

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. E C Beale (Chairman)
 Mr. N A Cushing
 Mr. I G Davison
 Mr. A G Jones
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mr. R K Harmer
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin

Apologies Miss K Felton

In attendance Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/353	The Chairman welcomed Members of the Press and Mr. Crookall, MHK to the first meeting of November.	
WESTERN TRAFFIC PLAN	12/354	The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 12/318 and reported that a response was still awaited from Mr. Sewell regarding the letter that had been sent to him on the 6 th October 2012 about the Western Traffic Management Plan by the Town Clerk. <i>NOTED</i>	Letter awaited
HOUSING REVIEW CONSULTATION RESPONSE REPORT	12/355	The Chairman referred back to Minute 12/320 and informed Members that a meeting had taken place at Onchan Commissioners on Wednesday 31 st October 2012. The meeting had been well attended by political members and Clerks from the various housing authorities on the Island. Arising from the meeting a working party had been set up with representatives from the North, South, East and West who had been tasked with drawing up a combined response from all the housing authorities as to why housing should continue to be managed by the relevant local authority.	Email sent
		Mr. Jones reported that the Department had arranged a meeting with officers to meet with David Tolson Partnership who	

wrote the Housing Review Consultation Report. The meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 27th November 2012 and would discuss how social housing on the Island will be administered in future. Mr. Jones informed the Board that it was Douglas Corporation's view that Officers should only be able to attend the meeting if they were accompanied by a political member from the Corporation as officers were not able to make any decisions as to how housing would be administered in future. Mr. Jones reported that the Department intended to hold a separate meeting for political representatives. The Board *AGREED* to support the stance undertaken by Douglas Corporation as they supported the council's view of that one meeting should be held for both political members and officers. The Finance Officer undertook to write to the Department and inform them of the Commissioners views.

IRIS SCHEME	12/356	The Chairman referred to Minute 12/333 and reported that due to the Town Clerk's absence a draft press release outlining the Board's plans for improving bathing water quality on both of Peel's beaches had not been prepared for the Commissioners to approve. Members <i>AGREED</i> to defer the matter to the next Board Meeting.	PGL/EB
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OAK ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING	12/357	Mr. Lace referred to Minute 12/340 and reported that he had met with Mr. & Mrs. Foster of 12 Oak Road, Peel on Saturday 3 rd November 2012 regarding their concerns over the removal of the traffic speed bumps from outside their property by the Department of Infrastructure. The matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management. <i>NOTED</i>	DL
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Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing enquired if Mr. Lace would also be able to raise the issue the 20 mile per hour signs that had gone missing from Oak Road. Mr Cushing enquired if something could be done to get back the build up which had also gone missing as there used to be two

in place to slow the traffic down. The Chairman reported that the sign coming from the roundabout that asked drivers to give way to oncoming traffic had also gone missing. Mr Lace reported that he would bring these issues up at the Western Traffic Meeting.

Mr. Lace reported that there seemed to be a lack of consultation with regards to the siting of the roundabout as Mr. Faulkner was not able to get his vehicles out of his driveway. Mr Lace explained that the bollard placed there made it impossible to get articulated truck round it which meant that he had to drive down to the police station and round Albany Road which was not convenient for him if he was going in the opposite direction. Mr. Lace undertook to raise this issue at the Western Traffic Management Meeting.

BMX TRACK

12/358

The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 12/348 and reported that the Technical Officer had contacted Mr. Cain with regards to progressing with the refurbishment of the BMX track. Mr. Quayle was still waiting to hear back from Mr. Cain. *NOTED* Mr. Cushing undertook to contact Mr. Cain. TQ

ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT
1985

12/359

Members *NOTED* three reserved parking place orders made by the Department of Infrastructure. The first order revoked a parking space opposite properties numbered 3 and 4 Westlands. The second Order revoked a parking space fronting number 7 Westlands and the third one revoked a reserved parking place on the north side of Crown Street, Peel.

