

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 7th July 2009 at 7.00p.m.

Present	Mr. R Gimbert (Chairman) Mr. E C Beale Mrs. T M Birkett Ms. P Hardman Mr. A Jones Mr. D J Lace Mrs. C A Moughtin Mr. I Skidmore
Apologies	Mrs. J O'Halloran
In attendance	Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME

09/130 The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting and reported that the recent "Meet the Commissioners" day on 27th June 2009 had attracted a steady stream of visitors to discuss various items concerning the Town. It was also noted that additional resources had been allocated for grass cutting on Peel Hill and the headlands. The Chairman referred to a meeting with representatives from the Bus Company and it was noted that a joint statement over the services to Ballawattleworth Estate would be issued. The Chairman also indicated that a meeting had been held with the Vicar of St. German's and the Wardens on 30th June 2009 when the long term plans for the development of the church, grounds and Corrin Hall were discussed. These plans would give Peel a major asset and the Commissioners were supportive of the church and its Wardens over their plans. In conclusion the Chairman indicated that the recent Viking Festival had been a success and he wished to extend his thanks to the organisers. It was also noted that Peel had enjoyed a visit from the Kings Own Division Military Band on the afternoon of Tynwald Day when they performed on the Promenade. The Chairman wished to extend his thanks to

the President of Tynwald.

MINUTES	09/131	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 th June 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
BMX TRACK	09/132	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/101 and indicated that the new litter bin had not yet been installed at the BMX track on the headlands field. <i>NOTED</i>	TQ
SCHOOL VISIT	09/133	Mr. Jones referred back to Minute 09/102 and indicated that no response had been received from the school with regard to a possible meeting. <i>NOTED</i>	AJ
STREET LIGHTING	09/134	Mr. Lace enquired whether the hooding of the street light in Market Street had been completed. The Town Clerk undertook to liaise with the Technical Officer over this matter.	PGL/TQ
PEELONLINE	09/135	It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk remind Members and liaise with Mr. Chris Littler over the provision of Commissioners details for display on the Peelonline website.	
HOVERCRAFT LANDING – PEEL	09/136	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/126 and indicated that Gregg Memorials Limited had quoted a price of £197.80 to replace the worn out stone memorial on the beach wall. It was <i>AGREED</i> to proceed with a replacement plaque marking the first hovercraft landing on the Isle of Man.	PGL
CREEK INN	09/137	Reference was made back to Minute 09/129 and the Town Clerk indicated that a decision was still awaited from the Department of Local Government and the Environment regarding the application to place table and chairs outside the public house. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a reminder be sent to the Department for a decision.	PGL
OAK ROAD	09/138	The Chairman referred to a proposal that a request be made to the Department of Transport to designate Oak Road as a home zone. This would entail the area being made a 20mph speed limit zone. <i>AGREED</i>	
LAND REGISTRY	09/139	At the request of the Chairman it was <i>AGREED</i> to write to the Registrar at the	PGL

		Land Registry seeking automatic consultation on any requests for possessory title within Peel.	
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	09/140	Members considered two draft Orders regarding the making of a No Waiting area on sections of East Quay, Peel and an Order creating a reserved parking space at 7 Marine Parade, Peel. The Members had no objection to the draft Orders.	
CABLE REEF TRIALS – PORT ERIN	09/141	Members considered a consultation document issued by the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry over the proposed installation of a number of small structures on the seabed in Port Erin Bay to assess the suitability of redundant marine cables as a reef structure. Concerns were voiced over the possibility of such structures causing an obstruction and on the basis that the trial was closely monitored Members had no objection.	Letter sent
PLOT OF LAND BALLAWATTLEWORTH	09/142	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Mark Spiers of 1 Fuchsia Avenue, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel who was interested in either renting or purchasing a plot of land alongside his garden. It was his intention to level the land to the height of his property and enclose it with greenery. The matter was discussed and Members opposed the sale of public open spaces alongside properties which would result in a loss of open space to the general public. By a majority it was agreed that the request be <i>REFUSED</i> .	Letter sent
HEDGE CUTTING	09/143	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Department of Transport, Maintenance Engineer regarding the Departments hedge cutting regime. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a copy of the letter be sent to Mr. Denis Quayle of Ballaquane Park for his information.	
PAVEMENTS	09/144	Members noted receipt of a response from the Department of Transport, Area Maintenance Engineer regarding concerns over the state of some pavements in Peel where the edges were crumpling due to possible heavy weights of HGV vehicles.	

