

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/370	The Chairman welcomed the press and public to the first meeting of October and wished to congratulate Mr Crookall on his re-election as Member of the House of Keys for Peel. The Chairman indicated Mr Crookall had attended many meetings of the Commissioners which was fully appreciated.
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MINUTES	11/371	The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th September 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
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TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	11/372	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/345 and members noted the reply from the Head of Marketing at the Department of Economic Development dated 22 nd September 2011 regarding the success of the Traditional Boat Festival in Peel. Mrs O'Halloran indicated that she had been advised that one boat owner was particularly upset at the level of harbour dues payable. It was noted that the Department could help promote the event off Island but queried how the waiving of harbour dues would stimulate economic benefit to the Island.
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A suggestion that a meeting be arranged to discuss this and other events in Peel in terms of marketing was supported and it

was *AGREED* that a suitable date be fixed in due course.

CHURCH STREET 11/373 Reference was made back to Minute 11/348 and Members noted a letter of acknowledgement received from Minister Gawne's Office at the Department of Infrastructure that stated a detailed response from the Director of Highways would be forwarded regarding the vehicle weight limits and the licence to operate from the Lhergydhoo Sandpit.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 11/374 Reference was made back to Minute 11/349 and it was *AGREED* that Mr Crookall MHK be invited to switch on the Christmas Festive Lights on 3rd December 2011 at 4.00pm. PGL

Arising therefrom the Town Clerk referred to a request from the St Germans Handbell Ringers who wished to perform during the switching on ceremony. Members had no objection to this request.

COMMISSIONERS 11/375 Mrs Birkett referred back to Minute 11/350 and indicated that news items were required from Members for the November Newsletter. It was *NOTED* that some items had been received from Mr Chris Littler and Mrs Birkett made a request to the press to publicise the matter for possible items of news from local residents. Mr Gimbert suggested that an item in the Newsletter could relate to a public survey on an additional level of car parking at the Douglas Street/Market Place Car Park. He also suggested that a survey on the proposed use of the third field at Ballaterson for the proposed sewage works be included. The matter was discussed and it was *NOTED* that as Central Government would not make a further decision until 2015 it would be inappropriate to seek public views at this stage.

CRAB SHELLS 11/376 Members *NOTED* receipt of a letter from the Seafood Development Partnership regarding the disposal of fish waste shells. The partnership indicated that all processors disposed of scallop, queenie

and crab shells on a daily basis. Mr Lace indicated that he was aware of a strong odour coming from the Mill Road Yard the previous Sunday and suggested that waste shells had been left on site. The Town Clerk indicated that the matter was being investigated by the Town Warden.

BIG TIDY UP SCHEME	11/377	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/353 and reported that the Technical Officer would liaise with Mr Harmer over a volunteer work scheme to remove weeds on Saturday 8 th October 2011 from 9.00am. <i>NOTED.</i>	TQ/RKH
COMMISSIONERS SURGERY	11/378	The Chairman confirmed that a Commissioners surgery would take place on Saturday 8 th October 2011 between 10.00am and 12 noon. It was suggested that Mr Crookall be invited to attend the meeting if he wished to do so.	
BALLQUANE ROUNDABOUT	11/379	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/366 and indicated that he had contacted the Department of Infrastructure to investigate means to make the roundabout safer for pedestrians. Arising therefrom it was <i>NOTED</i> that the Department intended to place a mirror opposite the danger point to enable pedestrians to see up Ballaquane Road which would make the crossing safer.	
PROMENADE SLIPWAY	11/380	Mr Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/367 and enquired as to the replacement of the jet ski information sign on the slipway opposite Bridge Street. The Town Clerk indicated that with the change in the regulations concerning jet skis in Peel Bay the sign had been removed. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that a request be made to the Harbours Division for its reinstatement.	PGL
PEEL HILL	11/381	Reference was made to Minute 11/347 and the Town Clerk confirmed that the lower portion of the hill had been cut and the pavement gutter cleaned. Arising therefrom Mr Lace reported that a visitor	

to the town had recently fallen on this pavement and injured herself. Members *NOTED* that the upkeep of the quayside pavement was the responsibility of the Department of Infrastructure.

PA/11/01250/B

11/382

Mr Lace referred back to Minute 11/357 concerning the Commissioners response to the Heritage Homes Limited planning application for a hundred dwellings in Kirk Michael. He wished to reiterate the need for increased infrastructure in particular teachers and pre-school provision together with more medical provision if the West was to continue to expand with further development. *NOTED*

ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT
1985

11/383

Members *NOTED* receipt of two Orders made by Department of Infrastructure under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985.

Order 0800/11 related to the removal of a reserved parking place on a section of Shore Road opposite its junction with Beach Street.

Order 0870/11 related to a temporary prohibition of vehicular traffic on Market Street whilst Manx Telecom undertook underground duct installation work on 12th and 13th October 2011.

