# **GENERAL MEETING**

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Present	Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)
	Mr. E Beale
	Mrs. T M Birkett
	Mrs. J O'Halloran
	Mr. A Jones
	Mr. D J Lace
	Mr. R M Gimbert
	Mr. N Cushing
Apologies	Mrs. C A Moughtin
In attandance	Mr. D.C. Loodlay (Tayur Clark)
In attendance	Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

- CHAIRMAN'S 10/284 The Chairman welcomed the public to the WELCOME meeting and wished to pay tribute to Sir Norman Wisdom who had recently died. The Chairman also wished to comment upon the recent Golden Jubilee Challenge in which the Police vouths and some Commissioners had participated. In conclusion he wished to extend his thanks to the fire brigade for the recent open day at Peel fire station. MINUTES
  - 10/285 The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED* subject to Mr. Lace's request that Minute C10/202 regarding Hospice telescopes be transferred to the public record. Members *AGREED* that it be transferred as follows:

"Hospice Telescopes – Mr. Lace referred to a number of stand alone telescopes available from Hospice Limited. He indicated that they could prove an attraction if placed on the headlands and possibly breakwater for members of the public to enjoy. It was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk investigate the matter and purchase some of the items if they were in good condition."

Arising therefrom discussion ensued over the

proposed location of the telescopes once they had been put into a good state of repair. It was AGREED that one be located at the Millennium Stone on the headlands and that consideration be given to placing one on the breakwater in the vicinity of the kiosk subject to the Harbour Division's consent.

Mrs. Birkett wished to thank Mr. Lace for this proposal which was endorsed by her fellow Board Members.

Members noted the written response from the Co-op Store with regard to the temporary provision of a loading bay at the Douglas Street car park.

> The Town Clerk referred to a further email from Mr. Barnes dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in which the Department of Infrastructure was not supportive of Mr. Gimbert's proposal to provide a temporary layby in the highway with a chicane into the car park around the same. The Town Clerk indicated that once the three month trial period had expired consideration could be given to the transfer of land to the Department of Infrastructure so that it could provide a permanent extended lavby properly constructed with pavement areas and a level loading bay area. The Chairman indicated that he would find it difficult for a layby to be created in the road as requested by Mr. Gimbert and it was *AGREED* that the matter be discussed further at the first meeting in November consequent upon the completion of the three month trial period.

10/287 Mr. Gimbert referred to the change to vehicular access in Michael Street and reported that vehicles were still travelling up Michael Street when the prohibition was in place. It was noted that a number of vehicle drivers had been booked the previous weekend by the Police for breaching the road traffic restriction. It was Mr. Gimbert's view that the best solution was the return of the roadside barrier at the bottom of the street. Mr. Jones indicated that the Commissioners needed to make further representation to the Police and the Highways Division and in that respect it was AGREED that the matter be

# DOUGLAS STREET CAR 10/286 PARK LAYBY

MICHAEL STREET

discussed with the Police at the meeting scheduled for  $7^{\text{th}}$  October 2010.

Members noted receipt of the written PGL WESTERN REGIONAL 10/288 SEWAGE TREATMENT response from Peter Winstanley, Director of Operations at the Isle of Man Water and WORKS Sewerage Authority with regard to the AECOMM consultation process and the various questions raised by Peel Town Commissioners. Mr. Gimbert indicated that the Commissioners had tried to work with the Water and Sewerage Authority through dialogue and hoped for the best solution for Peel. His deep concern related to the Authority's refusal to consider the provision of a pipe in excess of 300mm through the central valley which would be necessary if Peel were to be linked to Meary Veg.

With regard to the AECOMM report previously requested by email it was *AGREED* that a reminder be sent.

Mr. Lace indicated that in his opinion Government would not countenance the proposal that Peel be connected to Meary Veg and Mr. Jones added that if this was not a viable option then the Commissioners needed to work closely with the Authority over the most suitable location for a treatment plant in Peel. It was Mr. Cushing's view that the cost of the AECOMM consultation was a waste of public money when there appeared to be no intention to discuss the Commissioners concerns in a reasonable manner.

In conclusion it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Mr. Crookall, MHK Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority with a copy to Minister Gawne of the Department of Infrastructure indicating the Commissioners objection over the lack of consultation in this matter.

MALIN 10/289 The Town Clerk tabled a set of plans from TQ John Gray, Structural Engineer regarding the proposal to provide twelve garages on the land at the rear of the Creg Malin. The Town Clerk indicated that estimated costings were being sought with regard to the two structural options for the stabilisation of the

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rear bank.

