

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 23rd July 2014 at 0930 hours at Laxey Commissioners Office.

MINUTES

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

Chair: Mr S. Clucas. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 0930 hours.

33/14 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 17th June 2014.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 17th June 2014 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SEC. **Seconded by:** MB.

34/14 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) SC – 29/14(f) – informed the meeting that he had been unable to convey his views to the Government Department concerned.
- b) SC – 29/14(h) – asked the Clerk if the 360 litre bin had been provided to which PH replied that it had and that he would prepare an invoice accordingly.
- c) SC – 29/14(i) – informed the Board he had attended the meeting and clearly the Chief Constable was not happy with the budgetary cuts but had to make the best of what remained.
- d) SC – 29/14(j) – asked if there was any response to the bench at Creg-Ny-Baa Back Road to which ND stated that he had received a letter of thanks and that the applicants intended to erect it in September and to comply with the conditions attached thereto.

35/14 Private Sessions.

36/14 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Appeal Approval Notice 13/91346/A of 16.06.14 in respect of appeal against approval for approval in principle to erect a dwelling on land adjacent to Westdene, Croit-e-Quill Road, Lonan. Appeal Dismissed. Approval granted. *Noted.*
- b) Planning Appeal Refusal Notice 13/91465/A of 03.07.14 in respect of appeal against refusal to allow in principle erection of dwelling at Field 614992 adjacent to Riverside Cottage, Glen Roy. *Noted.*
- c) Planning Application No 14/00791/B of 26.06.14 in respect of construction of tennis court with walling and fencing at The Crofts, Chapel Lane, Baldrine, IM4 6DG. *SEC declared an interest and took no part in the discussions that followed. Approved.* PH
- d) Planning Approval Notice No 14/00203/B of 11.07.14 in respect of alterations and erection of extension to stables, (partial retrospective), at Field 614732, Baldrine Road, Baldrine. *Noted.*
- e) Planning Application No 14/00804/B of 09.07.14 in respect of conversion and erection of extension to existing out buildings to provide ancillary living accommodation and creation of associated parking and vehicular access at Baldrine Manor, Ballagawne Road, Baldrine, IM4 6EP. *SEC/JF* PH

declared an interest and took no part in the discussions that followed.

Approved.

SEC briefly left the meeting to take a phone call during the discussions.

- f) Planning Application No 14/00809/B of 08.07.14 in respect of conversion of existing outbuildings into a dwelling and improvement to existing vehicular access at Barn, Ballaragh Old Farmhouse, Ballaragh. *Approved subject to an assurance that the Public Footpath would not be closed.* PH
- g) Planning Approval Notice No 14/00692/B of 17.07.14 in respect of erection of an extension to replace existing conservatory to rear elevation at 5 Croit-e-Quill Close, Lonan, IM4 7JE. {Delegated Powers}. *Noted.*

37/14 Correspondence.

- a) Consultation on Public Transport and Parking Provision of 17.06.14 - I am writing to advise you of a Department of Infrastructure consultation which is being launched today. I would highlight the local authority's role as an important stakeholder, with particular reference to parking. A copy of the consultation documents is attached for your attention; please note that the questionnaire can be completed on line. The Department of Infrastructure is seeking the views of interested parties and the public on possible changes to how public transport services, on-street disc zone parking and off-street parking at Government buildings are provided, operated and funded. This consultation will form an important part of the Department's evaluation of how best to achieve £5million cost savings in the current financial year. These savings represent half of Government's overall target for 2014-15 and will mean an 11% reduction in the Department's budget. The Department is considering changes to the existing public transport concessionary fares and car parking provisions that may affect you. It is hoped that the Department will receive as many views as possible to ensure we have a detailed understanding of the impact that changes to public transport and parking will have on individuals prior to making a firm decision on how the Department will deliver these services in the future. A copy of the Proposed Changes to Public Transport and Parking Provision consultation document can be viewed on the Government website <http://www.gov.im/ConsultationDetail.gov?id=443>, or a paper copy can be collected from the Sea Terminal Building's Welcome Centre in Douglas during normal office working hours. In addition, the questionnaire which accompanies this consultation can be completed and submitted online by following the links on the Government website. Thank you for taking the time to read the consultation document. Please ensure that your completed questionnaire is submitted by 31 July 2014. *SC outlined the proposals contained within the document and after a discussion suggested that it was for individuals to make their own submissions. Agreed.*
- b) Treasury Rates Valuations Office replies to enquiry about Reayrt Ny Gliionney Chase Properties on reduced rates. (See SM – 17.06.14 – 32/14(b)). It seems the estate building works are coming to an end although it is thought that there are still 2/3 plots where large houses are still scheduled for construction. The situation will be monitored with a view to removing the allowances if nothing goes ahead with these vacant plots. Two completion certificates have been received at Reayrt Ny Gliionney and included these houses in the forthcoming supplemental list. *A discussion took place and the Clerk was directed to write to Treasury Rates valuations re-iterating their objection to the continued rebate being allowed to these properties on the basis that the disruption was now considerably reduced.* PH
- c) Municipal Association e-mails at 1623 hours on 19.06.14 from Alan Jones - A number of local Authorities attended a presentation from the Chief Constable about his reorganisation of the Constabulary. I would be grateful if the attached discussion document could be circulated to members of the Association. I will be proposing that Peel Commissioners raise serious concerns

