

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 18th 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
 Mr. A Jones

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Mrs. C Horton (Ward Librarian)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/403	<p>The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and wished to record the Commissioners condolences to Mrs. Moughtin on the recent loss of her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Maddrell.</p> <p>The Chairman congratulated Mr. T M Crookall, MHK on being appointed Minister for the Department of Community, Culture and Leisure and Canon Nigel Godfrey on his appointment as the new Dean of St. Germans Cathedral.</p>
MINUTES	11/404	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 11/381 where the word "regular" was included between the words "a" and "visitor".</p>
WARD LIBRARY REPORT	11/405	<p>Mrs. Horton presented her quarterly Ward Library report for the period up to September 2011. Mrs. Horton expressed some disappointment at the slight decrease in overall figures for the issue of books compared to the same period last year. She also indicated that the restricted parking sign and road markings were now in place outside the library and</p>

matters had improved. However there was an issue with vehicles parking overnight on the Friday and it was *AGREED* that the matter be raised with the Police at the next meeting. In conclusion Mrs. Horton commented on the sad death of Mr. Tim Harvie from Ontario, Canada who was the great grandson of Mr. James Kewley Ward the founder of the Ward Library.

Mrs. Horton left the meeting at 7.10p.m.

TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	11/406	The Town Clerk read out a note of thanks from the Boat Festival organisers regarding the Commissioners valued input into making this year's Traditional Boat Festival a success.	PGL
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Consideration was given to a meeting with Mrs. Smallwood, Director of Marketing at the Department of Economic Development regarding promotion of this and other events in Peel for 2012. It was *AGREED* to meet Mrs. Smallwood and Mr. Crookall, MHK Minister for Tourism on 14th November 2011 at 7.00p.m.

VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS	11/407	Reference was made back to Minute 11/373 and Members noted the response from the Planning Office regarding the issue of a temporary planning permission for JCK to operate a recycling business at Lhergydhoo. It was <i>AGREED</i> to ascertain when the temporary permission was granted. After discussion it was also <i>AGREED</i> to request Mr. Crookall, MHK to support the Commissioners stance that a weight restriction limit for the Town would be of benefit. However Mr. Jones indicated that access for HGV delivery vehicles would need to be accommodated and that any possible weight restriction would need to be carefully worded. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
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COMMISSIONERS NEWSLETTER	11/408	Mrs. Birkett tabled a first draft of the November newsletter. Discussion ensued over additional items to be put into the newsletter and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk and Mrs. Birkett aim to have	TMB/PGL
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the newsletter issued for the beginning of November 2011.

PROMENADE SLIPWAY	11/409	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/380 and indicated that a letter of acknowledgement dated 13 th October 2011 had been received from the Isle of Man Harbours Division regarding jetski signage at the Bridge Street slipway. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
DOUGLAS STREET CARPARK	11/410	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/384 and confirmed that the major retailers in the Town centre fully appreciated the availability of the temporary layby for deliveries. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that six bollards at a cost of £45.00 each be purchased to replace the existing temporary fencing. It was also <i>AGREED</i> that the Department of Infrastructure be requested to give consideration to the permanent scheme to establish a layby at this location.	TQ
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	11/411	Consideration was given to a news release from the Communications Commission regarding options for managing the radio frequency spectrum on the Isle of Man. Mrs. Birkett indicated that in her opinion there was not enough commercial competition for Manx Telecom in this area. It was <i>AGREED</i> to make no comment on this consultation.	
STATUE OF FENELLA	11/412	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/395 and indicated that he had been informed by Mr. Baker of the Peel Carnival Committee that it was arranging for a suitable information board to be prepared and displayed at the new statue of Fenella overlooking Fenella Beach. <i>NOTED</i>	
KERROO COAR CAPITAL PROJECT	11/413	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/396 and reported that the scheme for improvements to the Kerroo Coar properties was currently one week ahead of schedule and that the Tenant Liaison Officer was working closely with the tenants affected by the improvement	

