

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 19th March 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/601	The Chairman welcomed the press to the second meeting of March 2013.	
MINUTES	12/602	The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 th March 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
WI-FI	12/603	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/575 and indicated that the draft Sure Agreement had been forwarded to the Commissioners Advocates for comment. <i>NOTED</i> . A recent meeting had taken place with representatives from Sure and EyeSpy representatives to resolve the practical aspects of providing Wi-Fi on the harbour side and part of the Promenade.	
LEECE MUSEUM	12/604	Mrs. Moughtin referred back to Minute C12/576 and indicated that Mr David Moughtin had made contact with Mr Baker, curator, to discuss the possibility of provision of a mezzanine floor at the Leece Museum.	

RENT INCREASE	12/605	Reference was referred back to Minute 12/596 and Mr Jones updated members on the meeting that had taken place with representatives from Douglas , Onchan, Castletown and Peel Commissioners with regard to the proposed changes to the tenancy and rent increase as a result of the repointing exercise. Mr Jones advised that Douglas had indicated its opposition to the repointing review and that certain anomalies had arisen from the Department's stance over this issue. Other issues had been raised with regard to the imposition of a two year tenancy from the 1 st April 2013.
STREET CLEANING	12/606	<p>Consideration was given to an email from a resident of Reayrt ny Keylley regarding concerns at the level of litter and dog fouling in certain of the town estates including Reayrt ny Keylley.</p> <p>It was <i>NOTED</i> that additional litter bins had been placed near to Campion Crescent and that the Town Warden who was now back at work following a period of sick leave had been tasked to speak to pupils at the Queen Elizabeth II High School regarding the issue of litter. Mr Davison indicated that the street cleaner used by Mr Chatel was now utilised during two afternoons per week to empty the dog bins. The Town Clerk agreed to raise this matter with the Technical Officer to ensure best utilisation of his time and machinery.</p>
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT	12/607	Members <i>NOTED</i> three draft orders relating to the weight restriction and speed limits on Oak Road and a reserved parking space at Westlands. Members had no comments on the draft orders.
TOWN CENTRE PARKING STUDY	12/608	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of the final report relating to the Town Centre parking study. Mr Cushing indicated he was pleased that the report had at last been completed and supported provision within the report under the five year plan for additional parking at the Douglas Street car park. In his opinion

this would be a better use of regeneration funding. Mr Harmer, however indicated that the regeneration scheme related to street furniture and initiatives to increase the commercial viability of town centres.

With regard to the recommendations contained within the report it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Chief Minister for consideration of capital funding to provide a scheme to increase car parking in Peel at the Douglas Street car park.

DERBY ROAD	12/609	Members discussed a residents' concern relating to the difficulties occasioned by cars parking on that section of Derby Road from its junction with Church Street to its junction with Derby Drive. The Town Clerk indicated that the Department of Infrastructure had been requested to provide the double yellow lines along this section of road to ease the parking problems in this area. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a reminder be sent to the Department.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	12/610	<p>The following planning application was considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA/13/00272/B Erection of a dwelling (amendment to dwelling type approved under PA10/00544/B), Plot B6, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel. <i>RECOMMEDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p>
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	12/611	<p>The following decisions has been notified by the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>PA/13/00128/B Installation of patio door to rear elevation, 13 Patrick Street, Peel for Mr Simon Mellor. <i>APPROVED.</i></p> <p>PA/13/00134/B Erection of detached dwelling (amended type from that approved under PA/10/00544/B at Plot B1, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. <i>APPROVED.</i></p>

PA/13/00154/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation at 20 Bridge Street, Peel for Mrs Marelle Grahame. *APPROVED*.

PA/13/00155/B Installation of replacement windows and doors at Millers Cottage, Charles Street Close, Peel for Mrs Charlotte Williamson. *REFUSED*.

FIREWORKS 12/612 Members noted receipt of a letter from Rob Marshall of Pains Fireworks dated 8th March 2013. It was noted that Pains had now established an office in the Isle of Man for the provision of fireworks. *NOTED*.

PEEL BEACH 12/613 Consideration was given to a request from Miss Maxwell who wished to celebrated her birthday party with a private bouncy castle on Peel Beach on 27th April 2013. Members expressed some concerns over the possibility of broken glass being left on the beach and party goers drinking to excess. Mr Harmer indicated that in his opinion it could set an unwanted precedent and after further discussion the Board *AGREED* to *REFUSE* the request.

