

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 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.

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

### 85/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: RB. Seconded by: ND.**

### 86/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **JF – 78/11(d)** – Asked when Mr Ronan would be attending the Garff Meeting. **PH** advised that following correspondence between the Clerk and Mr Ronan it had been agreed that he would attend latter when we were in a position to state exactly what services Garff were interested in and he would bring the relevant people with him.

### 87/11 Minutes of the Extraordinary Rates Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Rates Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: RB.**

### 88/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

### 89/11 Private Sessions.

- a) The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for the month of December 2011, and these were approved by the Board.

**Proposed by: ND Seconded by: BB.**

- b) The Clerk presented the interim Financial Statement of Accounts for the month of January 2012, and these were noted by the Board.

- c) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the period ending 5<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and this was approved by the Board.

**Proposed by: BB Seconded by: SC.**

- d) The Clerk presented the Clerk's Time Sheet for the month ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011, in respect of the attachment to Laxey Village Commissioners, and this was noted by the Board.

- e) The Clerk presented the Monthly Waste Statistics for December 2011, the monthly comparison and these were noted by the Board.

**90/11 Planning Applications.**

- a) There were no matters.

**91/11 Correspondence.**

- a) A request to nominate a recreational area to the memory of the Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge to preserve forever this nominated area. There is a challenge involved. Go to [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com) for details. *The Board reaffirmed that there were no suitable existing locations in Lonan that would qualify.*

- b) A Consultation Document regarding creation of an Health & Safety Consultative Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to contribute to the development of legislation and strategies to be adopted by the Health & Safety at Work Inspectorate. *Noted by the Board with no submission.*

- c) Deputy Clerk of Tynwald writes on 21.12.11 regarding The Electoral Reform Bill 2011 which recommends that firstly the Island should be divided into eight constituencies and secondly that each constituency should return 3 MHKs. Full Text of the Bill is available on Tynwald Website. The Committee would like to receive comments, concerns or views before **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012.** *This matter dealt with at Special Agenda item 93/11(b).*

- c) E-mail from Steve Rodan regarding the Electoral Reform Bill 2011. He believes that the outcome of this Bill will be the complete disappearance of the Constituency of Garff with Laxey & Lonan going to Onchan and Maughold to Ramsey. *This matter dealt with at Special Agenda item 93/11(b).*

- d) Manx Electricity quotation of 04.01.12 in respect of proposed new street light in Beach Road, Baldrine. Two Options provided – (1). £11,589.00 to link supply from roadside electrical source, (a longer route), or (2). £7,257.00 to link from source in adjoining field. Both quotes net of VAT. See SM – 20.12.11 – 81/11(a). *The Board considered that the expense of this could not be justified in the current climate. PH informed the Board that he had spoken to a gentleman who is looking after the applicant and he has suggested that he will install an outside light for her, and this would be acceptable.* PH

- e) Consultation on the Wild Animals (Restriction on Importation etc) Act 1980 to change Annex II. The purpose is to make changes to the types of animals that may or may not be imported into the Island. *Noted by the Board with no submission.*

- f) Malew Parish Commissioners invitation to their Civic Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 1500 hours at Malew Parish Church. RSVP before 20.02.12 to Barry Powell. **BB/JF to attend.** BB/JF

- g) Update on the Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm – Community Consultation Report – 1<sup>st</sup> Round – December 2011 and Winter Newsletter. *Noted.*

**92/11 Enforcement Matters.**

*No new matters.*

**93/11 Special Agenda Items.**

- a) **Rates Assessment for Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. {Origin – XRM – 17.01.12}.**

**RB** began the discussions by drawing to the attention of the Board a previously circulated document in which she had prepared an analysis based on the Clerk's Preferred Version at XRM – 17.01.12 – 9, in which she maintained that the proposed retention of the 59 pence in the pound rate was too high. A discussion followed at the end of which **ND** suggested a compromise rate of 52 pence in the pound. After further discussions this was unanimously agreed, thus the rates for the Financial Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 will be £104.00 per Household for separate Refuse Charge and 52 pence in the pound for the General Rate. Proposed by **SC** and Seconded by **ND**. It was further agreed that extra money would be shown against Street Lighting.

**PH**

- b) **Lt Governor's Visit.**

A discussion took place regarding the date of the visit and the proposed itinerary.

**ND**  
**BB**  
**JF**  
**PH**

- c) **Garff Joint Initiative Committee Meeting – 25.01.12. {Origin – SC}.**

*Laxey Commissioners e-mails at 1135 hours on 05.01.12 to ask the Board if they will agree to a request from the Laxey Board to go ahead with the Garff Meeting on 25.01.12 without Mr Ronan but to discuss the proposed Boundary and Election changes currently out for consultation. Also whether the meeting should be open to all members to attend.*

A discussion took place and it was generally agreed that the statement by Hon Steve Rodan met with their views. **ND** added to the discussion that he believed that the key to democracy was the principle of equality of votes and that the Legislative Council should be popularly elected. **JF** stated that he would attend the Garff Meeting and **SC** added that he would try and make it but had a previous engagement. The Board expressed their disappointment that **SR** was not attending.

**JF/SC**

- d) **Green Gardens Contract for Year 2012. {Origin – PH}**

**PH** requested that the Board appointed Green Gardens as the Grass Cutting Contractor for the current year. A discussion took place regarding charges and the Clerk stated that they had a right to increase by RPI if they wished, but it would still be competitive and they had performed excellently. Contract renewal agreed and **JF** signed the Contracts. Proposed by **ND** and Seconded by **SC**.

**94/11 Any Other Business.**

- a) **RB** – asked if there had been any response by Heritage Homes to the letter about completion of play area in All Saints Park. **PH** replied that they hadn't.

**PH**

- b) **ND** – asked what progress had been made towards the erection of the additional street sign in Baldrine Road. **PH** stated that they had been made and that he was waiting for Colas to erect this, the sign at Abbey Lane, Dog Bin at Barroose and the Parish Display Cabinet.

**PH**

- c) **JF** – stated that he had noted the new speed caution signs on the approach to the bends at the Liverpool Arms.

- d) **JF** – asked the Clerk if he had received an invitation to the Board for the Holocaust Memorial Service. **PH** stated that he had received one for the Clerk but not the Commissioners, but he could

**JF**

still attend. **JF** stated that he would.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1955 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 1830 hours.**