

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 1815 hours in the Laxey Commissioners Office.

### MINUTES

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

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

The Meeting commenced at 1815 hours.

#### 30/13 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by:** ND. **Seconded by:** MB.

#### 31/13 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **PH – 25/13(a)** – Informed the Board that Planning Application 13/00559/B had been approved with a condition that the extension is painted dark green.

b) **SC – 29/13(b)** – Informed the Board that some road repairs had been undertaken to which **ND** commented about road markings at the Liverpool Arms, (29/13(a)). **PH** advised the Board that a speed limit was to be imposed between Begoade and Baldrine Park whilst extensive road repairs were carried out.

c) **SEC – 29/13(c)** – Stated that nothing had changed in Ballamenagh Road with regards to flooding, etc. and asked if this matter could be chased up. **PH**

d) **ND – 29/13(d)** – Asked the Clerk if he had received a letter from the complainant to which **PH** replied he had and had been in contact with him since. He added that he now had a positive lead as to the whereabouts of the owner and was dealing with the matter. **PH**

e) **ND – 29/13(g)** – Asked the Clerk if there had been any further instances of vehicle advertising on the highway, to which **PH** replied that there had been two further occurrences.

#### 32/13 Private Sessions.

#### 33/13 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Application No 13/00671/B of 05.06.13 in respect of erection of a replacement porch, installation of replacement windows and creation of an additional window to side elevation of dwelling at Pinfold Cottage, Pinfold Hill, Lonan, IM4 7HN. *Approved.*

b) Planning Application No 13/00676/B of 03.06.13 in respect of retrospective application for creation of vehicular access and installation of hard-core track at Field 610760 and 610759, Ballaragh Road, Lonan. *Approved.*

#### 34/13 Correspondence.

a) Joan Lace has tendered her resignation as cleaner for Lonan Parish Commissioners after more than 10 years of service. She is 81 years old and wishes to have some time left to herself. She is paid up **MB**

to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013. A discussion took place and it was agreed that a voucher would be given to Mrs. Lacey in recognition of her work at Lonan. The sum agreed was £50.00, proposed by **MB** and Seconded by **JF**. **MB** to make enquiries.

- b) Draft Minutes of ECAS Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Date of next meeting is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 1530 hours at the Strathallan Suite. *Previously discussed – noted.*
- c) To All Municipal Members & Member Authority Clerks: This is a reminder regarding the Training Forum session on Human Resources to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 11 July 2013 for approximately one and a half hours. If you wish to attend please book now. There is no charge for Member Authorities. The venue had been notified as the Strathallan Suite but this may change if the number attending does not increase significantly. I will keep you informed but it will definitely be in Douglas. *SC stated that he would go if available and ND stated that he would go as stand in if needed.* SC/ND
- d) Mr Wild responds to request for assistance regarding the collection of outstanding rates. He provides details of procedures and actions and will discuss this with the Minister responsible. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a list of current debtors.* PH
- e) Mrs Griffiths writes on 15.06.13 to thank the Board for the contribution of £50.00 to the 2013 Flower Festival being organised by the Flower Ladies of All Saints Church, Lonan. *Retrospective Board approval is requested to confirm the verbal authorisation. JF stated that verbal authority had been given prior to the donation. PH stated that this was procedural only. Proposed by ND and Seconded by MB.*
- f) Consultation 1 in respect of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2013. I am writing to invite your Authority to comment on the attached consultation documentation in relation to the Department's intention to introduce a Bill designed to place all the legislation concerned with combating the financing of terrorism and related money laundering within one Act (rather than the two Marx Acts and a further Order-in-Council as now).  
The Bill repeals the Terrorism (Finance) Act 2009 and amends the Anti-Terrorism and Crime Act 2003 and the Proceeds of Crime Act 2008.  
Paper copies of the consultation document and related appendices can be provided to you on request. If you would like to discuss any matter contained within the documentation please contact me.  
I would be pleased to receive your views on the Bill by email to [dhaconsultation@gov.im](mailto:dhaconsultation@gov.im) or letter at the above address by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013.  
*Noted.*
- g) Minutes of Municipal Meeting held on 25.04.13. *Noted.*
- h) Resident of Highfield Drive, Baldrine, IM4 6EE writes on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2013 to complain about his neighbours, in that they have a vehicle parked in the roadway, which is used on occasions and another vehicle on their driveway. The latter they rev the engine for 15 to 45 minutes once a day and have done so variously for the last 3 days. It creates excessive engine noise and exhaust. Would the Commissioners remind them of any Bye Laws that may exist in relation to noise pollution and that this is a quiet residential area. *Letter acknowledged on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013. A discussion took place and it was agreed that this matter should be monitored but that it was not appropriate at this stage and in the absence of any legal solution to write to the person allegedly responsible for the nuisance.*
- i) Please find attached presentation provided by David Tolson Partnership for the non-Housing Authorities on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Murray House. JF/ND

