

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Present                    Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)  
                                 Mr. E C Beale  
                                 Mrs. T M Birkett  
                                 Mr. N Cushing  
                                 Mr. R Gimbert  
                                 Mr. A Jones  
                                 Mrs. J O'Halloran  
                                 Mr. D J Lace  
                                 Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance            Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/029	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the second Board meeting of May 2010.
MINUTES	10/030	The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
WARD LIBRARY	10/031	The Town Clerk advised that the Technical Officer's costing for repainting the Ward Library had been contained within a property maintenance schedule considered at the previous night's meeting. <i>NOTED</i> It was <i>AGREED</i> at the next Board meeting to arrange a rolling programme of maintenance on the Commissioners property suitably prioritised. In the meantime it was <i>AGREED</i> that the flower beds in front of the Town Hall be tidied up and that the Town Hall frontage be steam cleaned.
OAK ROAD	10/032	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/008 and confirmed that a response from the Planning Department regarding the operation at the Lhergydhoo quarry was awaited. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a reminder be sent. It was further noted that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Gawne, MHK Minister for the Department of Infrastructure on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00p.m. Matters to be discussed included planning enforcement.

DOUGLAS STREET CAR PARK	10/033	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/010 and indicated that both the Co-op and Shoprite had verbally responded to the delivery requirements for the Michael Street stores. The Co-op required five days per week during a morning period and Shoprite required deliveries on Monday, Wednesday and Friday hopefully between 11.00a.m. and 2.30p.m. It was noted that a response from the Brewery was still awaited.	
HARBOUR ELECTRICAL POWER POINTS	10/034	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/011 and indicated that Captain Brew had referred the issue over the condition of the electrical power points on Peel Quay to Captain Best for action and a response. Members were of the view that not only was the condition of the power points a health and safety issue it was also an embarrassment and that they should be repaired prior to the summer season.	
SKATEBOARD PARK	10/035	Mrs. O'Halloran referred back to Minute 10/013 and reported on the recent meeting with the youths of Peel lead by Mr. Nicky Morgan regarding a plan for a revised skateboard park. Mr. Morgan had prepared a plan and had sought public interest on the matter via facebook internet site. Mrs. O'Halloran confirmed that a further meeting had been scheduled for the following week. Upon enquiry from Mr. Gimbert the Town Clerk confirmed that costings were being prepared to renew the flood lighting at the skateboard park.	J O'H
PEEL DAY	10/036	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/023 and reported that a further meeting had been held with Mr. Gale of Switched On Entertainments Limited earlier in the week. It was noted that as a result the local licensees objecting to the music and liquor licence for a beer tent at the Creg Malin that Bushy's had subsequently withdrawn its application. Mr. Gale had indicated that as a result of a loss of an income stream the level of entertainment would be reduced. Members discussed the matter and felt that the planning of the event by Switched On Entertainment was somewhat late in the day and it was too late for local publicans to become involved as Mr. Gale had offered earlier in the month.	

The Town Clerk reported that the revised road closure Order had been applied for which would entail the Promenade being closed from the cliff face to the Empire Garage Showroom only. Access and parking would be available on the remainder of the Promenade. Mr. Gimbert expressed concern over pedestrian safety on the Promenade if vehicles were able to travel along it and use it for parking.

IRIS PLANT WALL  
CLOCK 10/037

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/027 and produced a brochure from Hawkins Clock Company which provided outside wall clocks. It was *AGREED* that Members give consideration to the type and style of clock required prior to a price being obtained.

TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ISSUES 10/038

Reference was made back to Minute 10/028 and the Town Clerk and Mr. Beale indicated that they had attended the recent Western Traffic Management Liaison Group meeting when the road safety issue on the Ramsey Road near to the Lhergydhoo Quarry had been raised. Reference was also made to the emergency access issues at Victoria Terrace. It was noted that the Manx Electricity Authority had *AGREED* to realign the electricity poles back from the edge of the pavement. Mr. Lace indicated that the other requirement was for the camber of the road to be reduced and for it to be widened to enable access by emergency vehicles.

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Mr. Gimbert referred to the pelican crossing in Derby Road and indicated that it was still operating erratically. It was *AGREED* that a request be made to Mr. Almond of the Department of Infrastructure to meet with Mr. Gimbert on site to discuss the issue.

The Town Clerk indicated that the Peel Traffic Plan would be available for discussion with the Department from September 2010.

PROMENADE  
SHELTERS 10/039

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/015 and indicated that the Board had originally provided £20,000 to replace the four Promenade shelters. It was subsequently budgeted to be done in house at a reduced

cost of £12,000 and as a result funding would be available to replace the fourth shelter at Marine Parade. The Town Clerk indicated that this was not the case as two years ago the original estimate had been given at £30,000 for a replacement programme. A subsequent Board decision to refurbish the shelters had resulted in that years budget being reduced to £12,000 for this specific item. There were no additional funds available to replace the existing shelter.