PEEL CAMPSITE	10/290	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/265 and indicated that he had discussed the issue of banning generators from the campsite with Mr. Quane the campsite attendant. In addition to the ban it was also proposed that a revised deposit for prebookings of £10 per adult and £5 per child be instigated. The Town Clerk also referred to the suggestion from Mr. Quane that the present ban on campers bringing their pet dogs to the campsite be lifted as a number of bookings were lost through campers not being able to bring their pet dogs. Members discussed the matter and had some concerns at a blanket lifting of the current ban and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be left to the discretion of the campsite attendant.	
REAYRT NY KEYLLEY ESTATE	10/291	Reference was made back to Minute 10/275 and the Town Clerk updated Members on the current position in that the Deed of Conveyance transferring the areas of public open space was still awaited. Mr. Gimbert urged that the public open spaces only be adopted upon the Department of Infrastructure adopting the roads. However it was noted that a decision had been made to take over responsibility for the public open spaces on completion of the Deed of Conveyance.	PGL
		Mr. Gimbert expressed a degree of concern over the possibility that the estate car parks would be transferred to the Commissioners and not the Department of Infrastructure. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be investigated by the Town Clerk.	
CHRISTIAN STREET SUBSTATION	10/292	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/277 and indicated that a response from the Manx Electricity Authority over a proposed higher rental for the substation was still awaited.	

Arising therefrom reference was made to the street lighting and the possible provision of timers for certain of the lights. It was *AGREED* that this be considered as a budget item for 2011/2012. Arising therefrom it was *AGREED* to obtain for the next meeting the costs savings obtained on having the street lights turned off at 2.30a.m. in the morning.

Mr. Lace referred to the new promenade wall which could not now accommodate a series of flag poles and enquired whether an adapted flag holder could be provided on the street lighting columns on part of the promenade. It was *AGREED* that this matter be considered at the next budget estimate meeting scheduled for  $13^{\text{th}}$  October 2010.

UP 10/293 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/279 and updated Members on the current position. The appropriate information regarding the campaign being organised by Douglas Corporation had been submitted to the Clothworkers School and the QE11 School. The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Redmanye, Assistant Headteacher at the QE11 School had advised that the pupils would undertake a litter removal project on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October in the neighbouring area of the QE11 High School as part of the pupils environmental studies. *NOTED* 

10/294The following planning applications were Letter sentFORconsidered for comment:-

#### 10/01079/B

Installation of replacement windows, 38 Glenfaba Road (re-advertised due to amended plans received and amended proposal description), Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

#### 10/01342/B

Construction of chimney stack, 25a Atholl Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

# 10/01349/B

Erection of garage with conservatory over (retrospective) Old Shipyard, Mill Road,

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#### 10/01357/B

Repair and renovation works including demolition of outbuildings, re-roofing, replacement windows and rear door, 17 Atholl Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

### 10/01362/B

Installation of replacement windows and front door, 24 Church Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

#### 10/01364/B

Installation of replacement windows 1 and 3 Orry Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

#### 10/01381/B

Conversion of existing garage into living accommodation, 14 Rowan Avenue, Ballawattleworth, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL* 

# PLANNING DECISIONS 10/295 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 10/01173/B Installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations, 6 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mr. Dominic Addy. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01167/B Alterations and creation of a dormer window to dwelling, 38 Derby Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Edward Harold Drain. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01189/B Installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations, Croit e Ferish, Tynwald Road, Peel for Mrs. Jacqueline Turner. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01094/B Refurbishment works including roofing works and removal of chimney stacks 1-53, 65-73 Kerroo Coar and 54-60 Derby Road, Peel for Peel Town Commissioners. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01002/B Erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings, plot of land adjacent to 54 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mrs. Doreen Warrilow. APPROVED.

PA 10/00894/B Erection of conservatory to rear elevation, 4 Close Cronk, Ballatessan Meadow, Peel for Ian and Wendy Corlett. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01182/B Erection of a dwelling (comprising amendments to PA 08/02295B) land adjacent to The Turrets, Ballaquane Road, peel for Mr. Roger Harris & Ms. Angela Corkish. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01156/B Alterations and erection of replacement extension, Croit e Ferish, Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. John Turner. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01206/B Erection of an extension to rear of dwelling house (comprising an amendment to PA 10/00005/B), 34 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. Chris Caldwell. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01155/B Replacement of an existing window with a smaller window, 5 Ballaquane Park, Peel, for Mr. Anthony Warham. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01098/B Conversion of existing first floor apartment to additional restaurant area, The Quayside, East Quay, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. John McGillion. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01233/B Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house, 31 Campion Crescent, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel for Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Sian Robins. *APPROVED*.

PA 10/01238/B Erection of a two storey extension to nursing home, and creation of temporary compound for use during construction, Castle View Nursing Home (and part of adjoining field), Ballatessan Meadow, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*.

10/296 Members noted receipt of a letter of reply from Captain Brew, Director of Harbours dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010 regarding the recent visit of two cruise liners to Peel.

