

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. E C Beale
 Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	13/142	<p>The Chairman welcomed the press and his fellow Commissioners to the second meeting of July. The Chairman wished to congratulate the Committee of the Tommy Clucas Memorial fund on the organisation of this year's Peel Stock. The Chairman had also attended a celebration organised by Corlett Bolton celebrating five years of running their Peel Office. The Chairman reported that Corlett Bolton did the majority of their business from their office in Peel and it provided an extremely good example of how businesses could relocate and be run successfully in the Town.</p> <p>The Chairman commented that it was wonderful to see Yn Chruinnaght folk festival was being staged in Peel.</p>
MINUTES	13/143	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i>.</p>
WAR MEMORIAL	13/144	<p>The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 13/138 and reported that she had emailed the Archdeacon and asked for an update on the church's plans for a walkway to be provided to the war memorial. To date a response had not</p>

been received. *NOTED*

WESTLANDS	13/145	The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 13/140 and enquired if the Board had a specific date to convene a meeting with the Western Authorities to discuss their concerns regarding Minister Robertshaw's vision for housing on the Island. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that a meeting could be held in September. The Finance Officer undertook to write to Patrick, Michael, German and Marown Commissioners and invite them to such a meeting.	Date set
WEED CONTROL	13/146	<p>The Chairman referred back to Minute 13/121 and informed Members that the outdoor staff had dedicated more of their time to weed spraying over the last few weeks. The Chairman emphasised that concerted effort was needed as there was still a major problem of weeds within the Town.</p> <p>Mr. Lace commented that at the present time due to the hot weather spraying the weeds was not effective as rain was required to wash the weed killer into the roots. Mr. Jones informed the Board that Peel was not the only place that had a problem with weeds and the Department of Infrastructure was struggling to control weeds around the Island.</p> <p>Mr. Davison queried whether the Commissioners should employ a contractor to pull up the weeds as spraying them was not always effective. Mr. Cushing reported that he had been informed at a recent Commissioners surgery by an expert in horticulture that the only way to kill the weeds was to spray them. It may however take three to five years of continued spraying to ensure that they reached a manageable level. Members <i>AGREED</i> that the outdoor staff continue their efforts accordingly.</p>	
HEADLANDS TELESCOPE	13/147	The Chairman referred back to Minute C13/122 which had been discussed "In Committee" and asked the Board if the Minute could be moved to the public	

record. *AGREED*

Arising therefrom the Chairman enquired if the damaged telescope on the headlands damaged had been repaired. The Finance Officer undertook to ascertain from the Technical Officer as to whether the necessary repairs had been undertaken. *NOTED*

RUSTY PROMENADE
RAILINGS

13/148

The Chairman referred to an email that had been received from Mr. Corlett, Network Operation Engineer from the Department of Infrastructure informing the Board that work was due to commence on repainting the railings at the beginning of August 2013.

Letter sent

Mr. Cushing informed the Board that he was extremely disappointed that the railings had to be repainted so soon. Members *AGREED* that a letter be sent enquiring if the Department had an annual programme to paint the railings. The Board also wished to enquire why the Department had not taken measures to stop the railings going rusty for example by painting them with galvanised paint.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace enquired whether it was possible to write to the Department and enquire if the Commissioners were able to reinstate their flag poles which they were told had to be taken down because they might chip the paint on the railings. *AGREED*

BRIDGE STREET
TRAFFIC COUNT

13/149

Members *NOTED* the traffic count results for Bridge Street provided by the Department of Infrastructure. The results showed a slightly improving trend as compared with the traffic count survey of 2008.

Mr. Cushing stated that while he had every sympathy for the residents of Bridge Street he was of the opinion that they had a different perception of the situation and he felt that it was not appropriate to spend money on Bridge Street when there were other areas of the town which had a greater problem with speeding traffic. Mr.

Davison informed Members that he disputed this fact and if some vehicles were travelling down the road at 27mph this was indeed too fast for such a narrow road. Mr. Davison reported that the residents of Bridge Street were Peel rate payers and the Board should meet with them to ascertain their problems.
AGREED

Mr. Davison undertook to arrange a meeting.

ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT

13/150

The Board *NOTED* the following Road Traffic Orders:-

East Quay (Peel) Temporary Prohibition of Through Vehicular Traffic prohibiting through traffic from 6.00a.m. on 5th August 2013 until 6.00p.m. on 2nd September 2013.

Peel (Various Roads) (Reserved Parking Places) (Amendment) (No 2) Order 2013. This Order revoked and removed a reserved parking place on Westlands, Peel from the boundary of Nos. 21 and 22.

Tynwald Road and Douglas Street (Peel) Temporary Prohibition of Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic from 8.30a.m. until 4.30p.m. on 23rd July 2013.

Peel Carnival Notice 2013, various road closures for 28th July 2013.

Temporary Prohibition or Restriction of Traffic on various road for filming in Peel and Braddan

CLASSIC TT ROAD
CLOSURE

13/151

Members *NOTED* the classic TT Road Closure on Saturday 24th August 2013 that had been received from Trevor Harvey, Head of Motorsport of the Department of Economic Development. Mr. Harvey explained that traditionally the Manx Grand Prix races had had an evening practice session on the Saturday evening. The new Classic TT would replace this practice period with a race session which would require a road closure from 2pm in the afternoon lasting to no later than 9p.m.

in the evening. The planned schedule would include one race, parade lap and a qualifying practice session and given everything running to schedule should conclude by early evening.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

13/152

The following planning applications were Letter sent
considered for comment:-

13/00770//B

Erection of dwelling with sunroom to rear and widened driveway (amendment to previously approved PA 10/00544/B) Plot B9 Rearyt ny Cronk residential development under construction on field 311825 and parts of fields 315097, 311826, 311827 and 314444 and part of adjoining public highway, between Derby Road/Poortown Road and QE 11 High School and east of Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00784/B

Second floor to the rear of property to create a more usable kitchen and a first floor bathroom, 10 Church Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00742/B

Installation of replacement conservatory roof, 32 Cronk Rearyt, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00756/B

Installation of replacement front door, 34 Glenfaba Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00764/B

Revised route of pedestrian path (retrospective in association with 13/00765/CON), St. German's Cathedral Grounds, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00765/B

Registered Building Consent for revised route of pedestrian path (retrospective, RB no 204 in association with 13/00764/GB), St German's Cathedral Grounds, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPORVAL.*

The Board *NOTED* a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Corkill, 2 Cronk Rearyt, Glenfaba Park, Peel registering their objection with regard to planning application PA13/00686/B. The planning application was for permission to build two proposed semi-detached dwellings on land adjacent to 56 Glenfaba Road.

PLANNING DECISIONS 13/153
NOTIFIED

The following planning decisions were *NOTED* by the Board:-

PA 13/00653/B Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to dwelling, extension of residential curtilage and creation of an additional driveway and vehicular access at 13 The Links, Peel for Mr. Norman Greenhalgh. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00642/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation at 4 West View, Peel for Mrs. Jean Mary Taylor. *APPROVED*.

PA 13/00658/B Erection of an extension to replace existing conservatory to rear elevation at 12 Maple Avenue, Ballawattleworth, Peel for Mrs. Elaine MacMurchie. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00669/B Roofing works to existing conservatory at 11 Creggans Avenue, Peel for Mr. Terry Shepherd. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00623/B Installation of flat roof dormer to west elevation at Maynrys, 16 Mountain View, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mathieson. *REFUSED*

Mr. Cushing expressed his surprise that Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mathieson's planning application 13/00623/B had been refused. The Board *AGREED* to send a letter to the Planning Department offering their support for the application and enquire why permission had been refused.

PA 13/00649/B Installation of replacement conservatory roof at 28 Bellevue Park, Peel for Mr. Jeffrey James Waller Kelly. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00648/B Installation of replacement conservatory roof at 25 Ballgyr Park, Peel for Mrs. Sue Whitmore.
APPROVED

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED DRAFT BUILDING REGULATIONS 2013 13/154 TQ

The Chairman reported that he had studied the consultation for proposed Draft Building Regulations 2013 which had been forwarded to the Commissioners by the Building Control Manager for the Department of Infrastructure. The Chairman informed Members that the proposed new regulations provided a number of improvements to the current system. The Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer produce a report giving his technical opinion on the proposed changes to enable Members to consider the matter in more detail at the next Board meeting.

CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS 13/155

The Board considered a consultation on the Review of Legislation relating to the Control of Advertisements that had been received from Ian Brook, Planning Officer at the Department of Infrastructure. The Chairman informed Members that it was another example of Government removing the powers of local authorities as the new regulations removed Commissioners representation. The Chairman expressed his concern at removal of the control on placing advertisement in the Conservation Area. The Chairman was further of the opinion that the new regulations would not be very well regulated which meant that advertisements would be appearing all over the town.

Mr. Jones informed Members that he would like time to carry out on line research into the matter. The Board *AGREED* to defer the matter to the next Board Meeting to allow Members more time to consider the consultation document.

SCOUT HUT 13/156

Mr. Jones enquired if it would be possible to cut the grass outside the scout hut.
AGREED

Arising therefrom Mr. Jones informed Members that they needed to inform that Scout Organisation when work was due to commence on the Commissioners environmental project as the Scouts would need time to clear outside their building.
NOTED

MUNICIPAL
ASSOCIATION HUMAN
RESOURCE TRAINING
SESSION

13/157

Mr. Jones reported that he had attended the training evening on Human Resource Management which had been organised by the Municipal Society. This had taken place on 11th July 2013 and was conducted by Mrs. Ashton, Head of Human Resources at the Douglas Corporation. Mr. Jones informed Members that the training session had proven very useful and informative. Mrs. Ashton had also agreed to provide the Commissioners with any help or advice they might need on this issue. *NOTED*.

REGENERATION
SCHEME

13/158

Mr. Cushing enquired if the Commissioners had received an update regarding the Regeneration Scheme for Peel. The Chairman informed the Board that the last meeting had been cancelled. The Board *AGREED* to request that the Regeneration Committee provide them with an update as to the progress of the Regeneration Scheme for the next Board meeting.

FENELLA BEACH

13/159

Mr. Davison informed Members that one of the campervans on Fenella Beach had now relocated to the campsite. Mr. Davison reported that he and the Campsite Attendant, Mr. Quane had agreed a long term stay fee of £200 per month payable in advance per motorhome. The campervans were however not allowed to stay during the TT or Manx Grand Prix periods unless they paid the full rate. Mr. Davison reported that the gentleman concerned was happy to relocate elsewhere during these periods. Mr. Davison informed Members that he hoped that more of the motorhome owners on Fenella Beach would consider using the campsite. The Chairman reported that the Board needed to look into providing motorhomes with long term stay facilities

at the campsite once the camping season had finished. *AGREED*

PEEL BEACH

13/160

Mr. Davison informed Members that the Commissioners staff harrowed the beach on a Friday. Mr. Davison enquired if the beach could also be harrowed on a Sunday during the summer season. *AGREED*

Members further *AGREED* that if the problem of seaweed littering the beach occurred again the Technical Officer would be authorised to hire a digger immediately without having to seek the permission of the Board. Mr. Davison reported that the allotment holder or farmers may be willing to use the seaweed. Members *AGREED* that the Technical Officer investigate whether there was a market for the seaweed.

Arising therefrom Mr. Davison enquired if it were possible to purchase four or five black wheelie bins and place them at strategic points on the beach to encourage visitors to put their rubbish in rather than leaving it strewn across the beach. The Board *AGREED* to carry out a trial and erect bins by the steps and the kiosk to ascertain the viability of this proposal. Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that it was nice to see the beach being used and enquired if slipways could be cleaned. *AGREED*

WEST VIEW
PLAYGROUND

13/161

Miss Felton reported that she had received a number of complaints from young mothers regarding the state of the West View Playground. The mothers had stated that the play equipment was in a state of disrepair and there was litter and broken glass throughout the playground.