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| REAYRT NY<br>KEYLLEY | 10/040 | Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/020 and indicated that whilst residents were seeking rate reductions for disturbance due to the adjacent development that the Commissioners should not look to adopt the public open spaces within the estate until the road had been adopted by the Department of Infrastructure. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be raised with Mr. McLoughlin at a meeting to be held on 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2010.  | PGL |
| LEECE MUSEUM         | 10/041 | The Town Clerk confirmed that work had commenced to replace the central heating radiators at the Leece Museum.   |     |
| MICHAEL STREET       | 10/042 | Discussion ensued over the proposal that Michael Street be pedestrianised. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that the road closure for Michael Street which was currently in two segments from 11.00a.m. to 1.00p.m. and from 3.00p.m. to 4.30p.m. be amended to provide one single closure to traffic from 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. In addition it was recommended that the Department of Infrastructure look to provide a digital sign which would aid motorists in realising when the road was closed to vehicles. Finally it was further <i>AGREED</i> to request that thirty minute disc parking be incorporated for Atholl Place and Market Place. The Town Clerk indicated that the Department would be requested to consider these matters accordingly. | PGL |
| TYNWALD HILL         | 10/043 | Members considered a consultation on the draft Tynwald Hill Bill. Mr. Cushing indicated that in his opinion the legislation was unnecessary as there was already adequate legalisation involving criminal damage. Whilst it was appreciated that Tynwald Hill was a national monument there  |     |

was a general feeling that the proposed Bill was not necessary. It was *AGREED* that Members had no objection to the Bill being promoted and had no comment to make.

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| ISLAND IN BLOOM        | 10/044 | The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Department of Economic Development which indicated that the Island in Bloom competition would no longer be held by Isle of Man Tourism due to budget constraints. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter of regret be sent to the Department indicating that it was deemed to be counterproductive and that reconsideration of the decision be given.   |     |
| RATE OBJECTION         | 10/045 | Members noted receipt of a request for a rate appeal in respect of 6 Campion Close Reayrt ny Keylley due to disturbance through the adjacent development. Mrs. Birkett indicated that the loss of rate income as a result of development should be sought from the developers. The Chairman indicated that this would be raised with Mr. McLoughlin at the meeting scheduled for the following week.   |     |
| TT SIGNAGE             | 10/046 | Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Gimbert for fifteen Shoprite directional signs to be placed on lampposts around the Town. Mr. Gimbert declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussion. Mr. Jones referred to the practice in Douglas whereby such requests attracted a £10 per sign charge with suitable conditions on the type size and fittings to ensure the lampposts and other poles were properly protected. Mr. Lace and Mrs. Birkett were opposed to the request as they felt there was a proliferation of signage around the Town. Following discussion Mr. Jones proposed that a fee be charged with suitable conditions for these types of requests which was seconded by Mrs. Birkett. After a vote the policy was approved for charging to be made in this respect. Mr. Lace wished to record his objection to the matter. It was <i>AGREED</i> that £10 per sign would be a suitable fee. |     |
| MENTAL HEALTH ROADSHOW | 10/047 | Consideration was given to a request from the Department of Social Care regarding an All Island road show from the 16 <sup>th</sup> August to 20 <sup>th</sup> August. It was noted that the road show would be in Peel for a half day during this   | PGL |

period and a request had been made to set up the road show. The request had been for the harbour area near to the new footbridge. However after discussion it was recommended that the road show set up on the Market Place and it was *AGREED* to advise the Department accordingly.

BREAST CANCER TREASURE HUNT	10/048	Consideration was given to a request from Marianne Brew of the Promenade Kiosk to hold a buried treasure hunt and sandcastle competition on the beach on 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2010. After discussion permission was granted accordingly.	PGL
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PLANNING APPLICATION FOR COMMENT	10/049	The following planning applications were considered as follows:-	PGL
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PA 10/00570 Erection of one set of pedestal mounted binoculars, Peel Breakwater. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/00630 Change of Use from restaurant to a mixed use comprising restaurant and takeaway, The Quayside Restaurant, East Quay, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/00583 Proposed lift with ramped entrance Westlands Elderly Persons Complex, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/00619 Erection of garden shed, 2 Fenella Terrace, Peel. Members commented that this planning application was in respect of a property owned by the Commissioners and in respect of which the tenant had not sought Commissioners approval for a garden shed despite indicating to the contrary on the planning application. It was *AGREED* that a letter recommending refusal on the grounds that the land owner had not given permission be made.

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	10/050	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-	
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PA 10/00300/B Erection of rear boundary fencing and new footpath, Queen Elizabeth 11 High School, Douglas Road, Peel for Department of Education Works Division. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/00407/B Installation of replacement windows to front and rear elevations, 34 Douglas Street, Peel for Jenny Harrison. *APPROVED*

POSTAL  
ADDRESSES  
REAYRT NY  
CRONK

10/051

Consideration was given to a letter and plan from Heritage Homes Limited suggesting names for the three new roads within the estate being developed at Rearyt Ny Cronk. Heritage Homes Limited had suggested Laurel Drive, Linden Crescent and Heather Drive. Members discussed the suggestion and felt that the road names should relate to Manx names for birds. It was suggested that this could be considered at the meeting the following week with Mr. McLoughlin when the three roads could be named.

