

Lonan Parish Commissioners

Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 1830 hours in the Laxey Village Commissioners Conference Room.

MINUTES

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

The Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

19/11 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th May 2011.

Action

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10th May 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

Proposed by: SC. Seconded by: ND.

20/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

a) **PH – 12/11(d)** – Stated that the new computer system was up and running and it had made a substantial difference and improvement to the operation of the office.

b) **ND – 18/11(d)** – Stated that whilst potholes at the junction of Barroose Road and Main Road had been filled there were potholes throughout the length of the road that needed attention. In addition to this the forecourt area at the Liverpool Arms has some large holes in it which the Department refused to deal with as it was private land. He added that this was not the case and that the Department owns it, which is supported by the fact that they required the removal of a pond from it. Requests that the Department is asked to complete repairs.

PH

c) **PH – 18/11(e)** – Stated that he had attended the meeting with PKF, which was very positive and there had not been any matters of concern raised.

21/11 Private Sessions.

22/11 Planning Applications.

a) Planning Application No 11/00712/B of 24.05.11 in respect of window and door alterations to dwelling at 3 Baldrine Park, Baldrine. *Approved.*

PH

b) Planning Application No 11/00738/B of 26.05.11 in respect of installation of solar panels at Ballamilghyn Cottage, Baldhoon Road, Lonan. *Approved.*

PH

c) Planning Application No 11/00784/B of 08.06.11 in respect of erection of a dwelling with detached garage to replace existing dwelling at The Spinney, Baldrine Hill, Baldrine. (Amends approved 07/00108/B – Refused by LPC). *Approved.*

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23/11 Correspondence.

a) Department of Infrastructure letter of 11.05.11 attaching a questionnaire regarding the Local Government Induction Courses and which seeks to obtain views as to how it could be improved. *A discussion took place from which the Clerk would collate their views and submit to the Department as requested.*

PH

- b) Chris Littler e-mails at 1520 hours on 19.05.11 a quotation for the creation of and training for a Lonan Web site. Unfortunately this does not include a Garff Site. *The Board discussed the proposals and costs contained therein and agreed to proceed with it. SC proposed that the option to train the Clerk to update the site should be taken up and this was seconded by RB. Clerk to contact Mr Littler and instruct him accordingly and invite him to attend a meeting to demonstrate his ideas.* PH
- c) LVC e-mails at 1135 hours on 19.05.11 the GJIC Agenda for 25.05.11; Minutes of GJIC of 09.03.11; Health & Safety ‘Use of Contractors’; UK Guidance on Health & Safety; Use of Contractors ; Our Response. *ND stated that he would examine the documents in detail and report back. (Clerk informed the Board that the next Garff Meeting was on 13th July and that it was Lonans’ turn to chair.)* ND
- d) Letter from Department of Infrastructure of 18.05.11 responding to BB’s letter regarding Cooil Roi selection process and raises questions about the conduct of the Committee following an allegation by a resident of serious malpractice both with regard to the operation of the Committee and the recent selection process for a new Clerk. *A discussion took place during which JF outlined the history behind the complaint.*
- e) Waste Management E-mails at 1535 hours on 26.05.11 with Waste Strategy Consultation for on line submissions before 6th July 2011. *A discussion took place from which the Clerk would collate their views and submit to the Department as requested.* PH
- f) Peel Town Commissioners invitation of 3rd June 2011 to their Civic Sunday Service on Sunday 17th July 2011 at 1100 hours at the Peel Methodist Chapel, Athol Street, Peel. RSVP. *JF stated that he would attend.* PH/JF
- g) Steve Willoughby e-mails at 1146 hours on 31.05.11 details of proposed date of Local Authority Election to be on Thursday 26th April 2012. *Noted. The Clerk reminded the Board about his absence during that period owing to a pre-planned break and that arrangements may need to be made to facilitate the procedure if the election was contested.*
- h) Borough of Douglas submits paper copy of letter of 09.06.11 from Ian Clague regarding the revised Draft ECAS Agreement showing amendments to Clause 5.6 in respect of insurance in the event that the Committee wishes to put the Site out to Tender, and the possibility that it may not be run by the Corporation or Committee. Also comments on Lonan Commissioners views. Comments on the revised Draft are requested as soon as possible. The Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15th June 2011 has been further postponed to Wednesday 29th June 2011 at 1530 hours at the Strathallan Suite. Borough of Douglas letter of 09.06.11 to Mr Wrigley at the Department of Infrastructure regarding the revised ECAS Agreement. *Clerk informed the Board that a Commissioner would need to attend the meeting on 29th June to countersign the Agreement. A discussion took place from which it was established that owing to other engagements that day, no Commissioners was available. The Clerk stated that he was unable to attend. SC suggested that they could sign the document elsewhere, which was agreed.* PH
- i) Consultation on Content Regulation and Digital Radio. The Consultation can be viewed by going to www.ioncc.im. Submissions by Friday 22nd July 2011. *ND outlined the detail of the establishment of Digital Radio and was firmly against the introduction of the said system. He qualified his views by stating that the establishment of the system was not cost effective and provided little or no benefit over the current analogue systems as there were technical difficulties regarding reception owing to the very nature of the island. He believed that if public money was paid towards the National Radio* PH