**CRUISE LINERS** 

Members reported that the backdrop of Peel Castle as a destination for visiting cruise liners was particularly spectacular and much more interesting than the entrance to Douglas Bay. It was Mrs. Birkett's view that more publicity on the Commissioners website should be given to the attractions of Peel and in particular for possible future visits of cruise liners. Mr. Cushing referred to Mr. Lace's proposal for a second breakwater at Peel and indicated that this should be a long term aim promoted by the Commissioners. CHRISTMAS CAROLS 10/297 Consideration was given to a request from Letter sent Crosby and District Silver Band to play Christmas music and carols in Michael Street on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010. AGREED **COMMISSIONERS** 10/298Discussion ensued over the next edition of the Commissioners newsletter and it was NEWSLETTER AGREED that with Mrs. Birkett editing the letter then efforts be aimed at providing a Christmas edition with contributions being supplied by Members. Arising therefrom the Chairman indicated that the Peel City Guardian was due to be published at the end of October and that the Commissioners bonfire and fireworks display together with the acquisition of the telescopes and the closure of the Town Hall for work to remove asbestos be passed to the editor for inclusion in the Guardian. Mr. Jones referred to the Remembrance Day Service scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010 in REMEMBRANCE DAY 10/299 SERVICE which all Commissioners were invited. The service would be preceded by a parade from the Market Place at 2.30p.m. Mr. Jones also extended an invitation to the Chairman to attend the service on Peel Hill Memorial Site on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Members noted receipt of a series of Email sent COMPETITIVE 10/300 **AWARENESS** presentations to be provided by the Office of Fair Trading with regard to increasing PRESENTATION awareness for Local Authority Members in

relation to anti-competitive practices. This related to the tendering and procurement

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process and it was noted that Mr. Cushing, the Town Clerk and Mr. Quayle would attend a presentation when a date had been set.

ORAL HEAL' STRATEGY	HEALTH	10/301	Members noted receipt of an Oral Heath Strategy for the Isle of Man incorporating a five year plan. The consultation document issued by the Department of Health was available on the consultation page of the Government website. Mr. Gimbert indicated that he had concerns over the proposed introduction of fluoride varnish applications. It was his view that this was the responsibility of parents and not the Department.	
			It was <i>AGREED</i> to defer consideration of the consultation document to the next meeting.	
ROAD ATLAS		10/302	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Kenna of Manx Maps who intended to publish an Island Road Atlas and Street Guide. The project would entail up to six pages of general information in which Mr. Kenna had been in discussion with the Department of Tourism. Mr. Kenna was also seeking advertising from local authorities with regard to the guide and after discussion and noting the proposed costs of advertising it was agreed to decline the request.	Letter sent
LEECE MUSEU	JM	10/303	The Town Clerk read out a letter from Mrs. Nicholls of Hastings in East Sussex in which she praised the assistance given by Mr. Baker, Curator at the Leece Museum following her recent visit to Peel. <i>NOTED</i>	
LOCAL AU INDUCTION C	UTHORITY OURSE	10/304	The Town Clerk referred to a proposed local authority induction course organised by the Department of Infrastructure and Mr. Harmer and Mr. Cushing indicated that they would be willing to attend.	Application made
BALLAWATTI ACTION GROU		10/305	The Town Clerk referred to an email from Mr. Simon Foster of the Ballawattleworth Action Group in which the Group wished to meet with the Commissioners to update them on issues relating to Oak Road, the route of the proposed Peel relief road and the strategic implications for Peel resulting from	Confirmed

future residential development on the outskirts of Town. It was *AGREED* that a meeting be held on  $4^{\text{th}}$  November 2010 at 7.30p.m.

- PEEL BROCHURE 10/306 The Town Clerk referred to the colour brochure of Peel prepared by Vic Bates and indicated that the print run had almost run out. It was noted that the Town Clerk was currently obtaining the cost of a further print run and would report back in due course.
- BONFIRE NIGHT 10/307 Mr. Cushing indicated that he was able to obtain a supply of wooden pallets free of charge which could be utilised for the bonfire on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2010. *AGREED*
- ATHOLL STREET 10/308 Mr. Jones referred to the poor condition of TQ the pavement in Atholl Street and the Town Clerk indicated that contact would be made with the Highways Division of the Department of Infrastructure to address the issue.
- **SEWERAGE** 10/309 Mr. Gimbert referred to the current application for 43 new dwellings by Heritage **INFRASTRUCTURE** Homes linked to the previous approval for 101 houses and indicated that the amended proposals from the developer was for the sewage to be directed through the main sewer at Westlands onto Albany Road and down Douglas Street. It was his view that additional effluent could create a pinch point where future problems could arise. In Mr. Gimbert's view the likelihood of further new development would possibly create a problem in terms of the quantity of treated sewage running down the main sewer into Peel. It was AGREED that a letter be sent to the Water and Sewerage Authority and the Planning Department indicating the Commissioners concerns at the possible problems that may arise from excessive quantities of sewage flowing through the mains.
- WESTLANDS 10/310 An enquiry was made as to the current TQ position regarding the provision of a lift at the Westlands complex. Mrs. Birkett indicated that the consultants had made a mistake in its proposed location and that completion of its installation was someway

off. Mr. Beale suggested that the Technical Officer inspect the complex and recommend a suitable location.

This part of the meeting ended at at 8.10p.m.