

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 23rd May 2012 at 1830 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

15/12 Swearing in of Commissioner Burgess.

Action

ND welcomed the members to the evening's meeting and before the matters were dealt with **MB** was sworn in, witnessed by **SCL**, **JF** and **PH**.

16/12 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 3rd April 2012.

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 3rd April 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

17/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **ND – 7/12(a)** – Raised the matter of the signage for the Lonan Crosses at St. Adamnan's Church and after a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Vicar to confirm that the Board were willing to pay for this but that the Church should obtain the wording and quotations for the necessary work. **ND** also asked the Clerk to find out what date in September/October was suitable to the Vicar for the Civic Service.

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18/12 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th May 2012.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8th May 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

19/12 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There were no matters arising out of the Minutes.

20/12 Private Sessions.

21/12 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application Number 12/00670/B of 04.05.12 in respect of alterations, replacement and enclosure of space below raised decking to rear elevation of Green Oak, Clay Head Road, Baldrine.
Approved.

PH

22/12 Correspondence.

- a) Invitation to the Armed Forces Day Celebration on Sunday 24th June 2012 at 1535 hours at the Villa Marina preceded by a march from Regent Street by veterans. **JF/MB to attend.**

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- b) Manx National Heritage letter of 20.04.12 regarding Consultation on John Donald Collister Bequest of £635,000.00 plus land and dormer bungalow in Colby. The Consultation seeks views as to how this gift should be used. *The Board discussed this matter and believed that there was a general consensus that the bequest should remain in the South. No submission to be made.*
- c) Grainne Burns, Youth Officer, writes with regards to a consultation session with its members to look at issues to do with running the Youth Club. The young people in the age range 12-16 were asked for their views. Most, if not all of these views related to Laxey and in particular the skate park and raft. Typically they would like better shops, but interestingly free Wi-Fi was mentioned as well as cinema, swimming pool etc. Grainne would welcome the Commissioners to talk to the youths who have responded. *ND read the letter to the Board and a discussion took place from which it was decided that the best option to examine was the provision of free Wi-Fi in the Village. To that end they agreed that if Laxey Commissioners considered this to be a viable option then Lonan would share the costs. Clerk to write to the Board of Laxey Commissioners.* PH
- d) Resident of Croit-e-Quill Road attends at 1050 hours with copy of Enforcement letter of 12.04.12 stating that there are no enforceable matters in relation to the Heritage Homes Site in respect of the mound of soil. *This matter was discussed at length and it was agreed that as with the letter at 22/12(e) below the residents should be written to by the Clerk to assure them that they were as equally concerned about the issue and would do everything possible to see this matter properly addressed.* PH
- e) Resident of Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan, IM4 7JH copies her letter of 16.05.12 to Planning Enforcement Officer regarding the intolerable situation caused by the spoil heap being left by Heritage Homes during their construction of Phase 2. Despite numerous complaints both from residents and Steve Rodan alike they have declined to do anything about it. *See above.* PH
- f) Building Control (Amendment) Act 2011 – Dangerous & Ruinous Buildings. This legislation makes changes to enforcement powers of Local Authorities and puts more emphasis on the responsibility falling to them. *PH outlined the powers and procedures of this legislation and how this would affect the Authority if implemented. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the topic would be further discussed at item 24/12(a) below.*
- g) Office of the Clerk of Tynwald writes on 08.05.12 to say they have two grandstand tickets and car park pass for the Tynwald Day Celebrations at St Johns on Thursday 5th July 2012. *The Clerk was directed to take up the offer and the attendee would be decided later.* PH
- h) Department of Infrastructure letter of 8th May 2012 from Director of Planning in respect of Consultation on Lower Douglas Master Plan – Draft Interim Planning Guidance for Key Town Centre Sites in Douglas. This aims pending preparation of the Area Plan for the East, to provide guidance to developers and the public alike on the Governments’ vision for the key gateway to the Island and Douglas. The document can be downloaded at www.gov.im/transport/consultations.gov?menuid=169168&type=current. Responses should be on line and they accept the difficulties that this may cause those persons who do not have access to a computer. *Noted.*
- i) Consultation on The Criminal Justice, Police Powers & Other Amendments Bill 2012, which seeks to ensure that the Police have the powers necessary to deal with evolving demands and to achieve further efficiencies by removing unnecessary red tape or out dated procedures and for connected

