

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 5th April 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. E C Beale

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 10/587 | The Chairman welcomed the public to the first meeting of April and wished to commend the generosity of the public in their donations to charitable organisations including the recent Peel Achievers evening, local cancer charities, the Indian Orphanage Appeal and also donations to the Peel Charity Shop. | |
| MINUTES | 10/588 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th March 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . | |
| SNOW CODE | 10/589 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/558 and indicated that the cost of hand held grit spreaders as supplied by Douglas Corporation was £875 each. Mr. Gimbert indicated that it would be of benefit to the Town if some gritters were purchased. It was noted that this item had not been budgeted for and that the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Board. In the meantime the Town Clerk was requested to obtain a picture of these gritters for consideration by Members. | PGL |
| REGENERATION SCHEME – WI-FI | 10/590 | Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/556 and updated Members on the current position. It was noted that there were no legal complications over the portal issue affecting insurance liability. Mr. Gimbert indicated that provided users accepted the terms and conditions prior to progressing then it would | RMG |

serve as a suitable disclaimer. Mr. Gimbert confirmed that an application would be re-submitted to the Regeneration Committee which would incorporate phase 1 including the harbour, marina, promenade, Castle Street, Market Place, Michael Street, Atholl Place and Bridge Street.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace indicated that if this were the case then criticism could be levelled by residents in other parts of the Town that were not covered by the wi-fi signal. Mr. Gimbert replied that the Regeneration Scheme centred on the business and commercial areas and not residential. *NOTED*

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| PEEL SUNDAY | CIVIC 10/591 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/563 and indicated that provisional arrangements had been made with Reverend Grace Easthope for a Civic Sunday Service to be held in the Methodist Chapel, Atholl Street on Sunday 17 th July 2011 at 11.00a.m. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that a request be made to the Cathedral for hire of the Corrin Hall to cater for the after service refreshments. | Done |
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| PA 10/01123/C AND PA 10/01124/B ON APPEAL | 10/592 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/567 and advised Members of the response received with regard to the request that the portion of evidence supplied by Mr. Wade of the Water and Sewerage Authority at the Appeal hearing be struck out as it appeared to be inadvertently misleading. It was noted that additional evidence could not be submitted to the Inspector and that the Inspector had already submitted his report and recommendation to the Minister. | PGL/NC |
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Members noted receipt of the Inspectors report which was currently with the Minister for consideration. The Chairman tabled a letter he had received from Mr. Trevor Cowin of Sea Peep, Poortown Road, Peel an appellant in the application and requested that the letter be read out and form part of the public record. The Town Clerk read out the letter from Mr. Cowin dated 5th April 2011 together with the attachment from the Chief Executive of the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority dated 25th February 2011 which had been forwarded in response to Mr. Cowin's email to Mr. Crookall, MHK of the Water and Sewerage

Authority dated 24th February 2011. Mr. Jones and Mr. Gimbert commented on the Inspectors report and it was *AGREED* that a draft response be prepared in reply to the Minister's request for additional comments to be submitted by 21st April 2011.

ISLE OF MAN 10/593
STRATEGIC PLAN

Reference was made back to Minute 10/583 and the Town Clerk indicated that he was awaiting a response regarding a possible future development near to the Town centre by Heritage Homes Limited.

It was also noted that a further request had been made to the company to ensure the cherry trees at Ballawattleworth were re-planted as previously promised.

HIRE OF DECK 10/594
CHAIRS

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/584 and reported that an order had been made for the purchase of twenty deck chairs and ten wind breaks for use on Peel beach. It was also noted that the public liability issue had been resolved with the insurance broker on behalf of the Commissioners. *NOTED*

FISH YARD 10/595
BROOGHS

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/585 and confirmed that he had requested the Fisheries Division to deal with the growth of weeds on the fish yard brooghs. *NOTED*

OAK ROAD 10/596

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/586 and indicated that he had contacted the bus company over the location of the bus stop at the entrance to Oak Road and was advised that whilst the company had input as to where a bus stop is located the specific site is chosen by the Department of Infrastructure. The matter had been exacerbated as a result of the work to provide build-outs on Oak Road and it was *AGREED* that a request be made to the Department of Infrastructure to relocate the bus stop away from the junction with the Poortown Road.

Email sent

Reference was also made to the litter bin that had disappeared and it was *AGREED* that it be replaced accordingly.

