

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 1930 hours in the Laxey Village Commissioners Conference Room.

MINUTES

Present: Mr B. Byers, Mr N. Dobson, Miss R. Bailey, Mr J. Faragher, Mr P. Hill. **Apologies:** Mr S. Clucas.

Chair: Mr B. Byers. **Clerk:** Mr P. Hill.

The Meeting commenced at 1935 hours.

01/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15th March 2011.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 15th March 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

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

02/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes of 15th March 2011.

- a) **ND – 118/10(a)** – Confirmed that the Barns had been painted but it was not established whether or not the planting had begun. **PH** stated that he had not written to the Department in the circumstances.
- b) **ND – 118/10d)** – asked if Mr James from Laxey was dealing with the Golden Jubilee Trust to which **PH** stated he was but following a report from the Municipal Association it appears that there has been a very poor response island wide to the scheme, and Mr Trace has written to the Association for support given that only three Authorities have responded.
- c) **RB – 121/10(b)** – matter would be dealt with as special agenda later.

JF attended at 1940 hours.

03/11 Private Sessions

04/11 Planning Applications.

- a) Planning Application No 11/00384/B of 21.03.11 in respect of erection of a dwelling with car port, off street parking and turning bay at land forming part of Glen Beigh, Clay Head Road, Baldrine. **PH**
The Board considered that the application amounted to overdevelopment, was not in keeping with the surrounding dwellings and having regard to the narrow single track road that there was no further scope for additional dwellings in Clay Head. The Board noted that there was local opposition as well. Refused.
- b) Planning Application No 11/00409/B of 23.03.11 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling at Baljean Cottage, Baldhoon Road, Lonan. **PH**
Approved.
- c) Planning Application No 11/00417/REM of 25.03.11 in respect of reserved matters application for erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Field 612263, Ballagawne Road, Baldrine. **PH**
JF declared an interest and offered to leave the room. The Chairman determined that he should remain and he took no part in the discussions. Approved.
- d) Planning Application No 11/00453/B of 31.03.11 in respect of installation of roof lights and solar panel to dwelling at Silver Lodge, Baldhoon Road, Lonan. **PH**
Approved.
- e) Planning Application No 11/00484/B of 05.04.11 in respect of alterations and extension to dwelling, **PH**

including formation of garden/general store at Reayrt Aalin, Barroose Road, Baldrine.

Approved.

05/11 Correspondence.

- a) A Consultation on the Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2011 which enables the Island to comply with International Health Regulations and introduces new regulations to deal with the use of sunbeds particularly for the under 18s. Also makes small amendments to Part IV in relation to Refuse Disposal. *{Deferred from Statutory Meeting – 15.03.11 – 121/10(h). Noted, no submission.*
- b) Letter of complaint from Mr & Mrs Kenyon of Balladhoo, Baldrine Road, Baldrine regarding construction of Ménage by virtue of Planning Application 10/01576/B, (approved by LPC on 23.11.10). Complainants state that the Stable Block is directly in front of their house, that the first they knew about this was the presence of a digger, enquiries with owners of equally affected neighbours reveal that they also knew nothing about it as no Yellow Notice was ever displayed, the Stable Block/Ménage will reduce the quality of life and value of their property, both they and the other adjoining neighbours would have strenuously opposed the development if they had known about it. They are aggrieved that the Local Authority did not write to them to advise them of this application which he states is the policy in the UK and which Mr Rodan states is operated by Laxey Commissioners. They wish to seek assistance from Lonan Commissioners to stop this development. *A discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of the yellow notice scheme as it depended on the honesty of the individual and also the location of the site and proximity to other properties. PH confirmed that he had attended the venue and offered advice, which had been accepted.*
- c) Douglas Corporation submits final draft of ECAS Committee Agreement for signing off at a meeting to be held on Monday 9th May 2011 at 1500 hours at the Strathallan Suite. *ND/PH to attend.* PH
ND
- d) Department of Infrastructure writes on 21.03.11 to say that the contract with Douglas Corporation to run the ECAS has been extended to 31.03.12 to enable discussions to take place regarding its future management. *Noted.*
- e) Minutes of the Garff Joint Initiative Committee Meeting held on 9th March 2011. *JF referred to the Carol Service which was the turn of Lonan to organise and that two dates had been flagged up being Wednesday 14th December and Friday 16th December. A discussion took place and it was agreed that Wednesday would be the most appropriate and likely to attract the most attendance.* JF
- f) LVC write on 10.03.11 to say that the rent for LPC will rise by 5% from 01.04.11 to £2168.00, paid quarterly at £542.00. *Noted.*
- g) BD e-mails at 1050 hours a document from Rodger Gimbert containing the Waste Policy Consultation Questionnaire. *Noted.*
- h) Consultation on the Moneylenders (Registration Fees) Order 2011 which proposes the current registration fee of £365.00 rises to £410.00 to be effective from 1st August 2011. *Noted.*
- i) Consultation on a Health & Safety Authority for the Isle of Man. *Noted.*
- j) Caroline Walter e-mails at 1809 hours on 04.04.11 on C.Walter@crhs.sch.im of 8 Church Close, Lonan complimenting Lonan on its grass maintenance but complains that a Cotoneaster was cut down by the Contractor and wants a resolution. *{Clerk attended venue at 1500 hours on 04.04.11 and found that the plant was planted within the complainants land but had grown through the fence*