about the effect of the cuts on the ability of the Police to do their job. The Document is just a quick response to the presentation and I am sure that others could and will wish to amend or add to it – especially some of my former colleagues in the Force! I would ask that the Municipal Association (after Consulting their respective boards) submit a letter of concern about the cuts. *Noted.*

- d) Letter of 16.06.14 from resident of Ballacannell, Lonan, IM4 7HH, concerning obstructions in Pinfold Hill and South Cape. She is finding it difficult to walk along the footway at Pinfold Hill, due to overhanging growth from the adjoining properties, (Note: Annual occurrence). Please could something be done about this? *A discussion took place and Clerk to contact DoI. SC stated that he would informally call on the residents asking them to cut the bushes back.* *ND briefly left the meeting during these discussions.* PH/SC
- e) Consultation on the Criminal Procedure and Investigation Bill 2014 which is to provide for a statutory framework within which the prosecution are to disclose unused material in criminal prosecutions and to provide further information on the basis of the statement of case made by the accused. **Submissions before Tuesday 29th July 2014.**
- f) E-mail at 1541 hours on 27.06.14 on behalf of DED Road Races, RoadRaces.DED@gov.im regarding proposed additional qualifying session during 2014 Festival of Motorcycling - The Department of Economic Development considers that there may be significant benefit in scheduling an additional qualifying session on Saturday 23rd August 2014 to provide competitors more opportunity to practice, qualify and prepare their machines prior to the scheduled commencement of racing. The Department invites views on the proposal which will result in an additional 2.5 hour road closure on Saturday 23rd August commencing 0930. I have pleasure in attaching a link to the consultation paper for your consideration. Responses may be submitted by post or email. **The closing date for receipt of comments is Friday 1st August 2014.** www.gov.im/consultationdetail.gov?id=446. *A discussion took place and it was agreed to support the proposals outlined.* PH
- g) **Consultation on the Beneficial Ownership of Companies.** Please find attached a consultation document published today on the Beneficial Ownership of Companies. The consultation seeks to gather views on the Island's current regime for identifying the beneficial ownership of companies, and whether a centralised registry of such information would improve transparency. As well as providing background, the consultation document poses a wide range of questions covering various aspects of the issue including availability of information held by a centralised registry if one were introduced. The consultation is in line with the commitment given by the Isle of Man Government in its G8 Action Plan, published last year, that it would conduct an assessment of its beneficial ownership regime including consideration of a centralised registry. We welcome your views on this consultation which can be found electronically at: <http://tinyurl.com/ohle7dc>. Submissions can be emailed to carlos.phillips@cso.gov.im or sent to: Mr Carlos Phillips Crown and External Relations, Cabinet Office, Government Office, Bucks Road, Douglas. Isle of Man, IM1 3PN. *SC outlined the basis of this consultation and a discussion took place. It was agreed that no submission would be made.*
- h) Municipal submits document sent for circulation by Alan Jones of Peel Town Commissioners regarding proposed cuts to Police Force. *Noted.*
- i) E-mail at 1018 hours - Please see attached invitation letter from the Chief Minister to the Service of Commemoration for the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. The Chairman or other representative is invited to attend the Service to be held on Sunday 3rd August 2014 at 1500 hours at St. George's Church, Douglas. RSVP if and who is attending to Clair Barks by Friday 25th July JF/MB