PUBLIC HEALTH 10/597
(AMENDMENT)
BILL 2011

The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/575 and enquired of Members whether they had any additional input into the draft Bill which was

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currently out for consultation. Mrs. Birkett stated her support in general for the provisions of the Bill and the Chairman indicated that there were some concerns that had previously been expressed by Members and that certain powers within the draft Bill appeared somewhat draconian. It was suggested that the inclusion of an ombudsman should be considered as a safeguard and after further discussion it was *AGREED* that a suitable response to the consultation request be forwarded to the Department.

VIEWING
TELESCOPES

10/598

The Town Clerk referred to the acquisition of two telescopes for siting in Peel and indicated that whilst they had been obtained at no cost there was a need for them to be reconditioned and for the coin box element to be removed. An initial enquiry to an off-island company to refurbish the telescopes was considered and having regard to the £800 cost for each telescope not including transport costs the Town Clerk had made enquiries as to whether the work could be undertaken on a local basis. Arising therefrom Mrs. Birkett indicated that her husband a marine engineer had been able to undertake the removal of the coin box and that they could be sand blasted and provided with a galvanised pole. It was *AGREED* that this be undertaken at a significantly reduced cost than previously received and that the Technical Officer liaise with Mr. Birkett accordingly. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mr. Birkett to undertake this work on behalf of the Town. The Town Clerk indicated that the area on the headlands overlooking the bay was currently being prepared for one of the telescopes and would form an attractive viewing area with seats provided. *NOTED*

DISC PARKING

10/599

Members noted receipt of recent letters from residents regarding parking in the Town particularly around the Market Place area. It was noted that the letters would be forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure for their information.

Letters
sent

DOUGLAS STREET
LAY-BY 10/600

The Chairman referred to the temporary lay-by provided at the bottom of the Douglas Street car park for commercial vehicles delivering to retail units. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the temporary lay-by be continued until

such time as the more permanent provision of a lay-by be undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure.

Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran referred to a Ramsey Bakery delivery vehicle stopping in Michael Street to make deliveries to the Co-op and Shoprite Stores. This resulted in a blockage and subsequent traffic hold-up. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that as food items were being delivered there would be a requirement to park near to the shop entrance. *NOTED*

Mr. Gimbert suggested that the parking of delivery vehicles be limited to the period Monday to Friday with normal vehicle parking on the Saturday. The Chairman indicated at this stage that the Board should await the Department of Infrastructure's permanent plans regarding the lay-by. It was further *AGREED* that reference be made to this issue in the next edition of the Commissioners newsletter.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

10/601

The following planning applications were Letter sent considered as follows:-

PA 11/00324/B

Installation of a replacement front door, 14 Orry Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00369/B

Replace roof slates, render one chimney stack and installation of two rooflights to dwelling, 32 Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00394/B

Alterations and extension to dwelling (Amendment to PA 10/01305/B) Thie Ain, Douglas Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00306/B

First floor additions to the rear of the building, The Centenary Hall, Atholl Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00309/B

Replace existing garage door with a window and erection of a garage extension to dwelling, 34 Ballellis Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/602

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

PA 11/00029/B Installation of replacement front door, 1 Mona Street, Peel for Mr. Owain Brimfield. *APPROVED*

PA 11/00166/B Installation of a light tunnel, 2 Rheast Bridson, Peel for Mr. Francis Webb. *APPROVED*

PA 11/00194/B Erection of an extension to dwelling, 8a Crown Street, Peel for Mr. James Corcoran. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00544/B ON 10/603
APPEAL

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Planning Appeals Administrator at the Chief Secretary's Office dated 25th March 2011 regarding the Appeal by Heritage Homes Limited for the residential development of 101 dwellings at Rearyt ny Cronk. Any further submission had to be received at the Chief Secretary's Office by 14th April 2011.

PGL/NC

A letter addressed to the Chairman from Mr. Trevor Cowin of Sea Peep, Poortown Road, Peel regarding this Appeal was read out to Members. Mr. Cushing referred to the application and indicated that as no location plan had been submitted the planning application was incomplete and should not be heard. Reference was also made to the plans for the drainage arrangements which had been re-submitted and in Mr. Cushing's opinion therefore duplicated. It was suggested that if the Appeal were to proceed then a request be made that we reserve our right to be heard but in the first instance it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Planning Appeal Administrator indicating that as the original application was incomplete it should not proceed.

