

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 17 August 2017 at 8:00pm.

Present
Mr I. Davison
Mrs C. Moughtin
Mr E. Convery
Ms H. Hannan
Mr A. Jones
Mr D. Lace
Mr B. Heath

In attendance
Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)
Miss L. Bampton (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mr I. Begley (Commissioners Accountant)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME 17/048 The Chairman welcomed the Board to the August Commissioners' meeting and congratulated the organisers of the Peel Gardeners' Peel in Bloom competition and the Peel Traditional Boat weekend for hosting excellent events. He recorded his thanks for the high quality of entries to these competitions and to the Commissioners' staff who received a second place in the community garden category of the Peel in Bloom competition.

ITEM 1 MINUTES 17/049 The Chairman requested confirmation of the minutes. The Board **agreed** the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2017. Mr Jones proposed this item and it was seconded by Mr Lace.

ITEM 2 2016/17 17/050 The Chairman welcomed Mr Begley the Commissioners' Accountant and Miss Bampton the Responsible Finance Officer to the meeting. The Commissioners' Accountant stated the Board had provisionally approved the statement of accounts at their meeting on 18 May when the Responsible Finance Officer and the Commissioners' Accountant had presented the accounts to the Board. He advised the external audit was completed and they had given clearance on the Commissioners accounts on 1 August 2017. He advised there was very few changes to report following the audit and the housing and revenue account surpluses remained as previously reported. The audit had highlighted a number of minor technical items which were contained in the appendices to

their letter of clearance dated 1 August 2017. These included reclassification of loans received prior to the signing of the contract for the capital works associated with the Slieau Whallian View capital scheme; changes to some depreciation items; increasing retention on a contractor and the retention of a number of long standing creditor items. The Commissioners' Accountant reported the external audit had made no recommendations on the Commissioners' procedures or statements and had made no adverse comments on the statements, internal organisation or controls. He advised the Auditor had mentioned the SORP accountancy standards needed updating which may occur in the near future. The Commissioners' Accountant advised Peel Town Commissioners' accounts were the first to receive clearance from the auditors for the 2016/17 financial year. The Commissioners' Accountant and Responsible Finance Officer presented seven copies of the accounts and a letter of representation to the Board for signature by the Chairman. The Board **agreed** the Chairman could sign the previously approved accounts and the letter of representation which were duly signed by the Chairman. This item was proposed by Ms Hannan and seconded by Mr Convery the lead members for Finance and Staff Resource Committee.

The Commissioners' Accountant and the Responsible Finance Officer presented seven copies of the 2016/17 Ward Library Harry Hill Memorial Fund and Corrin Town Park Trust accounts to the Board for signature by the Chairman. Ms Hannan asked if the trustees of these funds were required to sign the accounts. The Responsible Finance Officer reported the Commissioners were legally responsible for administering these charity funds. The Board **agreed** the Chairman could sign the previously approved accounts and the letter of representation which were duly signed by the Chairman. This item was proposed by Ms Hannan and seconded by Mr Convery the lead members for Finance and Staff Resource Committee.

Mr Jones expressed a vote of thanks to Mr Begley and Miss Bampton for their work in preparing these successfully audited accounts.

The Chairman seconded this vote of thanks and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

The Board noted the contents of the financial report for the first quarter of the current financial year from 1 April until 30 June 2017. The Commissioners' Accountant highlighted a surplus of £36,000 to date on the general revenue account. He advised there was no variance of greater than £2,000 for each approved budget heading and there were a number of Board approved projects to be delivered before the end of the financial year which would account for this surplus. The Responsible Finance Officer advised the only area of expenditure in excess of its budget was the campsite. Ms Hannan highlighted further campsite income was expected from the busy Festival of Motorsport and this budget was being monitored.

The Commissioners' Accountant reported the housing revenue budget was showing a £134,000 profit and the maintenance budget was slightly overspent by £6,000. During the quarter interest repayment of £125,000 and capital repayments of £248,000 had been made. There had been £43,000 spent on 13 void properties. He advised the Commissioners had healthy reserves and the Board were considering a number of business cases including a playground and industrial units to invest part of this reserve.