DOUGLAS STREET
CAR PARK

11/384

The Town Clerk referred to the temporary lay-by created at the bottom end of Douglas Street Car Park for commercial vehicles making deliveries. It was noted that a recent accident had occurred when the fencing had blown over and damaged a car. The Town Clerk indicated that costings were being obtained as to the provision of permanent bollards. Mr Gimbert suggested that the viability of temporary lay-by be ascertained prior to any expenditure being undertaken. *AGREED*.

PGL

MEMORIAL SEAT

11/385

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr John Quine, dated 18th September 2011, in which he requested a seat or tree in memory of the recent death of his

Letter sent

mother. The matter was discussed and Mr Lace suggested that as the briars had now been cut back from the bottom of Peel Hill a suitable area was available for the siting of a memorial bench on West Quay. *AGREED*

PLANNING
APPLICATION FOR
COMMENT

11/386

The following planning application was Letter sent considered as follows:-

PA11/0267/B

Erection of a two storey office extension, Mill House, Mill Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING DECISIONS
RECEIVED

11/387

The following planning decisions had been received from the Planning Committee:-

PA11/01055/C Change of use of existing ground floor education room to a coffee bar, House of Manannan Heritage Centre, Peel for Manx National Heritage.
APPROVED.

PA11/01076/B Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation, 11 Imman Stronnag, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel for Mr Curphey and Miss Hulme. *APPROVED.*

PA11/01084/B Replace existing roof tiles with slate, 28 Market Street, Peel, for Madeline Kelly and Matthew Brown.
APPROVED.

PA11/01142/B Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to rear of dwelling, 34 St Germans Place, Peel for Mrs N Atkins. *APPROVED*

PA11/00848/B Extension to dwelling, 5 Links Close, Peel for Mr R Ryding.
APPROVED.

PA11/01189/C Addition use of dwelling as holiday accommodation, 4 Strand Street, Peel for Mrs J Quiggin.
APPROVED.

PA11/01190/B Alterations and extension to dwelling including replacement

windows, 4 Strand Street, Peel for Mrs J Quiggin. *APPROVED*.

PA10/00544/B
HERITAGE HOMES
LIMITED

11/388

The Board gave consideration to a letter from the Development Control Manager at the Planning Office dated 22nd September 2011 regarding the Heritage Homes Limited planning application for 101 dwellings at Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel.

Email sent

The Council of Ministers decision to approve the application was subject to two legal agreements, one of which related to Heritage Homes Limited providing a playground in accordance with the specifications and layout provided. The letter requested the views of the Commissioners as it was intended that the play area be vested in the Commissioners when complete. Whilst the agreement allowed for the area to be offered to the Commissioners it was *NOTED* that any conveyance of the land was outside the scope of the planning process.

Members noted a letter from Mr Foster to the Chief Secretary and copied to the Commissioners regarding an objection to this request. The Chairman also referred to an email received from “Better Childrens Facilities in Peel” Facebook Group which also opposed the proposed play area put forward by Heritage Homes Limited as being inadequate.

The Chairman referred to the play area provided by Heritage Homes Limited in respect of its housing development at Johnny Watterson’s Lane, Douglas where agreement had been reached at the outset for a play area at a cost of £40,000.00. The Chairman confirmed that a legal agreement with the then Department of Local Government and the Environment had been entered into by Heritage Homes Limited and suggested that there was no comparison to what had been provided in Douglas some years ago to what was on offer for Peel.

The Chairman sought the views of

Members as to whether the Commissioners should accept the transfer conveyance of the proposed play area. Comments were made that the play area should be in a more central location than that proposed and that future planning policy should be amended to provide planning gain. Mr Jones indicated that the Board always opposed planning applications for housing developments submitted by Heritage Homes Limited and that they had therefore lost out in terms planning gain.

After a vote on this issue it was decided by five votes to four to reply to the Planning Office and indicate that the Commissioners noted the negotiations that had taken place and that the Commissioners were minded not to adopt the proposed play area.

LEZAYRE CIVIC SERVICE

11/389

Consideration was given to an invitation from the Chairman of Lezayre Parish Commissioners to attend his Civic Sunday Service to be held on 30th October 2011 at 2.00pm. The Chairman *AGREED* to attend.

Letter sent

REQUISITION MEETING

11/390

Members considered a letter from Mrs Hartley of 33 Bluebell Close, Peel and Mrs Quilliam of 3 Peveril Road, Peel regarding their concerns at the behaviour of the Chairman at the recent Requisition Meeting held on 23rd September 2011 at the Corrin Hall, Peel in respect of the House of Keys General Election.

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Mr Lace indicated that the Chairman had let down the Commissioners and expressed surprise that he had not resigned from his position as Chairman.

Mrs Moughtin stated that whilst she had not attended the Requisition Meeting she felt that other representatives from the Ballawattleworth Action Group could have attended in the Chairman's place to comment on the Oak Road bypass issue. In her opinion the Chairman had let down the people of Peel. Mrs Moughtin suggested that the Chairman should wear

the chain of office with pride and represent the town as a whole to avoid the perception that he was only interested in the Ballawattleworth Action Group.

