

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a BOARD MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	08/592	The Chairman welcomed the Press to her last meeting and wished to thank her fellow Members and all staff for their hard work over the past year. In particular she wished to extend special thanks to the new Members of the Board.
MINUTES	08/593	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th April 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
WARD LIBRARY REPORT	08/594	The Ward Library report including the annual statistics for the period April 2008 to March 2009 was noted. Mrs. Horton indicated that the membership numbers were holding up well and the library was going from strength to strength. The Town Clerk referred to the need for the outside to be repainted and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter would have to be undertaken in due course. In conclusion Mrs. Horton wished to extend her thanks to the Board for their cooperation during her recent circumstances. The Chairman concluded by indicating her thanks to the librarian for all her hard work during the past year.

LEECE MUSEUM REPORT	08/595	Mr. Baker the Curator presented the Leece Museum Report copies of which were tabled. It was noted that a TT exhibition would be organised once more and Mr. Baker referred to improvements that would be carried out to the black hole dungeon which would entail audio equipment to replicate Court scenes from years gone by. The Chairman thanked the Curator for all his hard work over the past year.
		Mr. Baker and Mrs. Horton left the meeting at 7.15p.m.
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN	08/596	It was confirmed that revised traffic management plan was still awaited from staff at the Department of Transport. <i>NOTED</i>
SOLAR STREET LIGHTING	08/597	Mr. Gimbert indicated that a report to be submitted to the Department of Local Government and the Environment was to be prepared by himself and the Technical Officer in due course. <i>NOTED</i>
HEALTH SERVICE STRATEGY	08/598	Reference was made back to Minute 08/584 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that Members comments on the consultation be forwarded to the Town Clerk for onward transmission to the Department.
WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE	08/599	Members noted a cost comparison sheet prepared by the Finance Officer should the running costs increase due to the need to increase man power coverage. Discussion ensued over the improvements which were to be funded from Central Government and in this respect Mr. Gimbert indicated that Tynwald approval for the expansion was awaited. Mr. Lace expressed his concern over proposed changes to the working establishment. However, Mr. Gimbert indicated that it was a requirement under Health and Safety provisions.
		The Chairman indicated that the matter of the Civic Amenity Site required discussion at a special meeting and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a date be arranged in due course.
		Mr. Beale arrived at 7.25p.m.
BUILDING CONTROL	08/600	Reference was made back to Minute 08/566 and it was noted that a date was required to meet with the Minister and Chief Executive of the

Department of Local Government and the Environment to discuss the future of the building control function.

STREET LIGHTING 08/601 Reference was made to the property adjacent to the former Co-op Store in Market Street which required a hood on the street light to prevent ingress of excessive light to the property owner.
AGREED

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 08/602 Members noted three Orders from the Department of Transport as follows:-
1) Fenella Beach Car Park (Peel) (Disabled Persons Vehicles Parking Places) (Order) 2009 – this provided for the provision of two disabled parking spaces on Fenella Beach car park.
2) Market Street (Peel) (Temporary Closure) Order 2009 – this Order prohibited vehicular traffic from proceeding on a section of Market Street, Peel whilst crane lifting work took place on the 27th April 2009.
3) Peel (Various Roads) (Reserved Parking Places) (Revocation) Order 2009 – this draft Order referred to the removal of a reserved parking place on a section of Stanley Road, Peel. Members had no objection and it was *AGREED* to advise the Department of Transport accordingly.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace referred to three trailers with canoes parking in Fenella Beach for significant periods of time and taking up excessive numbers of parking spaces. It was *AGREED* that this matter be raised at the next Western Traffic Management meeting.

ROAD TRANSPORT 08/603 Members considered the request for consultation under the proposed legislative changes to the Road Transport Act 2001. Members supported the phasing out of taxi plates to prevent an unofficial value being place on such taxi plates. The Chairman tabled her written remarks to the questionnaire which would be forwarded to the Department.

ENTERTAINMENT 08/604 Members noted receipt of the mixed response to views sought from other local authorities with regard to a proposed increase in the
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entertainment rate. Mr. Gimbert indicated that whilst small authorities tended to do little such residents nevertheless came to Peel to enjoy for example the firework display which obviously cost the residents of the Town but not those living outside the town boundary.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

08/605

The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

PA 09/00494/B Erection of a garage/utility extension to side elevation 1 Poplar Close, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00499/B Installation of roof light dormer and replacement roof slates, Thie Aaylet, 4 Castle Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00517/B Demolition of existing outbuildings to rear elevation, creation of rear entrance gate and replace rear door with window, 35 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00521/B Residential development of 43 dwellings, including roads, drainage infrastructure and public open space, parts of fields 315097, 311825 and 311826 adjoining Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel. It was *AGREED* that as the Board was scheduled to meet with Mr. McLoughlin of Heritage Homes the following night that comment be reserved until that time.