purposes. This document is 88 pages long. Go to www.gov.im/dha/consultations.gov. *PH proposed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting by which time he would have had time to fully examine the legislation and report back. Agreed. Deferred to Wednesday 20th June 2012.*

j) Road Closure Notice 0364/12 in respect of bridge over river between Croit-e-Quill Road and Ballacollister being closed due to Gas Main works between 0600 hours on 29.05.12 to 1800 hours on 11.06.12.

Road Closure Notice 0365/12 in respect of suspension of One-Way System in Croit-e-Quill Road due to Gas Main works between 0600 hours on 29.05.12 to 1800 hours on 11.06.12. *SC reported that he had spoken to the Highways Department and it has been agreed that these works will be delayed until after the TT period.*

k) Planning Department letter of 15th May 2012 regarding the next Planning & Nature Conservation User Group Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th June 2012 at 1600 hours at Ground Floor Meeting Room, Murray House, Mount Havelock. Only one representative from each Authority. Name of individual to Sarah or Marie on 685919/20 or planning@gov.im. *SCL to attend.*

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l) Borough of Douglas invitation of 17.05.12 to their Civic Sunday Service to be held on Sunday 10th June 2012 commencing at 1000 hours at St George's Church. Chains of Office to be worn and refreshments provided afterwards. *JF to attend.*

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m) Peel Town Commissioners give notice that their Civic Sunday will be on Sunday 15th July 2012 at 1100 hours at Peel Methodist Hall. *Noted.*

23/12 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

24/12 Special Agenda Items.

a) Dilapidated Buildings. *{Origin – SCL – 08.05.12 – 14/12(d)}*.
SCL opened the discussion regarding a number of dwellings in Lonan that were particularly unsightly and directly referred to two in particular being Baldrine Lodge, Main Road, Baldrine and Green Gables, Laxey Road, Baldrine. PH re-stated the relevant laws explaining that the actions were time based and specific. Whilst agreeing that a non-confrontational approach was usually the best way forward, there was no scope for this as it could compromise the due process of law if subsequently challenged that the procedures had not been followed accurately. SC proposed that the Clerk be directed to instigate an informal approach at the outset to see how this progressed. The proposal was seconded by JF and unanimously agreed. PH further informed the Board that with regards to Baldrine Lodge he had been in contact with a neighbour and had tried to pursue the identity of the owner by reference to his car registration number but this had not been fruitful due to disclosure issues surrounding the Data Protection Act, but he would try again. SCL mentioned a hedge in Baldrine Road that he believed was restricting visibility and PH advised him that he was aware of the hedge but that it conformed to current legislation and was sufficiently set back from the junction to prevent any action.

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25/12 Any Other Business.

a) JF – Referred to the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and expressed his concern that Lonan was not doing anything for the children in the Parish to commemorate this occasion. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the possibility of arranging an event or producing memorabilia. It

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was concluded that **MB** would approach the Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust to see if they had access to information regarding memorabilia and **ND** would look into a 1st Day Cover. At the conclusion of the discussion **JF** proposed that they progress the matter. This was seconded by **SC**, agreed by **MB**, with **SCL** against and **ND** abstaining.

- b) **ND** – informed the meeting that the Cooil Roi Board have recently established that they own more land than originally thought and that they were now thinking about the possibility of extending the Home.
- c) **JF** – asked the Board whether or not they were considering having a Parish Inspection this year and that if so it should be carried out soon. It was agreed that such an inspection should take place and the matter was deferred to the next meeting to decide upon a suitable date. **PH**
- d) **PH** – asked for a variation of days from Friday to Thursday whilst the meetings were held on a Wednesday in order to progress post meeting action during that week. After a discussion it was decided that the days should remain as they were. **PH** withdrew the request.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2000 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 20th June 2012 at 1830 hours.