		works. <i>NOTED</i>	
REGENERATION SCHEME	11/414	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/400 and reported that six shop owners had confirmed their interest in being part of the repainting scheme for Michael Street which would involve a 50/50 split on the cost. <i>NOTED</i></p> <p>Arising therefrom Mr. Beale enquired as to the financing of schemes under the regeneration project and Mr. Harmer indicated that applications could be made for three categories of work namely under £10,000 under £100,000 and over £100,000.</p> <p>Mr. Gimbert enquired as to the current position regarding the wi-fi bid and indicated that he hoped that Peel would be provided with wi-fi around the harbour area prior to any other towns as the original bid emanated from Peel.</p>	
BONFIRE NIGHT	11/415	<p>Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/402 and reported that the Vikings of Mann were arranging for a torchlight procession on bonfire night. It was noted that the Vikings would undertake a torchlight procession from the Castle to the bonfire just prior to 6.50p.m. A risk assessment had been undertaken and appropriate public liability insurance cover was in place. <i>NOTED</i></p> <p>Mr. Harmer indicated that he had been in contact with the school and that arrangements were in hand for a lantern parade. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Harmer and Mr. Gimbert liaise over the event. The Town Clerk confirmed that the bonfire would be lit at 7.00p.m. and the firework display would commence at 7.30p.m.</p>	RMG/RKH
LEECE MUSEUM	11/416	<p>Members discussed the quarterly report for the Leece Museum and the Chairman indicated that the recent unveiling of the portrait of Mr. Eddie Leece had been well attended and was an asset to the museum. Discussion ensued over the number of exhibits available to the Curator and it</p>	

was suggested that there was a need to store certain items and rotate their display. The Chairman wished to thank Mr. Baker, Curator for his sterling work at the Museum which was an asset to the Town.

CAR PARKING SURVEY 11/417
PLANNING

The Town Clerk referred to his recent attendance at a meeting with Mr. Christopher of the Department of Infrastructure to discuss the Department's parking study for Peel. It was noted that the Department had employed Amey as Consultants to undertake this study and that it was proposed to commence work with a parking inventory, street audit and public questionnaire survey. The Town Clerk indicated Mr. Garside of Amey wished to meet with the Commissioners and it was *AGREED* that arrangements be made to discuss this matter on 3rd November 2011 at 7.00p.m. PGL

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

11/418

The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

PA11/0129/B

Installation of replacement window, 1 Stanley Mount, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA11/01337/B

Installation of an oil tank and enclosure, Shoprite, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA11/01345/B

Alterations and extension to provide WC and store, Bowling Green Café, Marine Parade, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA11/01369/B

Installation of replacement windows and front door, 2 Orry Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA11/01398/B

Installation of replacement windows, Creek Inn, Station Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA11/01361
Change of Use – residential/commercial
use, Creg Malin, Marine Parade, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING DECISIONS 11/419
NOTIFIED

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

PA 11/01231/B Erection of a boiler
house extension with associated flues and
hardstanding fuel delivery area, QE 11
High School, Douglas Road, Peel for
Department of Education & Children
Works Division. *APPROVED*

PA 11/01213/B Installation of a tri
folding door and roofing works
(retrospective) 20 Church Street, Peel for
Mr. Jason Elliott. *APPROVED*

PA 11/01209/B Alterations and extension
to building Masonic Hall, 42 Stanley
Road, Peel for Freemasons Hall (Peel)
Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 11/01249/B Erection of car park
boundary fencing (retrospective),
Whitehouse Hotel, Tynwald Road, Peel
for Mr. N Keig. *APPROVED*

ISLE OF MAN MODEL 11/420
ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Consideration was given to a letter from
the Secretary to the Isle of Man Model
Engineering Society dated 12th October
2011 in which the Society was seeking to
acquire, under lease, an area of land
possibly in Peel to establish a model
raised train track. It was noted that they
required a minimum five year lease and
an area of at least ½ acre preferably with
vehicular access and on level ground.
The Commissioners were supportive of
the Society's proposal but unfortunately
unable to identify a suitable area of land
within Peel to enable the Society to
achieve its aims. It was *AGREED* to
advise the Secretary accordingly and
indicate that the Commissioners would
look to encourage and assist the Society
if at all possible. Letter sent