*and was overhanging Lonan Land and this had been cut back to the boundary. The Plant is in no danger of dying as the body and roots remain in their land, and have responded accordingly}.
Noted.*

- k)** Grace Phillips at gracephillips@thechildrenscentre.org.im e-mails at 1102 hours on 07.04.11 asking the Board to organise an event during Childrens Week between 10th and 16th July. The purpose is to encourage the Community to celebrate and engage with children. Grace Phillips wishes to meet the Board to discuss the project and how they can become involved. **RB** *stated that she would be happy to speak to Grace and report back.* **RB**
- l)** David Oldfield at David.Oldfield@gov.im e-mails at 1238 hours on 07.04.11 three consultations from the Office of Fair Trading. (1) Proposed Chapman's (Licence Fee) Order 2011. A Chapman is an itinerant buyer of household or personal effects and who may go door to door or set up in a hotel. The proposal is to increase the fee from 1st August to £60.00. (2) Proposed Non-Resident Traders (Licence Fees) Regulations 2011. These are people who do occasional business in the Isle of Man and proposes to increase the level of fees for the first 3 days and then on a daily basis. (3) Proposed Weights and Measures (Testing Fees) Regulations 2011. Proposes increases in fees charged for testing things such as petrol pumps. *Noted.*
- m)** Alan Jones of Sunhill attends regarding Heritage Homes and is concerned that they intend to build more houses on the current development site and produces brochure from Heritage Homes detailing areas towards Moaney Quill Close for future development. Also leaves letter addressed to the Board asking them to keep a watching brief on the Site to ensure that they do not attempt to raise the elevations of the existing proposed dwellings such that they would dominate the properties below and make worse the already sky line development situation. Further correspondence between SR and Heritage Homes regarding the soil and their plans to alter some of the larger Plots, particularly 29. *Noted.*
- n)** Department of Infrastructure letter of 08.04.11 requesting permission to erect road safety signage for TT and MGP, 8'x4' at Baldrine Park and Church Road. (Permission granted last year for same). *Approved.* **PH**
- o)** Douglas Bay Yacht Club and Merseyside Adventure Sailing Trust invite the Commissioners a presentation on the launch of the first ever "Three Legs of Man – Parade of Sail" Liverpool to Belfast and return via Douglas Event for people between 16 to 25. The purpose is to offer training to young people on sailing tall ships and ask them to get involved by giving support to it. Presentation is on Wednesday 27th April 2011 at 1800 hours at the Douglas Bay Yacht Club. **ND/BB** *to attend.* **ND
BB**
- p)** Invitation from the Trustees of the Institute to the opening of the Building on Friday 20th May 2011 at 1500 hours. **RB/JF/ND** *stated that they would attend on behalf of the Board.* **RB
JF
ND**
- q)** Details of the Big Tidy Up to take place on Friday 8th October and Saturday 9th October and attaches a document from Douglas Corporation stating how to get involved. The Participant should identify Litter Hot Spots and assess how many people are required to deal with it. A typical clean will last two hours and publicity will be given. *A discussion took place when it was agreed that there was insufficient litter issues in Lonan to participate, however BB raised a matter of concern regarding dog fouling. He informed the meeting of complaints about bags of excreta being thrown into farmer's fields off Baldrine Road, and requested that a dog bin be erected in the vicinity of Baldrine Road and Upper Packhorse Lane. PH stated that he would deal with this and arrange the purchase and erection of such.* **PH**

- r) Invitation to the Municipal Association AGM to be held on Thursday 26th May 2011 at 1930 hours at The Sound Café. A hot buffet will be provided at a cost of £17.50 per person. Payment in advance to the Treasurer before 16th May 2011. *BB/ND/JF stated that they would attend.* BB
ND
JF

- s) Consultation on the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order 2005 which includes changes that mean the Minister will not determine an Appeal, but a Deputy out with the Department; Departmental Applications will no longer be dealt with by the Council of Ministers but by the Planning Committee; *Defer until next meeting and copy to the Board.* PH

06/11 Enforcement Matters.

- a) **PH** – outlined new enforcement action being taken at his request regarding the conversion of a garage/store at Eskadale, King Edward Road into a residential dwelling without having the appropriate planning approval in place.

07/11 Special Agenda Items

- a) Parish Newsletter. *{SM – 15.03.11 – 121/10(b)}*.
The matter was fully discussed with regard to publicising the website either through a newsletter, advertising or press release. Calling a public meeting was discussed. **BB** recommended that the members examined other websites being used by adjoining Authorities and report back at the next meeting with their thoughts.

- b) Ballacannell/Church Close Landscaping.
The matter of the bank between these Estates was discussed and PH informed them that he had received a verbal quotation for landscaping and laying to grass amounting to £5000.00 to level the site and £2000.00 to lay it to grass. The Board asked for the quotation to be put in writing whilst approving in principle the scheme to improve and complete the work PH

- c) Computer Equipment.
PH explained that the Lap Top was now running very slow and was interfering with the work. He added that he had had a quote for a full replacement with a desk top computer at or around £650.00. The Board approved the replacement and set a maximum budget of £1000.00. PH
Proposed by **ND** and Seconded by **RB**.

08/11 Any Other Business

- a) **PH** – asked when they wished to hold the Annual General Meeting and a discussion took place from which it was agreed that it would take place on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 1830 hours.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2100 hours.

The next Meeting of the Authority will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 1830 hours.