PA 09/01665/R ON  
APPEAL

10/052

Members noted receipt of an Appeal hearing date scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in respect of an Appeal against refusal for the erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation of 10 Ballagyr Park, Peel by Mr. Ian Andrew McLean. *NOTED* It was confirmed that there would be no attendance at this meeting by a Commissioner.

PARKING ON  
NORTH VIEW

10/053

The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had received from a Mrs. Kennedy of 44 Glenfaba Road expressing concern at the parking of large vehicles including a motor home on North View. As a result the visibility from the North View back lane had been impaired and the parking on North View was causing an obstruction to through traffic. Members had sympathy with Mrs. Kennedy's concerns and it was *AGREED* that the matter be raised with Inspector Campbell at the next meeting of the Police. One suggestion by Mrs. Kennedy was supported by Mrs. Birkett with regard to reducing garden areas on North View Commissioners properties to provide off road parking. Mr. Gimbert suggested that the Department of Infrastructure should make the parking limited to Class A vehicles only. It was *AGREED* that this request be made to the Department.

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10/054

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Chairman of the Vikings of Mann Re-enactment Society. It was noted that a re-

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enactment festival was being planned for Peel beach and Peel Castle for the period 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011. Permission was sought to build a fort which would contain ten tents on Peel beach near to the corner with the footbridge. The period involved would be 18<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> July – a three week period which would include the building and removal of the fort. Mr. Lace objected to a three week period being given over to a tented Viking camp. After discussion it was *AGREED* in principle that permission be given and that in the meantime Mrs. O’Halloran, Lead Member of Recreation meet with the Chairman of the Society.

The Town Clerk also indicated that the Society would look to provide a small tented Viking camp in the campsite overflow field for six to eight Vikings tents over the period 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Members had no objection to this request which would also include an area of the beach being cordoned off for battle training. The Society would also seek donations via a bucket collection to go towards the 2011 festival.

1 WILLOW CLOSE PEEL	10/055	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Henley of 1 Willow Close, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. Mr. & Mrs. Henley were seeking to extend their house due to the expansion of their family and had requested that the Commissioners sell the roadside verge alongside the gable of their house to enable an extension to be built. Members discussed the matter and <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners had a policy of not selling such areas of land within estates and it was agreed to advise Mr. & Mrs. Henley accordingly.	PGL
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RAMSEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB	10/056	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. John Watterson, Organising Secretary to Ramsey Motorcycle Club regarding the proposed TT motorcross event to be held on Peel beach on the evening of TT Race Week, 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2010. It was <i>AGREED</i> that permission be given for the event as in previous years.	PGL
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MANX FISH TRAILER BUSINESS	10/057	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Anthony Barrow of 24 Douglas Street, Peel who wished to open up a food trailer business selling Manx fish, pickles and pate from an area of land alongside his property in Douglas Street, Peel. Members noted that this would entail the siting of a mobile food trailer in a residential area alongside the Commissioners Douglas Street car park. Members felt that this was inappropriate and agreed to <i>REFUSE</i> the request accordingly.	
HEADLANDS DAISY PATH	10/058	Upon enquiry from Mr. Gimbert the Town Clerk confirmed that the daisy path had been cut back and maintained. <i>NOTED</i>	
HARBOUR FOOTBRIDGE	10/059	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to criticisms she had received from boat owners concerning the Harbour Divisions change to the opening times of the bridge. This had been undertaken without consultation with boat owners and it now appeared that the bridge would be opened every half hour. Alan Jones indicated that the Peel Sailing and Cruising Club also objected. Mr. Gimbert stated that there was only two hours either side of high water when access and egress could be obtained to the inner harbour. Use of the marina should be encouraged and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter of objection to the change in times be sent to the Harbour Division.	PGL
EAST QUAY – PARKING	10/060	The Town Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Police over the parking of vehicles for sale from Bespoke Cars on East Quay. These cars were illegally parked on double yellow lines and were causing difficulties for through traffic. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter needed to be raised with Inspector Campbell when the Commissioners next met with the Police.	PGL
PEEL HARBOUR	10/061	Mr. Lace referred to concerns over the silting up of the harbour and indicated that near the top bridge silting up had resulted in a sandbank forming. This was a serious issue and it was questioned as to when the harbour would be dredged. Reference was made to a recent advert in the local press for tenders to undertake dredging work in the harbour. It was questioned as to when the work would be undertaken.	

HEATHFIELD  
DRIVE –  
DIRECTIONAL  
SIGN

10/062

Upon enquiry from Mr. Lacey the Town Clerk TQ indicated that the Highways Section of the Department of Infrastructure were aware of the need to direct vehicles over Heathfield Drive in the direction of Douglas. On the basis that it would only be undertaken when the Traffic Management Plan had been implemented it was *AGREED* that a temporary sign be placed on the lamppost at the corner of Heathfield Drive pointing traffic towards Douglas.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.15p.m.