

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 6th July 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)
 Mrs. T M Birkett
 Mr. A Jones
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mr. R M Gimbert
 Mr. N Cushing
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. E C Beale

Apologies Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 10/112 | The Chairman welcomed the public and Press to the meeting and wished to praise organisers of the various community events that took place in Peel through the summer months in particular the welcome extended to all with regard to the recent Parish Walk. The Chairman also referred to the forthcoming Peel Stock event scheduled for 10 th July 2010 which raised money for the Tommy Clucas Fund and the Flower Festival taking place during that week. The Chairman wished to thank Sue Collins and David Rushton who had undertaken a lot of work to ensure the Flower Festival was a success in Peel. In conclusion the Chairman extended his appreciation of the work undertaken by Phil Quane at the Peel Campsite. The Chairman also referred to the Peel Chamber of Trade which had been resurrected and felt that it was good for the Town. In conclusion the Chairman reminded the public that the regeneration concept proposals would be on display from the week commencing 12 th July 2010 in the Town Hall for the public to view and comment upon. |
| MINUTES | 10/113 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th June 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . |
| OAK ROAD – TRAFFIC CALMING | 10/114 | Reference was made to the recent meeting with Mr. Crookall MHK and Mr. Derek Sewell of |

the Department of Infrastructure regarding the traffic calming measures proposed for Oak Road. Whilst the side roads of the Ballawattleworth Estate were designated as a home zone this did not apply to Oak Road which currently had a 30mph speed limit. The Chairman declared an interest in the matter as a resident of Oak Road and requested views from his fellow Commissioners. A lengthy discussion ensued over proposals to calm traffic on Oak Road and support was evident for a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph. Comment was made that Oak Road was not a distributor road contrary to the view of the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. Gimbert was of the opinion that a design fault had occurred as Oak Road had not been designed with safety in mind. The Chairman indicated that discussion this evening would not centre on the possible creation of a through road and should be limited to traffic calming measures.

Mr. Cushing proposed that all roads within the estate should be limited to 20mph, that 60cm traffic calming cushions be installed with priority being given to traffic leaving the estate, that the whole estate be designated a home zone and that a 3.5 tonne weight limit apply. In addition Mr. Cushing suggested that when the roundabout at the entrance to Oak Road was constructed as part of the development on the other side of the road that a kerb to kerb platform be considered on the entrance into Oak Road. Members had no objection to the points raised by Mr. Cushing and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure with the Board's views on traffic calming for Oak Road.

MICHAEL STREET 10/115

Mr. Gimbert updated Members on the views of the Chamber of Trade for Peel which had looked at the issue of vehicular access restrictions to Michael Street. A compromise proposal whereby Saturday would be closed to vehicles from 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. was supported by the traders and subsequently by the Board. *NOTED*

PEEL ALLOTMENT 10/116

Mr. Beale updated Members on the current situation regarding the establishment of the Peel Allotment. The site was now working

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| | | <p>well with a water supply having been connected. This single source of water supply could be fed to a maximum of eight stand pipes which was under consideration. The Chairman wished to extend his thanks to all who had been involved in creating the allotment which was an obvious success. Members noted that there was an extensive waiting list for allotment plots.</p> |
| LEECE MUSEUM | 10/117 | <p>Members were advised that the Leece Museum hours had been extended to include Sunday afternoon opening during the summer season.</p> |
| BALLATESSAN MEADOW | 10/118 | <p>Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Fargher regarding the failure of eighteen trees on the Ballatessan Meadow estate. It was <i>AGREED</i> that contact be made with the developer who would be responsible for their replacement if it had occurred within a five year period from planting. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate this matter.</p> |
| TREE PLANTING MEMORIAL SITE – PEEL HILL | 10/119 | <p>Members noted a letter from Mr. Duff of Onchan regarding the failure of seven trees out of the twenty five trees planted at the war memorial site on Peel Hill. It was <i>AGREED</i> that professional advice be obtained as to suitable hardy species of trees that might be possible to plant. Mr. Jones wished to extend his thanks on behalf of the British Legion for the maintenance of the memorial site by the Commissioners.</p> <p>Mrs. Birkett referred to the possibility of creating a tree planting site whereby plaques could be attached to trees in place of dedicated plaques on benches. The Chairman indicated that this was a good idea that could be considered further.</p> |
| PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT | 10/120 | <p>The following planning applications were considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA 10/00819/B Installation of replacement windows 29 Stanley Terrace, Christian Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA 10/00834/B Alterations and conversion of former school into a dwelling, Gawne’s School of Navigation</p> |

and Cottage Gawne's Court, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA 10/00836/B
Widening of front ground floor window and installation of replacement windows and doors to front and rear elevations, 28 Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/0002/B
Alterations and extension to dwelling, 8 Cronk Rearyt, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/00893/B
Installation of two roof lights and a sun tunnel roof light 7 and 8 Market Place, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA 10/00894/B
Erection of conservatory to rear elevation, 4 Close Cronk, Ballatessan Meadow, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA 10/00888/B
Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 20 Circular Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/121 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 10/00556/B Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage, 17 Maple Avenue, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. Tim Sharpe. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/00532/B Installation of replacement windows to front and side elevations, 1 Peveril Terrace, Peel for Mrs. Jean Holden.
APPROVED