FIREWORK DISPLAY	11/421	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Juan Thomas of Heather Crescent, Douglas who sought permission to sell glow products on 5 th November 2011. It was noted that the funds raised would be given to the Viking Amateur Club. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION	11/422	Members noted receipt of the response to the Communications Commission's consultation exercise on market reviews. <i>NOTED</i>	
THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST	11/423	Members noted receipt of the third supplemental valuation list from the Treasury.	
MAROWN CIVIC SERVICE	11/424	Consideration was given to an invitation to attend Marown Civic Service on 30 th October 2011. The Chairman indicated that he had a commitment to attend another Civic Service and it was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Beale, Vice Chairman attend the service in his place.	Letter sent
DRAFT PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT	11/425	The Town Clerk referred to a consultation document and questionnaire issued by the Planning Department with regard to the replacement and extension of dwellings in the countryside. It was noted that views were sought by 11 th November 2011. The letter contained the website upon which a link was provided to the on-line questionnaire. <i>NOTED</i>	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S VISIT	11/426	The Town Clerk referred to the proposed visit of the new Lieutenant Governor on 26 th January 2012. Initial discussion ensued over the proposed itinerary and it was suggested that after greeting the Governor at the Town Hall the visit could include the Clothworkers School, Leece Museum and possibly Transport Museum. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be discussed in detail at the next meeting prior to formalising the necessary arrangements.	

CHERRY PICKER	11/427	Mr. Lace referred to the Commissioners second hand cherry picker which was used as and when required. In Mr. Lace's view the vehicle was showing signs of rust and enquired as to whether it could be included as a budget item for some restoration work to the body of the vehicle. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be considered in the budget meeting scheduled for later in the month.	
PEEL CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE	11/428	Mr. Gimbert tabled a record of the recent meeting held by the Peel Chamber of Trade and Commerce on 12 th October 2011. Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert indicated that the Chamber through Candy Atcheson was prepared to undertake the organisation of "Peel In Motion" Day for 2012. <i>NOTED</i> Mr. Gimbert referred to the Christmas period and indicated that the Chamber supported the appearance of buskers at weekends during the lead up to Christmas. The Commissioners also supported the provision of this entertainment during the Christmas period. Mr. Gimbert reported that a Santa's Grotto would be provided and after discussion Mr. Beale indicated that he would offer his services for a portion of the day on 17 th December when the Grotto would be open for the children.	
MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY SUB STATION	11/429	Mr. Gimbert referred to the work undertaken by the Manx Electricity Authority to upgrade the sub-station at the rear of the Christian Street car park and enquired as to when the sub-station doors were to be replaced. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate the matter.	PGL
HOUSING MAINTENANCE	11/430	Mr. Beale referred to leaking taps at Westlands and enquired as to whether in-line valves were used when leaks were repaired. It was <i>AGREED</i> that in-line valves should be used on all properties as and when leaks were repaired.	
DOG BAGS	11/431	Mr. Beale referred to an occasion when a dog owner had inadvertently taken too many dog bags from the dispenser. He suggested that the issue of the dog bags	

should revert back to the Sacomat system. The Town Clerk indicated that this would be a costly exercise and that the bags were more expensive. It was *AGREED* to continue with the existing arrangements.

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| CROWN STREET –
POLICE STATION | 11/432 | Mr. Jones referred to the repainting of the former Police Station in Crown Street and wished to extend his thanks to the outdoor staff for their work. He suggested that the property would benefit from a plaque detailing the history of the building and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that this be undertaken for display on the wall alongside the entrance to the old Police Station. | PGL |
| VOLUNTARY WEEDING
EXERCISE | 11/433 | Mr. Harmer wished to extend his thanks to Mr. Quayle, Technical Officer and all the volunteers who had helped to weed the edge of the footpath at the bottom of Peel Hill. | |
| MILL ROAD STREET
LIGHT | 11/434 | Mr. Lace referred to the street light outside the Commissioners depot in Mill Road and indicated that it was malfunctioning. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer investigate its repair accordingly. | TQ |

This part of the meeting ended at 8.30p.m.