2014. She can be contacted on either 685211 or clair.barks@gov.im.
JF/MB to attend.

- j) Draft Minutes of Garff Meeting held on Monday 30th June 2014. *A discussion took place in private.*
- k) Following on from recent commissioning training and MJSNA we are undertaking an exercise mapping services and amenities across the island. Dates have been booked for this as follows: 24th July am – South mapping; 24th July pm – West mapping; 28th July am – North mapping; **28th July pm – East mapping**; 29th July all day – Whole island mapping; The downstairs training room at the Lodge (Strang) has been booked for this event, so each session will comfortably take 30 people. We would be delighted if you or a representative were able to attend, please can you let Victoria Quayle (victoria.quayle@gov.im) know. I realise this is relatively short notice, so if you are unable to identify any attendees please can you provide any information you hold regarding services (social groups, services for young people, older people, clubs, charities etc) and facilities (community spaces, halls, parks etc) on the island. I would be very grateful if you could forward any information to Victoria. Thank you all for your help, much appreciated. Rebecca Dooley. *A discussion took place and JF stated that he would attend.* JF
- l) Resident telephones at 1103 hours on 09.07.14 to say that the hedges alongside Horizon, Main Road are covering the pavement and forcing pedestrians into the roadway; Cones left by the builders at Baldrine Lodge have been left behind and are partially blocking the pavement outside Old School House; Garwick Beach Road has almost completely broken up and is impassable; The matter of flooding caused by water coming off land in Baldrine Road by the new house has not been resolved and asks what is being done to force the owner to comply with measures to deal with this. *PH informed the Board that the hedge had been cut back, the cones had been removed and the road surface in Garwick Beach Road was in a poor state of repair. A discussion took place regarding the flooding and the Clerk was directed to contact the DoI.* PH
- m) LVC e-mails at 1038 hours on 14.07.14 - The suggested date for the next Garff meeting is Wednesday 13th August at 7.00pm. Could you please run this by your elected representatives and let me know if they are agreeable to having a meeting on this date. **ALSO** LVC e-mails at 1454 hours on 17.07.14 regarding Garff Meeting - Just to advise that Laxey Commissioners are also OK for the 13th August. They have also proposed that the Chief Constable is invited to attend at the start off the meeting, to brief the three local Authorities on the potential impact from the recent changes to the Isle of Man Constabulary. Please let me know if this is acceptable to your respect Boards. *A discussion took place and the date was acceptable and they had no objection to the attendance of the Chief Constable.* PH
- n) *Civic Amenity Site correspondence discussed in private.* ND
- o) Laxey & Lonan Heritage Trust Newsletter with application form to join the 100 Club. *SC requested that this information was posted on the Lonan Website.* PH
- p) War Memorial Announcement - The Isle of Man can apply for grants from the War Memorials Trust under the Small Grant Scheme for Crown Territories. Further information can be found on the War Memorials Trust website: <http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/> An announcement was made on the 01 Jul 14 and will deliver the following: Up to £3 million for the War Memorials Trust over the four year period of the First World War Centenary to boost support for their grant schemes and expand their team of specialist Conservation Officers to deliver this funding; Imperial War Museums will receive half a million pounds to develop a website to help communities find out where information about war memorials can be found. This ‘one stop shop’ will be delivered by 4 August this year. By

2018 the site will have developed substantially, to create an authoritative, fully-searchable, and free to access, national register of all recorded First World War memorials in the UK. This will allow people to search by name to find out where their relatives may be commemorated; English Heritage will receive half a million pounds to provide better protection for war memorials by tripling the number of listed war memorials; and to deliver a larger pool of skilled and trained specialists to repair memorials. They will also develop an education toolkit for schools to allow pupils to research their local memorials; Civic Voice will be given half a million pounds to create a national network of volunteers over the four year centenary period to help build skills to assess the condition of war memorials and encourage their conservation; Proposals to use the remaining half a million pounds to care for First World War graves outside the remit of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission are being looked at. *Noted.*

- q) Minutes of Municipal Meeting held on 26th June 2014. *SC outlined some of the issues raised and that Mr Ronan and Mrs Craig were attending the next Municipal Meeting and it would be useful if a member could attend, ND to attend.* PH

38/14 Enforcement Matters.

No new matters.

39/14 Special Agenda Items.

- a) Parish Examination Meeting – Date to be arranged. *{Origin – SM – 22.04.14 – 07/14(a)}*.
A discussion took place and it was agreed that the provisional date for this meeting would be Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 1800 hours at the Liverpool Arms.

40/14 Any Other Business.

- a) **SEC** – commented on the satisfactory result of works at Baldrine Lodge and thanked the Clerk for his work in that regard. He asked what action was being taken with regards to Green Gables to which the Clerk replied that recently he had met the owner on site and plans were now on-going to restore the property to an habitable condition.
- b) **ND** – asked if the hedges between the Liverpool Arms and Groudle Road, both sides, could be cut as they were obstructing the highway. PH
- c) **PH** – stated that he had received a complaint about the Notice Board at Church Road, in that it was now in a very poor state of repair and was not being used to its full potential. The complainant requested its removal. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that it should be taken down and examined to establish its worth and await any queries that may follow.* PH

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1030 hours.

The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 20th August 2014 at 0930 hours.

The following Meeting of the Authority will be the Parish Inspection on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at 1800 hours.