PA 10/00619/B Erection of an additional shed in rear garden, 2 Fenella Terrace, Peel for Mr. John Rolfe Sayle. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00639/B Alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling house, Lhargan, Peveril Avenue, Peel for Miss Patricia Skillicorn.
APPROVED.

PA 10/00470/B Installation of replacement

windows and roof light to rear elevation, 36/38 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. John Anthony Gilbert. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00739/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation and installation of replacement windows, 15 Church Street, Peel for Mr. Dominic Addy. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00619/B – 2 10/0122
FENELLA
TERRACE

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Planning Officer regarding the erection of a shed in the rear garden of 2 Fenella Terrace, Peel. It was noted that the authority was unable to refuse planning permission but any applicant would also need the approval of the land owner which had not been obtained in this case. Members considered a letter from Mr. Sayle apologising for his omission in requesting permission and after consideration it was *AGREED* that permission be granted for the erection of the shed in the rear garden.

MANX WILDLIFE 10/123
TRUST

Consideration was given to a letter from the Director of Manx Wildlife Trust in respect of its development of 7-8 Market Place, Peel as the Trust headquarters and shop. The Trust sought permission to enable its building contractor to locate an office within the Market Place car park. At this stage the size and dimensions were unknown and it was agreed that additional information be sought prior to making a decision.

STREET 10/124
COLLECTION

Consideration was given to a letter from the MSPCA seeking permission to hold a street collection on 17th July 2010. *AGREED*

DOWNHILL EVENT 10/125
PEEL HILL

Further consideration was given to the request from the Downhill Club to stage a downhill cycle event on Peel Hill. The additional information supplied by Mr. Corkish was noted and after discussion Members *AGREED* that an initial permission for this year be permitted subject to the event organisers carrying out a risk assessment and holding appropriate public liability insurance and that any damage be made good. *AGREED*

DRAFT PEDAL 10/126
CYCLE
REGULATIONS

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Department of Infrastructure following the recent consultation on the Draft Pedal Cycle Regulations. Having collated the various

responses to the consultation the Department had decided not to proceed with the regulations and to continue utilising existing legislation.
NOTED

LOCAL AUTHORITY INDUCTION COURSE 10/127 Consideration was given to a letter from the Department of Infrastructure regarding a series of local authority induction courses. Mr. Cushing and Mr. Beale *AGREED* to submit their names for the courses.

RATE OBJECTIONS 10/128 The Town Clerk referred to a list of four rating objections submitted by residents of Close Quane, Peel as a result of the housing development in the field adjacent to Rearyt ny Keylley. Members were of the view that Close Quane was sufficiently far away not to be seriously impacted by the housing development and *AGREED* that an objection be submitted accordingly.

SKATEBOARD PARK 10/129 Mr. Gimbert indicated that two of the ramps at the skateboard park were in need of repair and the Town Clerk agreed to ensure the Technical Officer dealt with this matter.

BEACH HARROW 10/130 Mr. Lace requested under Standing Orders approval to move the item relating to the beach harrow from the private portion of the meeting to the public section. By a majority show of hands it was *AGREED* that this be permitted.

Following discussions by the Board enquiries had been made as to various methods by which the beach could be harrowed and possibly cleaned. As a result of the extensive cost in purchasing a machine that could pick up litter as well as harrow the beach Members were agreeable to having the broken beach harrow held at the depot repaired to enable the beach to be harrowed. The Town Clerk advised that staff had reduced the width of the harrow and carried out repairs to make it operational. It was anticipated that the beach would be harrowed by the early part of the following week.

HEADLANDS PATHS UPKEEP 10/131 Mr. Lace wished to thank the staff for the work on cutting back the hedges of the headlands paths. He also referred to the bottom of Peel Hill where the growth was encroaching on the footpath and the drains were becoming

blocked. It was *AGREED* to request the Department of Infrastructure, Harbours Division to clean this section of pavement.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.45p.m.