NOTED

- PLAY AREAS 09/145 Members considered a letter from Master Jakob Hewer of Mona Street, Peel who had requested that the Commissioners give consideration to the provision of additional play area facilities in or near the Mona Street area. Reference had been made in Master Hewer's letter over the alleged bullying of younger children. Concern was expressed if this was taking place. It was *AGREED* that there were limited opportunities to provide additional facilities in the area concerned. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Canon Godfrey with a suggestion that as part of the regeneration of the Cathedral grounds whether some facilities for play facilities could be included. Letters sent
- SEAGULLS 09/146 Members noted receipt of a letter of reply from Doctor Richard Selman the Senior Wildlife and Conservation Officer of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry regarding advice on the matter of problem seagulls. The main thrust of the letter centred on the need to not to feed seagulls. More severe measures such as killing gulls could be undertaken under licence from the Department but in the first instance a initiative to publicise the fact that seagulls should not be fed was favoured. It was suggested that notices could be erected in the worst affected areas. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that with the demise of coal fires gulls were now nesting in empty chimneys and unless the nests were removed the problem would continue to grow. She urged householders to ensure that nests were removed from flat roofs and chimneys to prevent the growth of the gull population. It was *AGREED* that various preventative measures mentioned by Doctor Selman be included in the next edition of the Commissioners newsletter.
- BEACH CROSS - PEEL 09/147 Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks from the Secretary to the Ramsey Motorcycle Club which had held a beach cross event in Peel during TT Week. The event had raised more than £800 for the RNLI. *NOTED* A request had been made for a similar event

during Manx Grand Prix Week on 3rd September 2009. It was *AGREED* to permit such an event.

TOWN HALL GROUNDS	09/148	Members noted a receipt of a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Quine regarding their appreciation of the work done by the Commissioners gardeners in making the Town Hall grounds and hanging baskets look especially attractive. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the letter be copied to the staff concerned.	done
GOLDEN JUBILEE TRUST	09/149	Consideration was given to a request from Inspector Britton for use of Fenella Beach on 20 th September 2009 for a Western Youth Community Competition. <i>AGREED</i> . Mr. Jones indicated that he would be involved with the event.	PGL
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST	09/150	Members noted receipt of a second supplemental valuation list from the Treasury for the district of Peel.	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	09/151	<p>The following planning applications were considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA 09/00938 Alterations and extensions to dwelling house (comprising amendments to PA 08/02326), The Vicarage, Albany Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA 09/01071 Change of front elevation windows and front door, 14 Stanley Mount, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA 09/00985 Erection of a first floor conservatory over existing flat roof extension and installation of an additional window on approved first extension (PA 08/010052) to rear elevation of dwelling, Crofton, Tynwald Road, Peel. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that this was the third planning application in a short period in respect of Crofton and that whilst nothing had been undertaken with the first two applications this third set of plans were more elaborate with significant changes and overlooking the adjacent rear gardens. In addition the conservatory had no outside access opening. On this basis it was agreed that a recommendation for refusal be sent to the Planning Department.</p>	PGL

PLANNING DECISIONS 09/152
NOTIFIED

The following decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 09/00600/B Erection of a replacement conservatory, Ballawattleworth House, Tynwald Road, Peel for David and Elizabeth McLean. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00499/B Installation of roof light, dormer and replacement roof slates, Thie Aaylee, 4 Castle Street, Peel for Miss Helen Fitzgerald. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00606/B Alterations to accommodation on first and second floors to rear of property to form two self contained apartments, Kimberley House, 2 Marine Parade, Peel for Mrs. Michelle Burrow. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00591/B Alterations and extensions to dwelling 18 Ballellis, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for James Peter Woodall. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00182/B Installation of replacement windows and door to front elevation, 5 Michael Street, Peel for Mr. Malcolm Jeffrey Wells. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00458/R Erection of a replacement shed, 17 Circular Road, Peel for Mrs. Kim Sumner. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00624/B Erection of fencing on front boundary wall, 9 Factory Lane, Peel for Rappell Limited. *REFUSED*

WEED CONTROL

09/153

Mr. Jones referred to complaints he had received regarding the growth of weeds around the Town including the Castle Street gardens, the car parks at Ballawattleworth and Derby Road together with the headlands. Where such land was under the control of the Commissioners efforts would be made to apply weed control. With regard to other areas around the Town it was *AGREED* to raise the matter with the Department of Transport.