Station – Manx Radio, on a pure matter of fair trading it would be difficult to see how the private sector could not receive the same assistance. The current financial climate simply could not withstand or justify the outlay and costs and the proposal should be firmly rejected in the public interest. A discussion took place from which the Board supported the views expressed.

- j) Rob Holden e-mails at 2017 hours on 14.06.11 regarding the Isle of Man Cycling Association Lighthouse Challenge to take place on Sunday 4th September 2011 and is an 100 mile ride to the five lighthouses in the Isle of Man. The challenge passes through Lonan and they seek assistance, but what is not stated. Go to www.iomcycling.com for more information. *{Clerks Note: I have been onto their website and it adds nothing to the above}. A discussion took place and the Clerk was requested to establish just exactly what they wanted.* PH
- k) Consultation on Telecom Market reviews which is in relation to fair trading between Manx Telecom and Cable and Wireless regarding charges for handling each other's calls and termination. Consultation can be viewed by going to www.iomcc.im. Submissions before Friday 29th July 2011. *A discussion took place from which the Board unanimously agreed that competition should be opened up without prejudice to the interests of Manx Telecom or other providers.* PH
- l) A Resident in Baldrine Hill writes to Laxey Village Commissioners on 14th June regarding road safety issues in Baldrine at Baldrine Hill in that he requests traffic calming measures, a road narrowing by the bus stop, kerbside white lines and use of electronic speed sign. *{Clerks comment: Calming measures and road narrowing have been discussed with the Department, the White Lines are awaiting action and the issue of the speed sign is one of logistics which has now been resolved and the sign will be in place short}. The Clerk informed the Board that he had replied to this letter outlining the above current state of affairs. Noted.*

24/11 Enforcement Matters.

No current matters.

25/11 Special Agenda Items.

None notified.

26/11 Any Other Business.

- a) PH – Produced information regarding Display Cabinets manufactured by a Company called David Ogilvie which could be considered for the proposed Notice Board at Baldrine Park. *The Board agreed that a quotation should be obtained for the Glass Fronted Cabinet.* PH
{See PEM – 30.09.10 – 56/10(a).}
- b) PH – Informed the Board that the Notice Board at Halfway House had been replaced with a new one. *{See AGM – 10.05.11 – 18/11(b).}*
- c) PH – Informed the Board that a new Dog Bin would be erected in the Bridle Path at Baldrine Road within the next seven days. *{See SM – 19.04.11 – 05/11(q).}*
- d) RB – Updated the Board regarding her meeting with Grace Phillips regarding events in Children's Week, (10th to 17th July), and how the Board could help. She proposed that the Board could sponsor the Laxey & Lonan Tots Group for one week to encourage families with young children to meet socially in this environment. The Cost would be £50.00, which could be shared with Laxey Commissioners if they were participating in the scheme. Alternatively the cost could be born PH

entirely by Lonan. A discussion took place and they agreed in principle to the proposal. The Clerk would find out what Laxey Commissioners were intending and report back to RB for action.

{See SM – 19.04.11 – 05/11(k)}.

- e) **JF** – Confirmed that the Civic Service would take place on Sunday 9th October 2011 at 1100 hours at All Saints Church, Lonan.
- f) **JF** – Asked when the next NTMLG Meeting was as he had not attended for a while. *The Clerk stated that he would keep him informed.* **PH**
- g) **JF** – Reminded the Board that it was customary to invite the new Lieutenant Governor to a visit to the Parish during his first year in Office and they should consider his invitation now. A discussion took place and it was agreed that the most suitable time would be in the third week of September between 20th September and 23rd September. Clerk to write to his Secretary to arrange. **PH**
- h) **ND** – Proposed that a good wishes letter should be sent to Mr Moughtin. This was agreed. **PH**

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1950 hours.

The next Meeting of the Authority will be the Statutory Meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th July 2011 at 1830 hours.