Following on from the presentation by David Tolson Partnership this week, the Department of Social Care would like to invite all non-housing Local Authorities to attend the annual Housing Conference. Please find attached invitation from the Director of Housing to the Seminar on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013 between 0845 hours and 1700 hours at the Wentworth Suite, Mount Murray Golf Club for a maximum of three persons per Authority. **JF** to attend with **ND** attending if **JF** unable. *Chicken Chasseur preferred meal option in both cases.*

- j) You may be interested in seeing at the foot of this email the Press Release from TravelWatch Isle of Man. It draws to the public's attention the proposal to charge for ALL car parking at Ronaldsway from 1 July. This cuts across a long standing arrangement of providing the first hour free for very short term parking so that people meeting passengers, or seeing off family and friends can do so easily. The way this policy change is being implemented is of concern. It appeared in Public Notices in *The Examiner* newspaper on 17 June and may just about meet the minimum notice period of 14 days for public notice, but the newspaper advert is minimal. The details are contained in an Order available by calling in person at the Sea Terminal. TravelWatch have been informed that the intention is also to sweep away parking outside of the Short and Long Stay car parks that are not covered by the Order. The proposals will add to traffic movements / problems as the drop-off / pick-up area outside the terminal building is often full at peak times and drivers then go to the nearest Short Stay car park without incurring cost for the few minutes they are parked. The roadways are already often clogged with taxis waiting to move into the marked bays in front of the terminal, and having cars driving around waiting to find a space to pick-up / set-down will add to irritation. There used to be a 1 hour disc parking in the Short term car park nearest the terminal but this was removed and placed alongside the car rental return, but inadequately signposted. Not surprisingly, the area has been underutilised and I believe is now to be given over to additional car rental parking, albeit this loss of parking spaces is not included in the Order. Many might feel this should have followed the proper consultation process as it has many knock-on effects that do not seem to have been considered. In some UK airports it costs to even stop at all to set down or pick up passengers - we do not want these money grabbing measures to be the next step at Ronaldsway. The way the public respond to this current change will no doubt shape future thinking. Although time is short, the Order states one can object in writing to: The Airport Standards Manager Isle of Man (Ronaldsway ) Airport Ballasalla IM9 2AS. In today's electronic age, one is somewhat suspicious that the Airport Management is being less than helpful by not providing an email address that one can respond to, but have to use 'snail mail' at 40p. The Airport Director's email address is [Ann.Reynolds@gov.im](mailto:Ann.Reynolds@gov.im) if too late to send to whoever the Airport Standards Manager is. Obviously, the more people that respond the better and the hope that the proposals are properly reconsidered. *The Board recognised that this was a fait accompli and nothing would change even if one was to write in.*
- k) Resident of Baldrine Road has complained that the footpath alongside her property has been dug up and a drain has been laid close to the side of her house. This has allegedly been done without having obtained the necessary authority from the Water Board and Department of Infrastructure. The Resident and the Authority have been in touch with the relevant Departments and we are awaiting a result. The Complainant wishes to have the matter brought to the attention of the Board. The complainant has now got Mr Rodan involved due to lack of progress and he is making enquiries of the relevant Departments. *SEC declared an interest and took no part in the discussion that followed. PH updated the Board regarding actions that he had undertaken and the fact that Mr Rodan was now involved and was doing exactly the same. The Board concluded that they could not make any additional contribution if Mr Rodan was dealing. The matter was noted.*
- l) Moore Stephens writes on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 with two copies of the Letter of Arrangement for signature. Retain one and return the other. *Signed off by JF. Proposed by JF and Seconded by ND.*

**35/13 Enforcement Matters.**

- a) *No new matters.*

**36/13 Special Agenda Items.**

- a) Bill Snelling Film Nights – (*Origin: Mr Clucas*). SC  
SEC  
**SC** informed the Board that following the success of the Lonan Gentlemen’s fellowship Event at the Cornmill, Mr Snelling would like to hold an Event in aid of the Helicopter Fund involving film shows showing local History and Motorcycles. **SEC** was happy to receive the event and **SC** will negotiate.

**37/13 Any Other Business.**

- a) **PH** – asks for a Commissioner to attend the annual Audit Planning Meeting with BDO on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 1000 hours. **ND** to attend. PH  
ND
- b) **JF** – reminded the Board that the Lonan Civic Service will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 1100 hours at All Saints Church.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1905 hours.**

**The next Statutory Meeting of the Authority will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at 1815 hours.**