

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies                Mr. A G Jones

In attendance          Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/770	The Chairman welcomed Members to the final meeting of the Municipal Year under his Chairmanship and wished to indicate his pleasure at the royal visit with Prince Charles and his wife scheduled for Peel on 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2012.	
MINUTES	11/771	The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
PUBLIC OPEN SPACES	11/772	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/745 and indicated that a meeting had taken place that day with Mr. Downey of Heritage Homes Limited to finalise the proposed areas to be conveyed as public open space. A slightly revised map was awaited which could be considered upon receipt.	PGL/TQ
REGENERATION SCHEME	11/773	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/748 and indicated that following the Board view to revise the access to the Philip Christian Centre that the matter had been referred back to Mr. McGarrigle and that it would also be discussed at the next meeting of the Western Regeneration Committee.	PGL
WI-FI PROVISION	11/774	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/750 and suggested that a meeting with Sure be arranged for late May/early June 2012.	PGL

*AGREED*

HOUSING  
CONFERENCE

11/775 Reference was made back to Minute 11/758 and the Department of Social Care's invitation for the public to forward views under the consultation regarding local authority housing provision on the Island. It was *AGREED* that individual responses be made by Members without the need for a composite Board response being made.

Arising therefrom the Town Clerk indicated that he had forwarded a separate letter to the Minister of the Department of Social Care indicating that Peel Town Commissioners wished to retain administration and control of the housing stock in Peel and that the properties at Carmane Close and Derby Drive currently administered by the Department be transferred to Peel Town Commissioners. *NOTED*

CIVIC SUNDAY

11/776 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/764 and reported that provisional arrangements had been made for Civic Sunday to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2012 and that the Castletown Silver Band had confirmed their attendance for a Civic Service to take place in the Methodist Chapel, Peel. It was noted that invitations would be issued in due course. Mr. Harmer and Mrs. Birkett indicated that they would be unable to attend the Church service although Mrs. Birkett was hopeful to join the Civic Sunday party in the Corrin Hall afterwards. *NOTED*

DERBY ROAD  
POST BOX

11/777 Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 11/754 and alleged that contact had not been made with the Post Office in Peel regarding advance notification of the removal of the wall in which the post box was situated. The Town Clerk indicated that he understood the Post Office had been given notice for its removal prior to the contractor moving on site.

Mr. Lace confirmed that the Postal Authority would provide a post box in the vicinity of the Town Hall on the other side of Derby Road.

PEEL BAY	11/778	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/763 and indicated that he had written to Mr. North, Secretary of the Isle of Man Surfers requesting proof of members of the public receiving gastric problems and ear infections as a result of the contamination of the water in Peel bay. A response was awaited. <i>NOTED</i></p> <p>Arising therefrom Mr. Lace requested that a Board visit be arranged to visit the treatment plant in Patrick. The Chairman indicated that this should be considered by way of a formal agenda item for the new Board in May 2012. <i>AGREED</i></p>	
JET SKI SIGN	11/779	<p>Upon further enquiry from Mr. Gimbert the Town Clerk indicated that he would issue a further reminder to the Harbours Division for the new sign relating to jet ski use in Peel Bay.</p>	Letter sent
MICHAEL STREET	11/780	<p>Mr. Lace referred to complaints he had received regarding the noise made by the newly erected bunting in Michael Street due to the high winds. It appeared that a number of residents from the area had made complaints. However, Mr. Harmer and Mr. Gimbert stated that Michael Street was primarily a commercial area and under the Regeneration proposals the display of bunting helped to make the environment more attractive to shoppers. After discussion it was suggested that the bunting be regarded as a seasonal feature and taken down at the end of September. <i>AGREED</i></p>	
ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL	11/781	<p>Reference was made back to Minute 11/759 with particular regard to the Commissioners recommendation to refuse the removal of pews from St. Germans Cathedral.</p> <p>The Chairman suggested that it may be of benefit for the Commissioners to arrange a meeting with the Church Officials regarding future Cathedral development. The issue of the pews removal was discussed and it appeared that more pews had been removed than originally indicated. It was suggested that closer liaison with the Church would be of benefit and it was <i>AGREED</i> that some suitable dates be suggested to Canon</p>	

Godfrey for a further meeting.