Mr Begley and Miss Bampton left the meeting at 8:17pm

ITEM 2 MATTERS 17/051
ARISING

Item 17/43 Planning Applications for
Consideration

The Board noted their continuing objection to planning applications 16/00839/B for the construction of 6 apartments and 373sqm of retail space at the former workshop Crompton's Building, East Quay in Peel and not opposing the development proposals in planning application 17/00477/B Part demolition of existing apartments and bungalows and the erection of new apartment additions and the further refurbishment of the existing apartments and remaining bungalows at Westlands, Peel had been sent to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Item 17/44 Queens Baton 3 September

The Board noted the response accepting the invitation to become involved in the visit of the Queens Baton to in Peel on 3 September had been sent to the organisers.

Item 17/46 Poppy Appeal

The Board noted the response to the Royal British Legion supporting their applications for house collections in late October and Early November for the next three years and approving a street collection from 3 November to 11 November 2018 had been sent.

Item 17/46 Cruse Bereavement Care

The Board noted the response to Cruse Bereavement Care approving their application for the memory walk from Peel to St Johns on the disused railway line on 24 September 2017 had been sent.

Item 17/46 War Memorial Refurbishment

The Board noted the response to Cathedral Isle of Man approving their request for £427.50 to fund renovations to the Peel War Memorial had been sent

Item 17/46 Consultation on High Level Policy Means Testing

The Board noted the consultation response supporting the high level policy means testing recommendations subject to their review once detailed proposals are developed was sent to the Cabinet Office.

Item 17/46 Consultation on Proposals to Contract Out Certain Police Services

The Board noted this deferred item was to be discussed at agenda item 20.

Item 17/46 Consultation on Designation of Inshore Marine Nature Reserves

The Board noted consultation response supporting new protection measures for a new inshore marine nature reserve had been sent to the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture.

Item 17/47 Any Other Business Operational Items

The Town Clerk reported the Peel Carnival Organisers had been advised their application for a street trading license for their event on 6

August 2017 was approved by the Board.

The Town Clerk reported the approved changes to the 2017/18 budget headings had been actioned.

The Town Clerk reported the cleaning works at the Albany Road crossroad junction had been undertaken and a coloured seat was to be installed at this location.

The Town Clerk reported officers had inspected the shelter roofs around the bowling green which were leaking in wet weather conditions and were making arrangements for their repair.

The Town Clerk reported cleaning works and resurfacing works had been undertaken in and around the regeneration area.

The Town Clerk reported the painting of the wall at the end of Marine Parade and the varnishing of the Lady Fenella Statue had been placed on the Commissioners' work schedule. He advised the Commissioners did not own sufficient flags to zip tie them to the Promenade lighting columns during the summer holidays.

The Town Clerk reported he had written to the Director of Harbours requesting they review the need to erect no overnight parking sign for large vehicles on the Tongue.

HOUSING ITMES

17/052

Item 4 Property Asset Management Lead Member Committee Update

Mr Jones the Lead Member for Property and Asset Management circulated the minutes of the Property Asset Management Committee held on 17 July and he provided the following update:

The lead members had referred planning applications 17/00477/B Part demolition of existing apartments and bungalows and construction of 19 new apartments, refurbishment of 20 existing apartments and alterations to create 6 semi-detached bungalows at Westlands, Peel (Amended Plans) and 16/00839/B Creation of a five storey building to provide retail space and six residential apartments at Showroom, East Quay, Peel to the Board for consideration.

The lead members had not opposed planning applications 17/00640/B Conversion of detached garage into music room and home office at 16 Stanley Road, Peel; 17/00686/B Installation of replacement windows at Apartment 3, Walpole House, 1 Marine Parade, Peel; 17/00689/B Replacement roof to rear annex at 4 Links Close, Peel; 17/00700/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation at 34 Castle Street, Peel; 17/00702/B Fitting a galvanized roller shutter to underground parking entrance at Wharfside Apartments, Station Road, Peel; and 17/00714/B Alteration to existing kitchen and breakfast room to create ground floor toilet at 9 Peveril Terrace, Peel

The lead members noted the planning decision notices for planning applications 17/00519/B Approval of creation of new vehicular access and off road parking area and removal of pedestrian entrance at Shangri-La Tynwald Road, Peel; 17/00430/B Approval of replacement existing windows at 20 Shore Road, Peel; 17/00261/B Approval of alterations, erection of rear extension and front porch widening of existing driveway and vehicular access at Abraka 8 Rheast Lane, Peel; 17/00574/B Approval of replacement of windows to front elevation at 46 Douglas Street, Peel; and 16/00577/B Approval of erection of four industrial units with mezzanine floors and associated parking at Former Brickyard Site Mill Road , Peel.