PGL/TQ

PEEL BROCHURE	09/154	The Town Clerk referred to the popularity of the Peel Town leaflet which now required a reprint. It was <i>AGREED</i> that 3000 copies of the brochure be ordered at a cost of £370 from Mr. Vic Bates.	Order made
SWINE FLU	09/155	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Director of Public Health at the Department of Health and Social Security regarding four presentations over the swine flu pandemic and its likely effect on businesses. It was <i>AGREED</i> the Town Clerk attend one of the presentations scheduled for either 22 nd July or 27 th July 2009.	PGL
GRACE THIRD WORLD FUND	09/156	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from the Chairman of the Grace Third World Fund to attend a presentation on behalf of the charity on the 20 th August 2009 at 8.00p.m. at Peel Golf Club. <i>NOTED</i>	
COMMISSIONERS GARAGES	09/157	Ms. Hardman requested the distribution of a waiting list of applicants for garages from the Commissioners. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this be circulated to Members in due course.	PGL
JET SKIS	09/158	Ms. Hardman expressed her concern at the problem of jet skis in Peel Bay and the danger to other boat users and swimmers. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to Captain Brew raising this issue and the need for appropriate warning notices. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be discussed as an agenda item at a future meeting.	Letter sent
TRAAIE FOGOG	09/159	Ms. Hardman indicated that there was an excess of broken glass at the Traaie Fogog beach. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the area be cleaned and that it also be referred to Police as it would appear that young people were drinking in the area.	PGL
JUNE NEWSLETTER	09/160	Mrs. Moughtin referred to an email she had received from Mrs. Sweeney regarding the less than expected standard of grammar in the newsletter prepared by the Chairman. In addition she had queried why matters relating to IRIS and the Western Civic Amenity Sites had warranted such coverage in the newsletter which while relevant to the West were not particularly centred on Peel. The	

Chairman responded that the IRIS and Civic Amenity Site were important and impacted on the residents of Peel. It was *AGREED* that the next newsletter concentrate more fully on specific Peel issues. Mrs. Birkett indicated that she would help prepare the next newsletter.

VOLLEY BALL NET	09/161	Mr. Lace referred to complaints he had received from residents regarding the removal of the volley ball net on Peel beach over the weekend. The Chairman indicated that he had instructed the Technical Officer to remove the net following a request from the Health and Safety Officer of the Viking Festival indicating that it would impact upon the beach landing for the festival. It was noted that six other complaints had also been received at the Town Hall regarding this matter.	
PUBLIC MEETING	09/162	The Chairman indicated that there was a request for a further “Meet the Commissioners” session during an evening. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a date be allocated in due course.	Date required
PEEL MASTERPLAN	09/163	The Chairman referred to the regeneration plans prepared by McGarrigle & Jackson and requested that the plans be placed on line for information of the public.	PGL
IRIS TREATMENT WORKS	09/164	The Chairman referred to the meeting arranged with the Minister for the Department of Transport, Mr. D Anderson, MHK, scheduled for 23 rd July 2009. He expressed his extreme disappointment that before the meeting the Minister would be placing the Department’s proposal’s for the Regional Sewer Treatment Strategy to the sitting of Tynwald on the 14 th July 2009. This appeared to make a mockery of the idea of consultation with the Commissioners and the Chairman expressed his extreme disappointment at the apparent disregard shown to the local authority by the Department.	Letters sent

At the request of Mr. Jones it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Minister, Mr. Anderson expressing the Commissioners

concerns over the lack of meaningful consultation and also request Mr. Crookall, MHK to raise the matter in Tynwald on 14th July 2009.

SHORE ROAD
CONVENIENCES

09/165 It was agreed that when major events in the Town were taking place the Shore Road toilets should be left open until 10.00p.m. at the latest. *AGREED*

SHOPRITE

09/166 The Chairman declared an interest and took no further part in this discussion. This item was chaired by the Vice-Chairman Ms. Hardman. Members considered the documentation sent to them by the Town Clerk and *AGREED* that there was a need for clarification over the access issues from Derby Road. It was *AGREED* that a meeting with Mr. Nicholson of Shoprite Limited would be of benefit for reassurance over the Derby Road access. It was *AGREED* to request a meeting with Mr. Nicholson. Date requested

This part of the meeting ended at 8.20p.m.