HOUSING ACTS 10/604
1955 TO 1990

Members noted receipt of a copy letter issued by the Environmental Health Officer to the owner of 36 Ballaquane Park requiring remedial work to be undertaken as required by the various Housing Acts 1955 – 1990. The works were to be completed within a three month period. *NOTED*

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| PARISH WALK | 10/605 | Consideration was given to a request from the Manx Youth Band Fund Raising Committee to play band music at this year's Parish Walk outside the Town Hall. The Committee would also seek to hold a bucket collection. <i>AGREED</i> | |
| PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION | 10/606 | The Town Clerk read out a card from Mrs. Lambie thanking the Chairman, Commissioners and Town Clerk for the recent Peel Achievers Reception in which her daughter Zoe had received an award. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| MEMORIAL SEAT | 10/607 | Consideration was given to a request from Mrs. Large of St. Patricks Presbytery, Peel for a memorial seat in respect of her late husband Mr. Stephen Paul Large. It was <i>AGREED</i> to permit a seat provided by Mrs. Large to be sited at the area established on the headlands for the viewing telescope. | Letter sent |
| FLAG DAYS | 10/608 | Consideration was given to a request from the Peel Lifeboat Committee to hold a street collection on 9 th June 2011. <i>AGREED</i> | Letters sent |
| | | Consideration was also given to a letter from the Manx Stroke Foundation which intended to undertake a charity collection outside the Shoprite Store on 6 th August 2011. <i>AGREED</i> | |
| MANX SCOUTS | 10/609 | Members noted receipt of a letter from Mrs. Urwin, Band Master for the Isle of Man Scouts which had requested the Commissioners to consider sponsorship of the first Isle of Man Scout Band. Noting that there were restrictions on making donations to charitable groups by a local authority it was <i>AGREED</i> that the letter be passed to Mr. Jones who had an interest in the scouting group on the Island. | AJ |
| HOUSING CONFERENCE | 10/610 | Mr. Jones as Lead Member for Housing reported on his recent attendance at the All Island Housing Conference on 30 th March 2011. | |
| | | Mr. Jones reported that a number of items were of particular interest and indicated that the Department of Social Care would undertake a full all island review of local authority housing. Of particular interest Mr. Jones indicated that a speaker from Guernsey had outlined the means testing undertaken on Guernsey and he also | |

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| | | stated that future development and maintenance issues had been discussed. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| TOWN BY-LAWS | 10/611 | Mr. Gimbert referred to the Town's by-laws and enquired whether any by-law related specifically to the issue of litter and use of the public litter bins. The Town Clerk confirmed that there was nothing in writing as to categories of litter that may or may not be put in the public litter bins. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| DOG CONTROL BY-LAWS | 10/612 | Mr. Gimbert referred to the amended Dog Control by-laws which prevented access onto Peel beach by dogs from 1 st April to 30 th September. The Town Clerk reported that the appropriate signs were being amended and would shortly be on display. | PGL |
| | | Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran referred to an issue where dog owner were picking up their dog mess at the bottom of Peel Hill and leaving it in dog bags for collection after returning from walking their dogs on the hill. It however appeared that some owners had forgotten to collect such bags on their return. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be referred to the Town Warden for appropriate action. The Chairman also suggested that the matter be referred to in the April newsletter. | |
| WEST QUAY | 10/613 | Mrs. Moughtin referred to the car parking bays established by the Harbours Division on West Quay and complained about the amount of untidy fishing nets and other debris left on show to members of the public. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk write to the Harbour Division requesting that the area be tidied up. | PGL |
| STREET TRADING LICENCE | 10/614 | Mr. Knighton was welcomed to the meeting to explain to the Commissioners his reasons for seeking the Board to reconsider issuing him with a street trading licence to serve mackerel from a mobile unit on the Quay area. | Letter sent |
| | | Mr. Knighton indicated that no other outlet within the Town served mackerel and that as he would source it himself and serve fresh mackerel in a number of ways. It was his wish to expand the business and that it would not be in competition with any other trader. In addition Mr. Knighton wished to promote Peel | |

through his intended operation and was prepared to give a talk to the local schools on the use of sustainable resources such as mackerel. It was his wish to trade on four evenings a week from Thursday to Sunday and after discussion Members *AGREED* that as his proposal was environmentally friendly and based on a sustainable resource that permission be given to him for a street trading licence on the basis that he did not site his mobile unit next to Mr. Barrow's mobile unit. It was suggested that a location on West Quay near to Fenella Beach would be more suitable.

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