QUAYSIDE POWER POINTS	11/782	Mr. Birkett referred to her continuing concern at the condition of the harbour side electrical power points which in her view were in need of repair or replacement and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a further request be made to the Harbours Division requesting that they be up-graded and/or repaired if necessary on health and safety grounds.	Letter sent
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RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT	11/783	The Chairman declared an interest in this matter and left the meeting. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Beale took the chair for this item.	Press release issued
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The Vice-Chairman updated Members on the current position and indicated that an email and subsequent letter had been sent to the Chief Minister outlining the strong concerns that the Commissioners had over the McLeod's Field housing development on the Ramsey Road, Peel and in particular the fact that the developer was building a road connection which did not have current planning approval. Concerns had also been expressed over the ability of the Town's sewage infrastructure to cope with the additional load from this new development. Mr. Gimbert expressed concern that due process was not being followed in terms of the planning process and that the developer was currently using plans that had not been approved by the Planning Committee. After a lengthy discussion Members *AGREED* that Mr. Bell the Chief Minister be given until 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012 to respond to the Commissioners concerns which requested an urgent meeting with him. If Mr. Bell chose not to respond it was *AGREED* that a press release be issued to the local media (radio and newspapers) outlining the position as seen by the Commissioners.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1985	11/784	Members noted receipt of two Orders made by the Department of Infrastructure under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985. The Orders related to the closure of the lane to the rear of the Creg Malin car par from 16 <sup>th</sup> April to 12 <sup>th</sup> May during gabion basket	
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installation and infill work on the adjacent embankment and the temporary suspension of parking on the west side of Bridge Street in front of 9 and 11 Bridge Street from 24<sup>th</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> May whilst chimney stack demolition and rebuilding work took place.

PEVERIL ROAD	11/785	<p>The Town Clerk referred to a letter of response from Mr. R D Pearson, Director of Highways and copied to the Peel Town Commissioners regarding Mr. Quirk of 21 Peveril Road, Peel concerns over the carriageway on Peveril Road. It was noted that the Department had no plans for reconstruction or resurfacing of the section of Peveril Road referred to by Mr. Quirk. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
PLANNING AND THE ECONOMY CONSULTATION	11/786	<p>Members gave further consideration to the consultation document on the draft planning policy statement on Planning and the Economy. It was noted that the deadline date for views had been extended to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that if any Member had a comment to make to forward it to the Town Clerk for onward transmission to the Department of Infrastructure.</p>	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	11/787	<p>The following planning applications were considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA 12/00246/B Installation of external staircase, erection of raised replacement roof and alterations, Flat 1, 5 Michael Street, Peel. Amended plans had been received. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 12/00464/B Erection of a two storey office extension (amendment to PA 11/01267/B), Mill House, Mill Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p>	Letter sent
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	11/788	<p>The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>PA 12/00284/B Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage 6 Aspen Drive, Ballawattleworth Estate for Ian Robert and Catherine Jane Grint. <i>APPROVED.</i></p>	

PA 12/00333/B Erection of a dwelling (amendment to dwelling approved under PA 10/00544/B) Plot B22 Reayrt ny Cronk, Poortown Road, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PARISH WALK	11/789	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Parish Walk organiser seeking use of the Town Hall facilities on the occasion of the Parish Walk scheduled for Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2012. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the usual facilities be made available to the race organisers.	Approval given
EASTER ATHLETICS FESTIVAL	11/790	The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks from the Easter Athletics Festival Organising Committee in which the Committee wished to thank the Commissioners for their support with the staging of the Peel Hill Race on 8 <sup>th</sup> April. The event was a great success and the assistance given by the Commissioners in allowing access to the headlands and providing the portable toilet block was greatly appreciated. <i>NOTED</i>	
PEEL CARNIVAL	11/791	The Town Clerk tabled a draft Commissioners advert for inclusion in the Carnival brochure/programme and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that it be approved for submission to the Carnival organisers.	PGL
BOUNDARY REVIEW	11/792	Consideration was given to a letter from the Chair of the Boundary Review Committee dated 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2012. The Chairman indicated that both he and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting with the Review Committee when the Commissioners views had been submitted. The letter included a further request as to the preferred options for the future combination of the constituencies on the Island.	completed
		Mr. Harmer indicated that future constituencies on the Island should be divided up on a more proportional basis to provide more equality of electors in any given constituency. Mr. Gimbert indicated some preference for twelve constituencies with two members and the need to give further consideration to the regulation of	

expenditure linked to the population of any given constituency. It was Mr. Gimbert's view that there was a need to guard against Peel being divided up into separate constituencies.

After discussion the Chairman requested a vote on the options and it was noted that four Members favoured twelve constituencies with two members and four Members favoured twenty four single member constituencies. The Chairman exercised his casting vote and it was decided that the Board would forward the proforma indicating a preference for twenty four constituencies with one member. However, it was *AGREED* to add a further comment to the proforma in which the Board recognised the equality of views expressed and were not opposed to twelve constituencies with two members as an alternative preference.

STANDING  
ORDERS

11/793

The Board considered an amendment to the current Standing Orders as follows: PGL

- a) The Chairman proposed that a Lead Member for Planning be added to Standing Orders and Standing Order 24(a) was amended to read "The Board shall nominate and appoint Lead Members as follows:- Finance and General Purposes, Works, Housing, Recreation and Entertainments, & Planning" and Standing Order 24(g) be added as follows "To hold responsibility and consider or deal with, as directed by Standing Orders, all matters connected with planning applications, planning appeals, and planning inquiries held before a person appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure, and all matters as may be ordered by the Board." With the proposal from the Chairman and it being seconded by Mr. Gimbert the Board unanimously *AGREED* to the amendment.
- b) The Chairman proposed that Standing Order 7(d) was amended to correct a mistake regarding a

reference and that 7(d) should read "Except as provided for in Standing Order 3(d), the method of voting shall be by show of hands." The Chairman proposal was seconded by Mr. Harmer and was unanimously approved.