PA 09/02202/B Extension with roof terrace to rear elevation, 22 Patrick Street, (re-advertised due to amended plans received). Concern was voiced at the safety aspect of the front of this property and it was *AGREED* that this be referred to the Planning Committee accordingly.

PA 09/00426/B ELDERLY PERSONS
ACCOMMODATION –
ATHOLL STREET

08/606

Members considered a letter from Mr. Irving of Street Heritage Limited concerning the Commissioners comments submitted to the Planning Committee regarding the retention of the front façade of the properties 13-15 Atholl Street. It was *AGREED* to respond to Mr. Irving with the Board's view that the front façade be retained as opposed to total demolition as sought by Street Heritage

Limited.

PA 09/00301/B TESCO STORE	08/607	Members noted receipt of a copy letter from Castletown Commissioners to the Planning Committee concerning the proposed extension by Tesco Limited with regard to its store in Douglas. The comments of Castletown Commissioners were noted and Mr. Gimbert expressed his support for the stance adopted by Castletown Commissioners and indicated that the matter was scheduled to be considered by the Council of Ministers. Comments were made as to the need to retain town centres and also as to the excessive buying power of major companies which resulted in lower prices to producers. Mr. Lace indicated his support for a bigger store as it would enable the provision of a wider range of services and also increase employment opportunities. It was recommended that no comment be made on the application and this was carried with Mr. Gimbert registering his objection.
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK	08/608	Consideration was given to a request from Pauline Davenport of Christian Aid Week concerning a distribution of envelopes from house to house during the Christian Aid Week 10 th – 16 th May 2009. It was also requested that students from the QE11 School be permitted to “busk” outside the Shoprite Store in Michael Street with Christian Aid tins and stickers on 16 th May 2009. <i>AGREED</i>
FORMER RAILWAY LINE	08/609	Mr. Lace referred to the former railway line between Peel and St. Johns and indicated that ditch work was required to alleviate the muddy path in various locations particularly at the Red Dub. Mr. Lace undertook to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group.
PEEL HILL	08/610	Reference was made by Mr. Lace to the condition of the trees at the Royal British Legion Memorial site on Peel Hill and that some maintenance work was required. <i>AGREED</i>
FACTORY LANE	08/611	Mrs. Moughtin referred to the demolition of the property in Factory Lane owned by Mr. Morgan. As a result vehicles were parking on the demolished area and the edge of the road had given way. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter

be raised with the Department of Transport as the road at this location was falling away.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH 08/612
ESTATE

Mr. Skidmore referred to the establishment of bus routes at Ballawattleworth Estate and indicated whether any consultation exercise had been undertaken. It was noted that the route incorporated an extension of the skipper run and that there was no specific bus stop provided. It was *AGREED* that this could be discussed at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Committee.

Arising therefrom Mr. Beale indicated that the reduction in height of the speed humps had resulted in them being less effective in preventing vehicles travelling at too great a speed. It was noted that this area was a 20mph home zone and would need policing by the Constabulary if there was a perceived problem.

SUN FLOWER CUP 08/613

Mr. Gimbert indicated that an appropriate cup had been picked out by Mrs. Cain and that Mr. Gimbert had provided the sunflower seeds for the two schools (QE11 and Clothworkers) to undertake a competition which would be judged by Mrs. Cain later in the year when the cup would be presented.

PEEL HERITAGE TRUST 08/614

Mr. Gimbert tabled a three page summary of the recent "Meet the Commissioners" event organised by Peel Heritage Trust. It was noted that a letter of thanks had been received from Mrs. Quine, Secretary of the Trust for the attendance of the Commissioners. The various points discussed at the meeting were reviewed by the Members and would be taken further where appropriate.

PEEL BEACH 08/615

Mr. Gimbert referred to the work under contract of the JCB digger on Peel Beach moving the sand further down. He expressed his concern that the area where the digger was working had not been cordoned off to prevent a possible incident with children. It was *AGREED* that clear instructions be given to the Technical Officer that appropriate measures under a risk assessment be followed in future.

BALLAQUANE ROAD 08/616

Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks from Mrs. Quine addressed to the work force

regarding the work done on the seat at Ballaquane.

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