The Board further *NOTED* that there would be a temporary suspension of parking from 6.00.a.m on 12th November 2012 until 6.00p.m. on 30th November 2012 while the gas main works were completed in Boilley Spittal and Patrick Street.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS
FOR COMMENT

12/360

The following planning applications were Letter Sent
considered by the Board:-

12/01061/B

Installation of dormer window and erection of extension to dwelling, 19 Bridge Street, Peel (re advertised due to amended plans received). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/01361/B

Alterations, erection of extension and division of existing shop with accommodation over to create a retail unit with separate flat above, 36 Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01364/B

Installation of flat roof canopy over part of car park, raise wall height on either side of entrance gates and installation of replacement balconies to front elevation, Viking Longhouse, Mariners Wharf, East Quay, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01417/B

Erection of a first floor extension over garage and ground floor extension to rear elevation, 12 Campion Crescent, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01422/D

Erection of signage, Arg Beiyn Veterinary Practice 19 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01424/B

Alterations, erection of an extension to dwelling and erection of a detached shed, 16 Aspen Drive, Ballawattleworth, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01439/B

Alterations to the existing window, 1 Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01440/B

Erection of a single detached dwelling

with garage in lieu of a pair of semi-detached dwellings approved under PA 02/02106/B, Plots 13 & 14 Mcleods Field, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01447/B

Erection of 10 terraced dwellings on site of 12 previously approved apartments, with associated access, parking and drainage arrangements (AMENDMENT TO PA 10/00544/B), Approved Plots C1 to C12 Field 311825 and Parts of Fields 315097, 311826, 311827 & 314444 Between Derby Road / Poortown Road & QE2 High School and East of Reayrt ny Keylley.

Mr. Cushing reported that while he had no problem with the actual house being built under planning application 12/01391/B he did however have an issued with the applicant and would like the Department of Infrastructure to check that it was appropriate for them to apply for planning permission as the online system at the registry was not showing them as the owner of the site. Mr. Cushing informed Members that the blue area on the plans indicated additional land that was owned and he was not sure whether this was consistent. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/01391/B

Repositioning of existing vehicular access and creation on new driveway, J D Faulkner Limited, Brickfield, Poortown Road, Peel. Mr. Cushing informed the Board that he had every sympathy with Mr. Faulkner and he hoped that he received his planning permission but he would be very interested to see if no one objected to Mr. Faulkner's application as Premier Homes had previously submitted an application for the entrance of the estate to come out on the Poortown Road. This however was turned down as it was too close to Reayrt ny Keylley. Mr. Harmer suggested that a letter be sent to the planning department in support of Mr. Faulkner's application. *AGREED*

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	12/361	The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Department:-	PA 12/01284/B Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation, 5 Church Street, Peel for Mr. Lee Edwards. <i>APPROVED</i>	PA/01277/D Erection of advertising signage at The Hub, Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel for Mr. Alistair Hamilton. <i>APPROVED</i>
PA 12/01011/B ON APPEAL	12/362	The Board <i>NOTED</i> that an Appeal hearing was due to take place on 22 nd November 2012 regarding Veronica Vondy's approval for installation of wrought iron gates to replace existing gates, 15A Factory Lane, Peel.		
BUILDING CONTROL ACT 1991	12/363	Members <i>NOTED</i> that the Department of Infrastructure had been notified under the Building Control Act 1991 of the intention to demolish a single story extension to the rear of 36 Michael Street, Peel.		
PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION	12/364	The Board <i>NOTED</i> a letter of thanks from Maureen Ridout, Chairman of Peel and District Support Group thanking the Commissioners for the very enjoyable evening at the Peel Achievers Reception evening. Mrs. Ridout also expressed her sincere appreciation for the Commissioners donation from the funds raised during the evening of £336.00		
WARD LIBRARY REPORT	12/365	Members <i>NOTED</i> the July-September 2012 Ward Library Report that had been prepared by the Librarian. Mr. Cushing informed Members that it was good to see that borrowing figures for July to September were up on last year's figures.	TQ	
		Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing requested that consideration be given to a request that Mrs. Horton received from a borrower to as to whether it would be possible to provide disabled access at the		

Library. The Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer ascertain if it would be feasible to install disabled access.

Mr. Cushing further requested that the outdoor staff hang the plans that had kindly been donated by the Ward Family so that they were able to be displayed together. *AGREED*

LEECE MUSEUM 12/366

The Board *NOTED* the Leece Museum report for October 2012 that had been prepared by the Curator, Mr. Baker. Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that the Curator needed to be congratulated on being so interactive and enthusiastic by going into schools and providing talks to the children about the Leece Museum. Mrs. Moughtin stated although the Leece Museum did not make any money the Museum did receive worldwide recognition.

REARYT NY
CRONK PLAY
AREA 12/367

The Board considered a letter from Mr. McLoughlin, Planning Director of Heritage Homes. Mr. McLoughlin requested Peel Town Commissioners to adopt the new play area at Rearyt ny Cronk as soon as possible.