It was *AGREED* that the amendments be covered by an insertion in the current issue of the Standing Orders.

VALUATION LIST	11/794	The first supplemental valuation list of 2012 was considered and <i>NOTED</i> .	
COMPANY RESIDENCE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES	11/795	Consideration was given to a consultation document issued by the Income Tax Division with regard to company residence for tax purposes. Members noted the document and had no comment to make.	
ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TOUR	11/796	The Town Clerk referred to a government supported cycle event consisting of a three day stage race over various parts of the island. The event for juniors on 5 <sup>th</sup> May would involve a circuit which would take in the Switchback Road, Ramsey Road, Ballaquane Road and Poortown Road. The road closure order would involve Ballaquane Road being made one way from its junction with the Ramsey coast Road to its junction with the Poortown Road together with a suspension of parking. Members had no objection to the proposed road closure.	Email sent
CHARITABLE COLLECTION	11/797	The Town Clerk referred to an email request from Mrs. Shimwell-Mayo requesting permission for a street collection in Michael Street on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 for the Parkinson Disease Charity. <i>AGREED</i>	Email sent
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	11/798	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation issued by the Secretary to the Municipal Association inviting Members to attend the Annual General Meeting on the Isle of Man Municipal Association to be held on 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2012 at the Glen Helen Inn from 7.00p.m. The Chairman indicated that as Mr. Jones the current representative was absent the matter be held over until the Annual General Meeting on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2012 for consideration as to the replacement Member	PGL

for Mr. Gimbert.

PEEL CHAMBER  
OF TRADE

11/799

Mr. Gimbert referred to a recent meeting of the Peel Chamber of Trade and indicated that the Chamber wished to purchase additional lengths of coloured bunting for attachment to the street light columns on the promenade. It was *AGREED* that upon purchase by the Chamber the Commissioners would permit the street light columns to be used to attach the bunting to. It was *AGREED* that this would be a seasonal feature and would be removed at the end of September. Reference was made to a Ramsey Bakery vehicle accessing Michael Street during the road closure period. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Mr. J Duncan of Ramsey Bakery Limited highlighting the need for his staff to abide by the road closure. Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert indicated that a road closure in Michael Street would be sought by the Chamber for 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012 when an event entitled “The Horrible Royal History” would take place between 11.00a.m. and 2.00p.m. with a road closure from 10.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. *AGREED* Mr. Gimbert also referred to the arrangements for Peel in Motion Day and it was *AGREED* that a date be made to meet with Mrs. Atcheson accordingly.

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Mr. Gimbert referred to an incident the previous Sunday when he came across two members of the public walking their dog on Peel beach in contravention of the Dog Control Byelaws. It was noted that the Town Warden had implemented a short period during which warnings would be issued but forthwith any members of the public caught with dogs on the beach would be dealt with in accordance with the fixed penalty notice under the byelaws.

BALLAQUANE  
ROAD  
DEVELOPMENT

11/800

Mrs. Birkett referred to the new properties built on Ballaquane Road and wished to commend the architect and builder over the attractive properties that had been erected. She indicated that the properties blended in with the existing streetscape and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be issued to those concerned. Arising therefrom Mrs.

Letter sent

Birkett also commented on the eyesore in Atholl Street where the gable building had been removed. *NOTED*

JUBILEE  
ARRANGEMENTS

11/801

Mr. Harmer reported on the current position regarding the number of Jubilee events arranged. It was noted that the Commissioners were providing a wild flower garden and tree planting. In addition a beacon would be lit on the headlands in conjunction with the Vikings and that the week of events leading up to the Peel Carnival Day were well in hand including a sports day and barbeque. *NOTED*

VICTORIAN  
SOCIETY

11/802

Mrs. Birkett referred to the disbanding of the Peel Victorian Society and indicated that they had made great effort over many years to fund raise for charities in Peel. It was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent to the Society representatives.

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RETIREMENT OF  
COMMISSIONERS

11/803

The Chairman wished to mark the final meeting of Mrs. Birkett and Mr. Gimbert as Peel Town Commissioners and stated that he had been pleased to work with them both. Mrs. Birkett had served sixteen years and Mr. Gimbert eight years on the Board of Peel Town Commissioners. He indicated that he had personally enjoyed their input and discussions on a wide range of items and their particular points of view would be sorely missed.

In conclusion the Chairman presented Mrs. Birkett with a bouquet of flowers and a golf voucher to Mr. Gimbert.

This part of the meeting ended at 9.00p.m.