Mr Gimbert indicated that the Chairman declared at the Requisition Meeting that he was there as a member of the Ballawattleworth Action Group and not in his role as Chairman. Mr Gimbert had other concerns that Mr Crookall had made reference to the Tynwald Ceremony when the Chairman failed to take his seat on the Hill.

The Chairman indicated that he would reply to both letters.

COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION

11/391

Members gave preliminary consideration to a news release from the Communications Commission regarding a consultation paper on the management of the radio frequency spectrum within the Isle of Man. It was *NOTED* that the consultation could be viewed online and it was *AGREED* that the matter be considered at the next meeting prior to a response.

FIXED PENALTY
NOTICE

11/392

The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from a Rachel Leasor of Glen Park, Douglas who had been served with a fixed penalty notice by the Town Warden on 24th September 2011 when her dog was caught on Peel Beach in breach of the Dog Control Bylaws. Members considered the letter and in particular Miss Leasor's complaint that the prohibition sign was not clearly visible at the entrance to the steps leading onto the beach opposite the Creg Malin. It was *NOTED* that Miss Leasor accepted that she was in the wrong and after a discussion it was *AGREED* by seven votes in favour to two against that the fixed penalty notice be upheld.

Letter sent

KEEP MANN TIDY

11/393

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mr Pearson, Director of Highways at the Department of Infrastructure regarding a street cleansing performance management programme undertaken by

the Department across the Island. The intention was to obtain independent data to support the street cleansing arrangements in order to make the service as effective and efficient as possible.

As a result the Department intended to hold a meeting at St Johns on 8th November 2011 when the results of the survey would be presented. It was *AGREED* that members attend at 2.00pm on the 8th November 2011 if at all possible.

The Town Clerk advised that in addition a strategy planning workshop would take place at the same venue on the following day, 9th November 2011 beginning at 9.30am. It was *AGREED* that Mr Lace Lead Member for Works and Mr Quayle, Technical Officer, attend the workshop.

PROJECT
SPONSORSHIP OF
CAPITAL SCHEMES

11/394

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Treasury dated 26th September 2011 regarding a training initiative proposed by the Treasury with regard to sponsorship of capital schemes. The training programme would be undertaken in partnership with the International Business School and it was *NOTED* that it would be held in February/March 2012 with advance details being circulated prior to the training programme date. Members *NOTED* the letter.

STATUE OF FENELLA

11/395

Mr Lace referred to the wood carved statue of Fenella overlooking Fenella Beach and requested that a plaque be provided for the monument. *AGREED*.

PGL

KERROO COAR
CAPITAL PROJECT

11//396

Concern was expressed over an access issue with regard to one of the tenants involved under the Kerroo Coar Property Improvement Scheme. It was *NOTED* that the tenant involved should contact the Tenant Liaison Officer available on site each day with the problem. It was also *NOTED* that any garden areas damaged by the works would be replanted as part of the scheme.

MARKET PLACE CAR PARK	11/397	Mr Gimbert referred to a request from M and Mrs Lee for a reserved space on the Market Place Car Park. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> to refuse the request.	Email sent
DOG FOULING	11/398	Reference was made to the arrangements for monitoring dog fouling when the Town Warden was not on duty. Mr Gimbert suggested that G4Security be contracted to provide out of hours cover. In particular he referred to the area around the Scout Hut which was fouled on a regular basis. The Town Clerk undertook to ensure the Town Warden targeted this area in terms of dog fouling issues. Arising therefrom Mr Gimbert referred to the start time of the road sweeping operation with regard to a complaint that it commenced too early in the morning and woke residents up. The Board was not prepared to amend the start time to a later hour.	PGL
PEEL CAMPSITE	11/399	Members confirmed that the offer to campervan and caravanette owners to utilise the campsite for winter parking at £10.00 per week was available for the forthcoming winter season. <i>AGREED</i> .	
REGENERATION SCHEME	11/400	Mr Beale enquired as to the current level of expenditure under the Regeneration Scheme with regards to Peel. Mr Harmer agreed to raise the matter with the Chairman, Mr Crookall, and reply in due course. Mr Harmer referred to the repainting scheme for commercial properties in Michael Street and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk ascertain the numbers of responses and send reminders to those that had not responded with regard to the offer for repainting of the shop frontages.	RKH/PGL
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	11/401	Mr Jones reported to Members that the Remembrance Day Service would take place on Peel Hill on 11 th November 2011 at 11.00am. The Remembrance Service scheduled for Sunday 13 th November 2011 would take place at	

3.00pm preceded by a procession from the Market Place at 2.30pm.

BONFIRE NIGHT

11/402

The Chairman indicated that he had access to a number of wooden pallets that could be available for the bonfire on the beach. Mrs Moughtin also indicated that a number of pallets were available and it was *AGREED* they liaise with the Technical Officer. Arising therefrom Mr Harmer suggested that the schools be involved with the event regarding the bonfire and the firework display. This could possibly take the form of a parade and it was *AGREED* that Mr Harmer investigate the matter further.

TQ/RKH

This part of the meeting ended at 8.20pm.