Letter sent

Mr. Cushing informed Members that he would like to congratulate Heritage Homes on creating such a beautiful play area which would be a real asset to the Town. Mr. Cushing stated that he did however have one or two small concerns for example the bench that had been promised had still not been erected and the two climbing frames when there should have been one plus a slide. Mr. Cushing suggested to the Board that the playground needed to be adopted once the rest of the open spaces were adopted when the estate had been completed. Mr. Harmer informed the Board that Heritage Homes needed to be congratulated on not leaving the building of the play area till last. Mr. Harmer reported that he was of the opinion that the Commissioners should adopt the area immediately. This view was seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Cushing informed Members that the

Board needed to wait until the houses had been built and the Commissioners were receiving the rates income to enable them to maintain the play area.

After discussing the matter the Board *AGREED* to adopt the play area as they did not want the playground to be spoiled through lack of maintenance.

FISHERMANS
SHELTER

12/368

Members considered a letter from Mr. Rodney Christopher informing them that the Department of Infrastructure was unwilling to grant a long term lease to the occupiers of the Fisherman's Shelter as the Department may at some time in the near future wish to redevelop the area. The Chairman expressed his concern that the Department would be able to redevelop the Weatherglass Corner which in his opinion was a historic part of Peel and should be left as it was. Mr. Harmer questioned whether it would be possible to apply for a preservation order on the Sailors Shelter. Mr. Jones informed Members that the Board should write back to the Department and inform them that in the Commissioners opinion Weatherglass Corner and the Sailors Shelter were a valuable asset to the Town and the Board would oppose any plans to redevelop the site. *AGREED*

Letter sent

MEMBERS
INTERESTS

12/369

The Board considered a letter from Stephen Willoughby, Local Government Unit Manger from the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. Willoughby informed the Commissioners that he was writing to all the Clerks to ask them to remind their Members of the need to be clear on the issue of personal and public interests and that these two issues needed to be kept in mind when dealing with local authority business to avoid any potential conflicts of interest arising. Mr. Willoughby explained that the Department had issued guidance on this issue in the past entitled the Corporate Governance Principle and Code of Conduct. Mr. Willoughby wished to know if Peel Town Commissioners were going to adopt the Department's Code of Conduct.

Deferred to
next meeting

The Chairman stated that all nine of the Commissioners were aware of the need to declare an interest if there was a conflict between their personal interests and their public duties. The Chairman enquired if the Board wished to adopt the Departments principles and Code of Conduct. Mr. Harmer informed Members that he had no issue with Code of Conduct. Mr. Jones informed Members that the only issue that he had was that it was a bit presumptive as it had listed Members of certain organisations for example a member of the Freemans Association and not representatives of other organisations. Mr. Jones reported other than this he had no issue and he was always open as to what organisations he belonged to. The Board *AGREED* to defer making a decision regarding the Department's Corporate Governance Principles and Code of Conduct until the next meeting to allow Members more time to study the document in detail.

CONSULTATION
ON SMOKE FREE
LEGISLATION

12/370

The Board considered the Consultation on Smoke Free Legislation that had been issued by the Department of Health. Since the introduction of the No Smoking in Premises Regulations 2008, a great deal had been done to improve and protect the public health of the people of the Isle of Man from second hand smoke. Although the legislation was a significant step forward, the Department felt that more needed to be done to reduce the uptake of smoking by young people, whilst at the same time continuing to examine ways to reduce exposure to second hand smoke. For this reason the Department had launched a public consultation on additional measures being considered to reduce the occurrence of smoking, to restrict tobacco point of sale displays and vending machines. The Department would welcome the Commissioners views on the Consultation.

Board to
send
individual
responses

The Chairman informed Members that he thought that the Consultation went too far

and was telling people how to run their own lives. Mr. Harmer disagreed with this point and stated that he thought that the measures did not go far enough. Mr. Harmer informed the Board that so far measures that had been introduced were good. However, more needed to be done to persuade people not to smoke.

Mr. Cushing reported that smoke free legislation was important and more needed to be done with regards to making public buildings smoke free as normally when entering there were a number of people standing outside smoking which meant people had to walk past and breathe in their second hand smoke. Mr. Cushing suggested having legislation that prevented people from smoking within 10 yards of a public building. Mr. Jones informed Members that there needed to be strong measures in place to stop children breathing in second hand smoke. The Board *AGREED* that as the Commissioners all had their own views on the Consultation, Members would submit their own opinions individually to the Department.

