



## Peel Town Commissioners *COMMISSIONERS' NEWS*

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Welcome to the November Newsletter.

### AROUND PEEL

The commissioners congratulate Mr. Tim Crookall on his second term as M.H.K. for Peel and on becoming Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure.

**Seagulls:** During the Summer, we received a lot of correspondence concerning seagulls and the nuisance they can cause. Many measures have been suggested, including a general cull, with some residents for and others against. At present, a cull has been discounted.

A fishing harbour is bound to attract gulls, but we have to try to minimise the impact they can have on residents' daily lives and to visitors to Peel. We intend to increase expenditure in the next financial year on measures to prevent gulls from nesting. Additionally, we can all help by not feeding the gulls. We currently have signs on the Promenade, asking people not to feed the gulls and we have discussed having a byelaw to make it an offence to do so. What do you think?

**Ballaquane Road:** The D.O.I. are planning improvements to make the roundabout crossing safer. Included will be a mirror to allow pedestrians a view of any traffic on Ballaquane Road.

**Marine Parade:** The Commissioners have agreed to install some of the adult exercise equipment at the former swimming pool site, along with some picnic benches and seats.

**Camping Site:** Once again, the Camp site will be available during Winter for Motor home parking at £10. per week. To book space, please contact the Town Hall on 842341.

**Parking/Traffic:** The Dept. of Infrastructure has commissioned a traffic survey for Peel. This will include an automatic traffic count at four separate locations, a questionnaire and a public opinion survey. The outcome will assist the Department in addressing the parking needs of motorists in Peel.

**Reporting Problems:** If you are aware of a problem, e.g. fly tipping, road/pavement repairs, road cleaning, abandoned vehicles, etc. you can ring the Town Hall, or contact us at:

[www.peelonline.net/peelcom/reportforms.htm](http://www.peelonline.net/peelcom/reportforms.htm)

**New ways to keep in touch:** There are now many ways in which you can keep in touch with the Commissioners and local community news:

Facebook users can go to [www.facebook.com/peelonline](http://www.facebook.com/peelonline)

Tweeters can follow at [www.twitter.com/peelonline](http://www.twitter.com/peelonline)

If you use email, you can opt to receive this newsletter and/or monthly events information by signing up online at [www.peelonline.net](http://www.peelonline.net).

Agendas for Commissioners' meetings are published in advance at [www.peelonline.net/peelcom](http://www.peelonline.net/peelcom) and minutes are published soon after the subsequent meeting in the same place.

Offline, we have notice boards around the Town – contact the Town Hall to have your posters or news displayed.

**PEEL ONLINE PHOTO COMPETITION:** There is still time to enter the Commissioners' annual photo competition, with £100 in prizes for the top three entries. Judging will be at the end of November. All photos are welcome. Send photos by email to [photos@peelonline.net](mailto:photos@peelonline.net). More details and rules can be found at: [www.peelonline.net/peelcom/word/rules.htm](http://www.peelonline.net/peelcom/word/rules.htm).

#### **SEWERAGE AGENCY AGREEMENT:**

The Water & Sewerage Authority has recently served notice on all Local Authorities – including Peel – to terminate the sewerage delegation agreement. This will take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 and will mean that all sewerage works, including maintenance, emergency repairs to leakage, blockages and inspection of new connections will be undertaken by the Water & Sewerage Authority.

The Commissioners argued strongly that this agreement should be retained. However, the case put by the Commissioners was dismissed by the Water & Sewerage Authority.

#### **BEACH CLEANING:**

Three beaches and a weed clean (as part of the big tidy-up) have been successfully completed over the Summer and early Autumn. Please let the Town Hall know if you would like to become involved.

#### **PEEL ACHIEVERS:**

The Commissioners are seeking nominations for people who have achieved something special during the year – possibly in the field of sport. Do you know anyone – or a group of people who deserve recognition? Awards will be presented at a date to be advised.

#### **REGENERATION:**

June saw the opening of the Manx Wildlife Trust offices and shop, which was the first beneficiary of the Regeneration Scheme. Approval has also been given for detailed design work for the area from the promenade to Michael Street. In addition, there is approval to provide 50% of funding to repaint shop fronts in Michael Street. Further analysis is being undertaken on the Wifi scheme to see if it can be implemented Island wide.

**Commissioners' Meetings:** Commissioners' meetings are open to the public. They usually take place on the first and third Tuesday of every month. January (only) meetings will be 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' SURGERIES:**

Surgeries are held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall on the second Saturday of each month between 10 am. and 12.00 noon.

#### **COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2012**

Have you ever thought about standing to become a Commissioner? The next Local Authority elections will be in April 2012. The minimum commitment in terms of time is to attend the twice-monthly Board meetings (held on a Tuesday night). Ideally, you should be able to attend additional meetings with various interest groups and government departments, plus being available to the people of Peel to help resolve any issues and problems. No qualification or previous experience is required, other than a passion for our Town. If you are interested and want to learn more, why not call one of the Commissioners and have a chat?

#### **LEECE MUSEUM:**

The Museum is hosting an Art Exhibition entitled Ancient to Modern Mann by Gary Bennett and Rosie Wood. This is showing from now until the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **CHRISTMAS:**

Nov 26 The IOM Children's Centre will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair at the Philip Christian Centre from 1.30 to 4.00 pm.  
Dec. 3 In conjunction with the House of Mannanan, the Commissioners will organise a children's lantern competition, which will take place at the House of Mannanan.

**Judging at 3.30 pm,** followed by a lantern procession up Michael St. to Atholl Place for the switch on ceremony.

**4.00 pm.** Lights switched on by Mr. Tim Crookall, MHK.

This year, a newly formed group of handbell ringers will be in attendance at the lights switch on.

#### **REFUSE ARRANGEMENTS:**

Collections over the Christmas period will be ONE DAY LATER than usual, i.e. Monday collection will be on Tuesday; Tuesday will be on Wednesday and Wednesday will be on Thursday. The same will arrangement will apply for New Year collections.