Mr. Cushing enquired whether it would be possible for the Board to have copies of the health and safety checklists for the last three months for West View Play Park. *AGREED* Members further *AGREED* to invite the Police to the next Board meeting to discuss the issue of vandalism in the park. The Chairman requested that Sure

be contacted to ascertain as to whether Wi-Fi was now working in the area, as soon as this was up and running the Commissioners would be able to install CCTV in the area. The Finance Office undertook to ask the Technical Officer to obtain an up to date report regarding the Wi-Fi coverage in Peel.

Miss Felton informed Members that she had called a meeting with the young people which had taken place at the Youth Club. This however had not solved the problem as there was still broken glass and vandalism in the area.

Mr. Davison reported that he had spoken to a lady from the Parent Teach Association who were looking for an area of land to establish a swing park. Mr. Davison required as to who actually owned the open spaces on the estate. The Chairman informed him that consultation would be required with the residents to decide whether a new play park was supported. Mr. Cushing informed Members there was land designated for a play area in the McLeods field development and there was also an area in Ballatessan which was designated on the plan but had so far not been developed.

The Chairman informed Members that a new playground needed to be considered as a budget item at a future budget meeting. *AGREED*

PEEL CASTLE PATH

13/162

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that she had over the course of the last eleven nights walked around Fenella Beach and Peel Castle and had collected 15 bin bags of rubbish which had comprised of barbecue trays, dirty nappies, takeaway cartons etc. Mrs. Moughtin stated Manx National Heritage classed Peel Castle as the jewel in their crown. However they made no attempt to make sure that the outside of the castle was kept clean and the bins located there were overflowing with rubbish. The paths were overgrown with grass and thistles, Mrs. Moughtin commented that she had seen one small

Letter sent

child scratch her leg on thistles.

Mrs. Moughtin queried whether Manx National Heritage had a duty of care and whether or not Peel Town Commissioners were able to request that they close the path due to its dangerous condition until such time that it was cleared.

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that she would continue to carry on cleaning up the litter that had been left.

The Board *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Manx National Heritage asking them to clear the path and tidy up the area forthwith and further request that the signage around the area be improved.

Mr. Cushing reported that he fully supported Mrs. Moughtin with regards to her concerns. Mr. Cushing suggested that the Commissioners seek legal advice from their advocates to ascertain whether they were able to enforce Manx National Heritage to make safe the path. *AGREED*

The Board further *AGREED* to Mr. Davison's suggestion to invite the Director of Manx National Heritage to a meeting to discuss the problem.

COASTAL PATH TO
GLEN MAYE 13/163

Mr. Lace informed Members that the coastal path leading to Glen Maye was extremely overgrown. Mr. Lace reported that he had contacted the Department of Infrastructure and requested them to clear the path. Mr. Lace had also asked the Department why they had not got a rolling maintenance programme and was informed that the Department only undertook the work if someone complained. The Board *AGREED* to write to the Department and ask them to clear the path and set up a rolling programme to ensure that regular maintenance was carried out.

SHRUBS
BALLAWATTLEWORTH
ESTATE 13/164

Mr. Lace enquired if the shrubs at the Ballawattleworth shop could be pruned. *AGREED.*

DANGEROUS WALL – 13/165 Mr. Lace referred to a dangerous wall in Letter sent
PEVERIL ROAD supported by large bags of gravel which were not going to support the wall for much longer as they were starting to split. Mr. Lace enquired if the Commissioners would be able to find out who was responsible for repairing the wall. If the owner was not in a position to undertake the work themselves then the Commissioners would repair the wall and invoice the householder. The Finance Officer undertook to instruct the Technical Officer to look into the matter.

DOCTORS SURGERY 13/166 Mr. Lace informed the Board that he had Letter sent
recently visited the Peel Group Practice and had watched an elderly lady drive over the tarmac at the entrance to the surgery in her mobility scooter, the lady in question had been shook all over the place due to the tarmac not being rolled properly. The Board *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure requesting that they resurface the entrance to the doctor's surgery.

This part of the meeting finished at 7.45p.m.