SHOPRITE SIGNAGE	12/371	Members <i>AGREED</i> to a request from Rodger Gimbert from Shoprite (Isle of Man) Limited to erect banners for a fortnight to advertise that the new Shoprite store in Derby Road was now open.	Email sent
HOUSING (FLATS) REGULATIONS 1982	12/372	The Finance Officer referred to an inspection by the Environmental Health Officer which recommended the registration of flats 1 and 2, 27 Michael Street, Peel. The Board approved the registration of these two flats.	Letter sent
4 VICTORIA TERRACE	12/373	The Finance Officer reported that she had been asked by the Technical Officer to inform the Board that he had received an email from Mr. Glen Blacker, Environmental Health Officer informing him that so far Mr. Blacker had not heard from Mr. Hyde the owner of 4 Victoria Terrace, Peel regarding the dangerous roof at his property. Mr. Blacker	TQ

informed Members that as no work has been carried out and no attempts had been made by Mr. Hyde to make the roof safe the Commissioners would now have to take action under Section 22 of the Building Control Act 1991. The Board *AGREED* that an Order be served on the owner of the property.

HEATHFIELD DRIVE	12/374	The Finance Officer reported that the Technical Officer had contacted the Department of Infrastructure for the second time regarding the replacement of the temporary sign at the end of Heathfield Drive which indicated the route to Douglas. Mr. Lace undertook to bring up the issue at the next Western Traffic meeting. <i>NOTED</i>	DL/TQ
BONFIRE NIGHT	12/375	Mr. Lace stated that he would like to congratulate the outdoor staff for all their hard work in building the bonfire on 5 th November 2012. <i>NOTED</i>	
MR. LEADLEY	12/376	Mr. Davison enquired if the Commissioners were going to send flowers to Mr. Leadley, the Town Clerk's father's funeral. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that they would donate their fees from that night's board meeting to the charity that had been nominated by Mr. Leadley's family.	Donation sent
PLANNING APPLICATION PA10/00544/B	12/377	Mr. Cushing reported that he had received a complaint from Mr. Trevor Cowin regarding the roundabout that had built by the Highwayman Public House did not comply with the plans as the roundabout should have been more centred. Mr. Lace undertook to bring up the issue at the next Western Traffic meeting. Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing informed Members that he would like to congratulate Heritage Homes on the building of the new roundabout. <i>NOTED</i>	DL
VANDALISM	12/378	Mr. Cushing informed Members that he had received a further complaint from Mr. Trevor Cowin, of Sea Peep, Poortown Road, Peel. Mr. Cowin had	

suffered a number of instances of vandalism to his property. The latest instance being that someone had removed items of play equipment from his garden and placed them in his trailer. Mr. Cushing requested that the Board speak to the police and ask them to make Mr. Cowin's property a priority area for their patrols. Mr. Jones reported that he had spoken to the police who had identified Mr. Cowin's property as a hotspot for vandalism so they were upping their patrols in the area. *NOTED*

MR. CROOKALL, MHK	12/379	Mr. Cushing informed the Board that he was delighted to hear that Mr. Crookall, MHK had given a statement to the press once the fraud trial regarding Kevin Woodfords election campaign had finished, that Charles Lewin was not involved in any way in his own campaign to seek election as MHK for Peel.	
CYCLE RACE	12/380	Mr. Harmer reported that he had spoken to Steven Shimmin who hoped to stage a cycle race in Peel on 27 th July and maybe even a pram race on Saturday 27 th July 2013. Mr. Shimmin was looking for the Commissioners support to stage the meeting. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Shimmin attend the next meeting to put forward his proposal to the Commissioners.	RH/PGL
SEAWEED	12/381	Mr. Harmer requested if seaweed could be removed off the beach if it was not taken out by the tide in the near future. <i>AGREED</i>	TQ
RAILINGS	12/382	Mr. Harmer reported that the railings that had been fitted by the Department of Infrastructure had now started to rust. Mr. Cushing informed Members that he had expressed his concerns at the time and was told by the Department that the railing had been coated which would prevent them from rusting. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to write to the Department and ask them to rectify the problem.	TQ

PEEL
CLOTHWORKERS
SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE

12/383

The Chairman reported that Peel CM Clothworkers School had dropped off a hamper for the Commissioners to fill for the school auction at their Christmas Fayre. Mrs. Moughtin undertook to fill the hamper on behalf of the Commissioners.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.00p.m.