RATING OBJECTIONS 12/614 Members *NOTED* receipt of three decisions of the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners in respect of temporary reductions in rates of fifteen per cent for 3, 5, and 19 Imman Stronnag, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel. *NOTED*.

Arising therefrom reference was made to Elaine's Flower Shop in which a reduction had also been sought due to the disruption caused by the recent road works immediately outside the shop. It appeared that the proprietors had been requested to produce three months accounts from the previous year before the matter would be considered. Members felt that this was a more valid case and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to the

Treasury.

WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE	12/615	Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr J P Watterson MHK, Chairman of the War Memorials Committee with the approach of the hundredth anniversary of the commencement of World War One in 2014. It was <i>NOTED</i> that Manx National Heritage had devised plans for a major temporary exhibition in 2014. Mr Watterson had indicated that with an enhanced interest in War Memorials the Committee was seeking the co-operation of local authorities to ensure War Memorials in their district were maintained in a clean and tidy condition. <i>NOTED</i> .
ATTENDANCE AND TRAVELING ALLOWANCES	12/616	Consideration was given to a letter from the Local Government Unit of the Department of Infrastructure dated 8 th March 2013. The letter proposed a significant increase from the current £30.00 fee per meeting for members to £78.00 per session. It was also suggested that the mileage rate be increased. The matter was discussed at some length and members were unanimous in deeming it inappropriate during the current economic climate for an increase to be supported. It was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Local Government Unit accordingly.
STANDING ORDERS	12/617	Mr Cushing tabled his notice of motion to amend Standing Orders as follows:- Section 3 (a) delete “(who shall unless otherwise decided by resolution of the Board succeed to the Chair in the year next ensuing)” and section 3 (d) change “by ballot” to “as per the procedure in section 7” and delete section 7 (d). Miss Felton seconded the motion and in accordance with normal practice it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be held over to the next meeting of the Board for discussion.
BOUNDARY REVIEW	12/618	Members noted receipt of a submission to the Boundary Review Committee by a Mrs Hyde of Farmhill, Douglas. Mr Harmer concurred with Mrs Hyde’s

views and supported twenty four equal constituencies across the island.

REAYRT NY CRONK	12/619	The Town Clerk referred to a letter and plan from Heritage Homes Limited requesting the Commissioners to allocate street names under Phase C of the new housing development at Reayrt ny Cronk. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Board. Mr Davison suggested it may be of benefit to involve the school children and it was <i>AGREED</i> that he refer the matter to the Clothworkers School accordingly. In addition it was agreed to seek the views of the Post Office on this request.
ONCHAN CIVIC SERVICE	12/620	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Onchan District Commissioners indicating advance notice of its Sunday Civic Service to be held on 19 th May 2013 at St Peter's Church, Onchan at 3.00pm. <i>NOTED</i> .
DOG FOULING	12/621	<p>Mr Lace referred to the ongoing problem of dog fouling and reiterated that previous suggestions made for an area beyond the headlands field to be fenced for use as a dog toilet. Mr Jones indicated that it was a good idea and a similar area existed within Nobles Park, Douglas. It was however noted that provision of such an area did not always work and dog fouling was still evident.</p> <p>The matter was discussed at some length and reference was made to the Commissioners decision to hold a public meeting. Mrs Moughtin indicated that a similar issue had arisen many years ago over excessive dog fouling in the town which had resulted in a bad reaction with dog mess being pushed through certain Commissioners letter boxes. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a suitable date towards late April be allocated for a public meeting.</p>
ST GERMANS PLACE	12/622	Reference was made to a request from Mr Crookall MHK for the

Commissioners to consider widening the road at St Germans Place to enable easier emergency access. This could only be achieved by reducing the gardens of the Commissioners properties. It was suggested that there would be a significant cost implication.

JUBILEE GARDEN 12/623 Upon enquiry from Mr Harmer it was confirmed that work to establish the Jubilee Garden would still proceed during early April.

COMMISSIONERS SURGERY 12/624 The Chairman referred to the latest Commissioners Surgery and commented upon the poor turnout. Mr Beale queried the value of the surgery if members of the public were not prepared to attend. Mr Cushing however indicated that they were there to serve the town and this provided a forum for residents to discuss items of interest. It was suggested that the surgeries would benefit from better publication. It was however noted that notices were placed in the Commissioners notice board and the matter was advertised on the Commissioners website and within the Minutes.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.15pm.