

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 15 March 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present Mrs C. Moughtin (Chairman)
 Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman)
 Mrs J. O'Halloran
 Mr E. Beale
 Mr A. Jones
 Mr D. Lace

Apologises Miss K. Felton

In attendance Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	15/275	The Chairman welcomed the Board to the second meeting of March.
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ITEM 1 MINUTES	15/276	Mr Jones and the Chairman agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2016. The Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st March 2016. Mr Jones proposed and the Deputy Chairman seconded these respectively.
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ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING	15/277	<p>Item 15/237 Election Act</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported the Chief Secretary had not responded to the five specific legal questions asked by the Commissioners in January 2016 or the subsequent reminder letters. Mr Jones expressed his disappointment with this situation and proposed the Town Clerk should write to the Chief Minister to obtain a response and the meet with the press if necessary to highlight this problem. The Board unanimously agreed with this course of action.</p>
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Item 15/269 Planning Application

The Board noted a communication stating the Commissioners did not oppose planning applications 16/000190/B, 16/00144/B and 16/00091/B (amended drawings) and 16/00165/D including the condition for the sign not to obscure visibility had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture.

Item 15/265 Private Members Neighbourhood Planning Bill

The Board noted a communication expressing the Commissioners support for the principle of local involvement in planning matters and their concerns relating to duplication of local authority functions, the lack of democratic accountability of the forums and the forums vulnerability to single issue focus groups was sent to Mr Cregeen MHK.

Item 15/270 Peel Regeneration

The Town Clerk reported he was working with Mr Harmer MHK the chairman of the Peel Regeneration Committee to obtain funding for the lower section of Michael Street between Orry Lane and Douglas Street. He advised this would occur while the current regeneration scheme which was scheduled to commence on 29 March 2016 was in progress. Mrs O'Halloran stated the original scheme on Derby Road had planning consent and she had received a number of complaints about the proposed regeneration of Market Place being a waste of money. She stated it had taken a lot of hard work with the assistance of Mr Harmer MHK to get this project started. She understood the scheme would not be to everyone's liking however, it will rejuvenate the poorly maintained roads in the centre of the town and provide a public open space. Mrs O'Halloran expressed her disappointment the project did not take in any of Michael Street. However, she confirmed grants were still available from the government to contribute up to 50% of the cost to renovate the shop frontages which would improve the environment of Michael Street. She concluded the town need to get behind the scheme which was designed to attract people into the town centre. Mr Jones congratulated Mrs O'Halloran and Mr Harmer MHK on getting the regeneration scheme for Peel approved. He stated government had placed a number of constraints on the project which could have resulted in Peel obtaining no or little regeneration investment. He stated the project was not all to his taste although the roads were in a poor condition and required improving. The Deputy Chairman was supportive of this position. However, he reiterated his disappointment that the current scheme did not regenerate Michael Street and the stink of sewerage in the street was overpowering at times. He hoped the scheme would resolve this

problem in Douglas Street and believed the scheme should be extended up Michael Street as originally planned. Mrs O'Halloran advised more communication was required with shopkeepers in Michael Street to overcome their reasons for opposing regeneration works in Michael Street to improve the main shopping street. Mr Lace stated he voted against the scheme because he would rather see a larger multi-storey car park built off Douglas Street. The Deputy Chairman stated the cost of a new car park would have to be paid for by users and this type of structure would not be in keeping with the town. Mr Lace believed an acceptable multi-storey car park scheme could be designed with new buildings hiding the parking areas.

15/272 Royal Artillery Baton

Mr Jones reported a military vehicle would transport the baton around the island on 9 May 2016. Member of the Board would be provided with the detailed time schedule once it was available to permit them to meet the baton on its arrival in Peel.

15/273 Consultation on Road Transport Legislation Bill 2016

The Town Clerk reported he had not submitted a response to the Bill.

15/273 Consultation in Principle on the Introduction of Greater Identification Verification Measures at Harbours

The Town Clerk reported he had not submitted the Commissioners response at this time.

HOUSING ITEMS

15/278

Item 2 Planning applications.

The Board did not oppose planning applications 16/00225/B, 16/00253/B and 16/00269/B.

Item 4 Planning Decision Notified.

The Board **agreed** to take no further action on planning applications 16/00079/B and 15/00091/B.

RECREATION ITEMS

15/279

Item 5 Temporary Suspension of Parking at Cross Street

The Board noted the content of the temporary traffic regulation order suspending parking on Cross Street between 11 March and 30 April 2016.

Item 6 3rd Peel Scouts Application for Vegetable Patch

The Board noted the contents of the communication received from the 3rd Peel Scouts. The Board **agreed** to support the application to construct a vegetable patch at the side of the scout building and for the Commissioners staff to provide assistance if required.

FINANCE AND
GENERAL ITEMS

15/280

Item 7 Well Being Workshop- To consider request from Eco Vannin to obtain information on the Peel Regeneration Scheme

The Board noted the contents of the communication received from Eco Vannin and **agreed** to send the information to the Department of Infrastructure to permit them to consider the proposals within their project.

Item 8 Any Other Business

The Deputy Chairman reported the content of a recent newspaper article in which the Chief Minister had recently acknowledged the existence of fuel poverty. He expressed his concerns government was only just being made aware of this problem. Mr Jones supported this view and stated communications had taken place with government on this matter which had received a poor response. The Board **agreed** for these communications to be recovered from the Commissioners' records and made available to the press.

Mr Lace reported a preliminary design was completed some years ago for a high quality multi-storey car park on the Douglas Street Car Park site and these were not taken forward by the Commissioners because of cost. Mr Lace requested these plans should be reviewed. The Deputy Chairman recalled the scheme required the introduction of pay and display to fund the new parking which would deter shoppers from coming to Peel.

The meeting ended at 7:25pm