

# Lonan Parish Commissioners

## Statutory Meeting

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 1930 hours in the Laxey Village Commissioners Conference Room.

## MINUTES

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

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

The Meeting commenced at 1940 hours.

### 27/11 Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011.

Action

The Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 were examined for accuracy, and it was agreed that they represented a correct statement of events.

**Proposed by:** SC. **Seconded by:** ND.

### 28/11 Matters Arising out of the Minutes.

- a) **ND – 20/11(b)** – Stated that the potholes still had not been repaired despite approaches to the Department. **PH** stated that he had contacted them and would do so again. **PH**
- b) **SC – 23/11(j)** – Asked what assistance had been requested to which **PH** replied that no assistance was required, it was for information only.
- c) **JF – 23/11(l)** – Stated that he had attended the Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group Meeting and had raised the concerns expressed. They have undertaken to review the matter regarding the Bus Stop. **PH**
- d) **BB – 23/11(i)** – Updated the Board regarding the recent ECAS Meeting and confirmed that the next meeting would be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 2.00 pm at the Strathallan Suite. **PH** referred to an e-mail received today in which a request had been made to establish from the Members their views about frequency, attendance and method of communication in respect of the Committee. *A discussion took place and it was proposed that the meetings should be quarterly, any member should attend as well as the Clerk and communication should be to the Commissioners' Office.* **PH**
- e) **SC – 26/11(a)** – Considered that the cost of the unit was high and this view was echoed by the other Members. **PH** explained that the current sign at Church Road had cost approximately £500.00 some six years ago and was not in particularly good condition now. He added that realistically to replace this with like for like would probably now cost nearer £1000.00 and the value of this stand-alone, galvanised, painted steel unit, that had longevity and good appearance would seem to be good value. **SC** asked if a substantial discount could be obtained by purchasing two units, one of which could replace the Church Road Board. A full discussion took place at the conclusion of which it was determined that they would go ahead with the purchase of the stand-alone unit for Baldrine Park. **Proposed by SC and Seconded by ND.** **PH**
- f) **JF – 26/11(g)** – Asked about the invitation to the Lieutenant Governor. **PH** advised the Board that the only two available dates this year were 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November. A discussion took place and **ND** proposed that the visit should be postponed until the Spring and that the most suitable period would be either week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> March or 16<sup>th</sup> April. This was agreed. **PH**

- g) **PH – 26/11(h)** – Informed the Board that Mr Moughtin was out of hospital and now recovering well at home.

**29/11 Private Sessions.**

**30/11 Planning Applications.**

- a) Planning Application No 11/00933/B of 27.06.11 in respect of erection of a replacement dwelling with associated landscape works at Ashwood, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine. *The Board approved in principle this development subject to clarification about the agricultural tie that exists on the current property and the fact that there is no indication in the application that it had been sought to remove this or to continue its occupancy for the purposes of agriculture.*

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**31/11 Correspondence.**

- a) Department of Infrastructure letter of 20.06.11 regarding Consultation on Proposals to Increase the Extent of Permitted Development for Householders and Government Departments. Can be viewed on line at [www.gov.im/transport/planning/plan/devconsultation.xml](http://www.gov.im/transport/planning/plan/devconsultation.xml). *A full discussion took place regarding the proposals contained therein and various proposals were made, including notification by an applicant as to their intentions and limitations on applications made without having to obtain planning permission.*

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- b) Jon Grubb e-mails Moore Stephens at 1550 hours on 04.07.11 with list of Rate Arrears as at 31.03.11. The total amount owed is £3762.35. *Noted.*

- c) Consultation on the Legal Aid (Amendment) Bill 2011. *Noted.*

- d) Consultation on Word on the Street – ‘Keep Mann Tidy’ Questionnaire. Subs by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011. *Agreed that this could be done by way of individual submission.*

- f) Mrs Clayton of Lower Ballachrink, Abbey Lane, Lonan writes on 11.07.11 to request that a street nameplate is erected at Abbey Lane at the j/w with Ballaragh Road. *A discussion took place and it was agreed that they would supply the said required sign.*

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*Proposed by ND and Seconded by RB.*

**32/11 Enforcement Matters.**

*None current.*

**33/11 Special Agenda Items.**

*None notified.*

**34/11 Any Other Business.**

- a) **PH** – Explained the current position regarding the Lonan Website and the Board adjourned to the Laxey Village Commissioners Office to view the Site. The Board selected their preferred Font layout and Logo.

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- b) **RB** – Expressed her concerns about the use of Local Authority Housing for self-catering purposes

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and a discussion took place. **ND** stated that Homestay was permitted in some circumstances but it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Department of Social Care regarding this matter to establish their stand point and whether it was an appropriate use of public sector housing.

**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2050 hours.**

**The next Meeting of the Authority will be the Statutory Meeting to be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011 at 1830 hours.**