



Peel Town Commissioners *COMMISSIONERS' NEWS*

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Welcome to the April Newsletter.

AROUND PEEL

Town Hall: The removal of asbestos from the Town Hall has now been completed by Island Drainage and Groundworks Ltd. The Commissioners have taken this opportunity to refurbish the Boardroom with new lighting and carpets. The Boardroom is now a much more pleasant venue for Marriage ceremonies. In addition, the whole frontage, which was in a very poor state, has been rebuilt with new doors. The Commissioners and Town Hall staff would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst this necessary work was carried out.

Peel Beach: This Summer, the Commissioners will supply a small number of deckchairs and windbreaks to Marianne Brew, the Promenade Kiosk Proprietor, for use on the beach. They will be available for hire from the Kiosk during the Summer season. If this pilot scheme proves successful, it can be expanded for 2012.

Adult Gym Equipment: 8 pieces of outdoor gym equipment are being purchased. 5 could be placed on the Headland and 3 near Creg Malin car park. Where do you think these are best placed ?

Peel Traffic Plan: After extensive discussions, over many years, with the Dept. of Infrastructure and also public consultation, the first phase of the Traffic plan will be implemented shortly. It involves making lower Derby Road one way down and Christian Street one way up. Church Street will become a no parking area, which should aid the

buses in negotiating the streets of central Peel. Drivers are asked to drive with extra care when changes are brought in.

Other Traffic and Parking Matters: The Commissioners are awaiting plans from DOI for increased parking provision in Peel. We are also reviewing every opportunity to increase capacity.

The DOI have reverted to the shorter hours for pedestrians in Michael St. on a Saturday. Please let us know what you think.

It is planned to make the Douglas Street lay-by permanent. Again, please let us know what you think.

We continue to seek views regarding the Market Place and Atholl Place change in parking time.

Bicycle racks are being purchased to encourage cycle use – to be placed at various sites, including Market Place and Promenade.

Vandalism: It is with concern and regret that the Commissioners have to report a small number of incidents of vandalism. One occurred in the grounds of St. Peter's Churchyard, where some shrubs were damaged. This area is always well maintained and is particularly attractive during Spring and Summer, when the planting comes into bloom. The matters have been reported to the Police and residents are asked to be vigilant and report any vandalism to the Police and/or Town Hall.

Kerroo Coar Refurbishment Scheme: After a lengthy period of planning, a major refurbishment scheme is due to commence this month. Sixty-six properties will be up-graded with new kitchens, bathroom and electrical rewiring. The work – to be undertaken by N. K. Joinery Ltd. will continue until December 2013. Tenants will have to move out in stages when work starts and, a number of transit houses will have to be kept available for them.

Peel Clothworkers School: The first phase of the playground has been installed and is in use. This has been built from a combined effort of Peel Town Commissioners, private donations, Friends of The

Clothworkers School and Heritage Homes. It is for the use of the School and for the Peel Community.

Marine Parade: The area at the end of Marine Parade is being re-landscaped for use as a picnic area.

Street Entertainment: The Commissioners would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to perform street entertainment in Michael St. during shopping hours. Please get in touch with the Town Hall.

Notice Boards: New notice boards are now in place. Please contact the Town Hall to display your posters.

Peel Tidy Up Campaign: Peel will again be participating in the Big Tidy campaign in October. In the meantime, we encourage everyone to keep Peel tidy and dog mess free. Please report any incidents to the Town Warden or Town Hall.

PEEL ACHIEVERS' RECEPTION

It was a great honour to present Zoe Lambie the Peel Achievers' award for 2011 at the reception on 24th March. A Community Award was also presented to Kelvin Dawson for his fund raising for the Tommy Clucas Memorial project. The Business Award was presented to Albany House Bed and Breakfast. Over £1,000 was also raised for Charity, going to the RNLI and Western Live at Home.

WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE

Opening Times: Mon to Sat 8.00 to 16.00. Sun 9.00 to 16.00 (Last entry 15.45 daily.)

In the first full year of operation at the extended site, over 2,845 tonnes of waste has been processed (the equivalent of 2,848,835 bags of sugar), 56.8% of which has been recycle and re-use materials.

Numerous School visits have been made from St. John's School and Bunscoil Ghaelgagh. Please contact the Site to arrange visits, as many more are welcome.

Other group visits can be arranged with the Manager. These would take place in the evening when the Site would be closed to the general public.

Site Contact details: Telephone: 801158
(Please leave a message and your call will be returned.)
Email: wcas-site@manx.net

WESTERN SWIMMING POOL

New Pool Manager, Mrs. Kath Andrews has settled into her new role. Of course, Kath has been working at the Pool for some years and is an experienced swimming instructor. For information on private lessons for adults and children, contact her on 842525.

Due to budget cuts, unfortunately, this year the prices have had to be raised. However, this is a fantastic local facility and is still excellent value for money.

Around 700 children learn to swim at the pool each week. Waiting lists are kept to a minimum, so do call for more information about joining group classes. Crash courses will be running during the Easter holidays. Between 11th to 15th April, there are pre-school and toddler beginner lessons, stage 3, 4 and 5 improvers and Rookie lifeguard courses. There is a snorkelling course on 18th to 21st April, with Rookie Life Support on 19th to 20th April.

Please note: The pool will be closed on Easter Sunday, the Royal Wedding Day and on Wednesdays between the 27th April and the 27th May.

REGENERATION

Approval has been given to proceed to the detailed design stage for the initial phase of Peel's regeneration bid. This phase will encompass the area from Market Place to the promenade. A bid has also been submitted for painting shop fronts in Michael Street. Work on bids for WiFi and a Heritage Trail are progressing.

PEEL IN MOTION DAY

The Commissioners have been working closely with Peel Chamber of Trade & Commerce through Candy Atcheson of A3 Marquees to revamp Peel Day for the T.T. Festival. This will take place on Sunday 5th June. Attractions will include a Farmers' Market in Atholl Place, vintage bike display on East Quay, street entertainers, zorbzones for adults and children, a kipper treasure quest, bikini bike wash, chainsaw sculpture demo, Viking display and lots more.

WHAT'S ON

- 5th June:** Peel in Motion. (See above.)
- 27th June to 4th July:** Vikings of Mann, with MNH, are holding a Viking Festival in Peel Castle. There will be demonstrations and workshops on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th July, with Peel Beach used for larger displays.
- 17th July:** Peel Civic Sunday: Please note change of venue. The Service will take place at 11 am in The Methodist Chapel. Castletown Silver Band will lead the procession and refreshments will be provided in the Corrin Hall.
- PEEL IN BLOOM:** Application forms are available from the Town Hall now. Deadline for entry is 15th July, with judging late July/early August.