**Chair:** Mr J. Faragher. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

#### 103/15 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: JF.**

#### 104/15 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **PH – 98/15(a)** – Confirmed that the purchase of the Telephone Kiosk in Pinfold Hill was now complete.
- b) **PH – 99/15(c)** – Advised the Board that the Owner of a property under consideration had sadly died.

#### 105/15 Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

#### 106/15 Matters arising out of the Minutes.

- a) There were no matters arising.

#### 107/15 Private Sessions

#### 108/15 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 16/00099/B of 29.01.16 in respect of erection of extension to dwelling to provide additional living accommodation at Hillcot, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JH. **PH**  
*Approved.*
- b) Planning Application No 16/00107/B of 02.02.16 in respect of rendering works at Sam's Barn, Thie Eirinagh, Ballaragh Road, Lonan, IM4 7PN. **PH**  
*Approved.*
- c) Planning Application No 16/00129/B of 05.02.16 in respect of conversion of redundant farm buildings to five self-contained holiday cottages with parking at Outbuildings, North Baldrine Farm, Baldhoon Road, Lonan, IM4 7QL. **PH**  
*Approved.*
- d) Planning Application Number 16/00147/B of 10.02.16 in respect of alterations and extensions to dwelling to provide additional living accommodation at Minglestone, Glen Roy, Lonan, IM4 7QD. **PH**  
*Approved.*

## 109/15 Correspondence.

- a) Malew Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 1500 hours at Abbey Church, Ballasalla followed by refreshments. RSVP. *JF to attend.* PH
- b) Resident of Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JH, writes to propose that the Commissioners purchase the river bank between the end of Moaney Quill Close and the bridge and turn it into a garden. His rationale is that currently it is unsightly and has diseased trees and collapsed bank and that reinforcing the bank, repairing the stone work and enclosing the MEA Sub Station would enhance the area. He suggests that (1). The current owners sell the land for a nominal sum or donate it to the Authority; (2). MEA to enclose Sub Station; (3). Commissioners take long term responsibility for the maintenance of the garden; (4). Appropriate Government bodies to give advice and help with the bank reinforcement and drainage issues; (5). That he has some personal input into the design of the Garden. Mr Whiteman is prepared to make a personal donation of £10,000.00 towards the project. *A discussion took place and matters of ownership were raised. The Board were grateful for the generosity and consideration of the Resident, but felt that in view of the impending merger of the Garff Authorities they could not at this late stage commit them to this venture, but could be a matter for consideration by the new Board.* PH
- c) Consultation on the Road Transport (Amendment) Bill 2016 - The Department of Infrastructure is seeking feedback on proposals to update the Isle of Man's road transport and driver and vehicle licensing legislation. The draft Road Transport Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2016 proposes a series of amendments to the Road Transport Act 2001 and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Act 1985. Please find attached a copy of the consultation document which includes a brief explanation of the Bill, an Impact Assessment and details on how to respond to the consultation. Also attached is a copy of the draft Bill for consideration. (Covers such topics as Heavy Goods Vehicles and removal of need to display Road Fund Licence). *A discussion took place and concerns were expressed about the removal of the need to display a Road Fund Licence as had occurred in the United Kingdom, which had resulted in a substantial loss of revenue and uninsured cars. The Clerk to respond.* PH
- d) Resident requests additional Street Light in Laxey Road opposite/near Ballabeg Farm Bus Stop. (Currently there are no Street Lights at this location). *A discussion took place and it was resolved to approve this request and contact Manx Utilities to see if it was viable and proceed if it was.* PH
- e) Rev Jo Dudley writes on 31.01.16 requesting funding towards cost of producing a leaflet to circulate to all residents in Laxey and Lonan to highlight the fact that unless congregations improve then Christ Church Laxey could be in danger of closure. *A discussion took place and it was decided that at this time they were unable to offer any financial assistance to the Church.* PH
- f) Graham Cregeen writes on 28<sup>th</sup> January with Consultation on proposals to introduce a Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations which mirrors existing UK legislation which proposes to give Local Communities more say in their area. *Noted.*
- g) Michael Commissioners writes on 4<sup>th</sup> February with an invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 1015 hours at Michael Parish Church. *JF stated that he had attended this Civic Service.*
- h) Minister Watterson writes on 15.02.16 regarding the recruitment of Army Reservists on the Isle of Man and states that 48 people have signed up for this. The Government supports this and has signed up to a Corporate Covenant in 2013. They are now extending that network of support to remove barriers to accessing services and supporting employees in joining the armed forces. Ramsey and

Rushen Commissioners have signed up to this and Mr Watterson wants all Local Authorities to do so and before the next Local Authority Election. He introduces Major Glen Espie who is the first Officer to command the Islands reservists and he is happy to meet Commissioners. He can be reached at [42X-IOM-OC@mod.uk](mailto:42X-IOM-OC@mod.uk), or 292648. (The Covenant is to allow Staff to join the Reservists and have time off so to do). *Noted.*

- i) Manx Utilities Public Lighting Maintenance Contract for 2016 to 2017 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April. *Contract duly signed by JF, Proposed by ND and seconded by SC.* PH
- j) Grant Thornton - Our fees for the twelve months to 31 March 2016 will be the same as the prior year. We would need to agree our fee for the 1 month period to 30 April 2016 with Treasury, but our proposal would be to charge a full year equivalent. You will appreciate that the fee for an Assurance Review is relatively low, so notwithstanding the short length of the period, there would still be a full set of financial statements to check, a part period P&L, and the usual balance sheet to review. If you were to opt for the single 13 month period, then we may seek a variation to the 'annual' fee given the additional complexities of the cessation of the bodies, and the novation of assets and liabilities to the new Garff body. We have yet to consider this in detail (or discuss with Treasury), but I can confirm that this will be a cheaper option than the two period approach referred to above. I trust this assists, but please let me know if you have any queries. *A discussion took place and it was agreed to follow the advice given and extend the Audit Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April.* PH
- k) Further to the proposal at the Garff meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, please see attached a draft press release with respect to the candidate briefing/question and answer session. Just need formal agreement from your respective Boards and we can start promoting it. *The draft press release was examined and approved.* PH

#### 110/15 Enforcement Matters.

- a) *No new matters.*

#### 111/15 Special Agenda Items.

- a) **To discuss the Extraordinary Garff Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**  
Discussed in private. PH
- b) **To examine the Applications for the position of Clerk.**  
The Board resolved to write to all applicants expressing their regret that it was no longer possible to offer the position advertised but that their applications would be kept on file should circumstances change. See 111/15(a) above. PH was given authority to open the letters of application. Proposed by SEC and seconded by ND. PH

#### 112/15 Any Other Business.

- a) ND – requested that a 'No Through Road' sign be erected at the entrance of Barroose Road, alongside the Liverpool Arms as a number of residents in that road believed that it was necessary to stop unwanted traffic. After a discussion, this was agreed. PH

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2030 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 1700 hours**