The lead members noted little progress had occurred on the Corner House or 12 Market Street since the last meeting. The owners of these properties had been advised the Commissioners would reissue Building Control Act notices if no action took place before the end of July 2017. The lead members **agreed** to proceed with the issuing of notices if no action had taken place.

The lead members agreed street traders' licences could be issued to Manx Fish, Pickles and Pate subject to the trader having the relevant insurance and a gas appliance safety certificate. The lead members noted the internal fitting out of a Commissioners' Slieau Whallian View property had not been completed and it was premature to arrange a

visit at this time. Officers reported the developer had relocated his staff resources onto the construction of private property following an upturn in the housing market and it was now envisaged the Commissioners' housing would not be available until the contract completion date of January 2018.

The officers had reported the performance management updates for the end of the financial year had been sent to the lead members following the last meeting. The lead members noted the content of the performance management update and agreed no further action was required.

Item 5 Planning Applications for Consideration

The Board noted there were no planning applications submitted to them for consideration

Item 6 Planning Decision Notified

The Board noted the approval for planning application 16/00839/B Creation of a five storey building to provide retail space and six residential apartments at Showroom, East Quay, Peel. The Town Clerk reported the Commissioners had opposed this application because it did not provide sufficient parking to serve the needs of this development and the proposed five storey building was too high and did not comply with the East Quay Design Guide. Ms Hannan proposed the Commissioners should seek an appeal of this decision. Mr Lace seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

RECREATION ITEMS

17/053

Item 7 Events and Commercial Innovation Lead Member Update

The Chairman reported the lead members had met on 12 July 2017 and the following matters were discussed:

The lead members noted no events had taken place since their last meeting.

The lead members had noted the communication from the Organisers of the Manx Two Day Trial dated 6 July 2017. The lead members **agreed** to reiterate the Board's resolution that motorcycles for this event are to access and leave Peel Hill via the concrete access road only. The lead members asked the

Town Clerk to confirm this requirement to the organisers of this event.

The lead members asked the Technical Officer to provide copies of a photograph of a simple sleigh to them which could be constructed without using registered trades persons or purchasing a constructed sleigh. This would enable them to contact organisations to ascertain if the sleigh could be constructed free of charge.

The lead members noted a meeting was held with Hospice Isle of Man to ensure the Urban Slide and Soap Box Derby closures are coordinated for 19 August 2017. The lead members noted new ramps required constructing for the Derby Drive/Stanley Road course and additional barriers would be required from the Department of Infrastructure for the Hospice event. The Chairman reported since the lead member meeting had taken place the lead members had decided to postpone the soap box event because the weather forecast for the weekend of 19 August was poor and the Commissioners had received a lower number of entries than in previous years. He advised the lead members were seeking to reschedule this event for the 1st or 8th October 2017.

The lead members noted the content of the Play Equipment Annual Maintenance Report. The Technical Officer reported the new swings for West View and the Headlands playgrounds would arrive in the near future. The fence in the Headlands playground would be relocated to isolate the exercise equipment from the children's play equipment. The Technical Officer reported these were the main risks identified in the report and a member of staff would undertake weekday daily inspections and routine maintenance to tackle the majority of the other risks identified. However, work was not required to a number of items including the edge of the steps on the slide in the West View playground. The lead members were content with these actions and **agreed** they needed to be documented and sent to the next Board meeting along with the original Maintenance Report.

The lead members noted the hard drive on the

Ward Library public computer had been replaced and a replacement printer had been provided. The agreed disaster recovery hardware would be installed in the near future by Scanco.

The lead members noted a number of equipment and certification issues highlighted by a representative from Isle of Man Fire Brigade at the Leece Museum were currently being addressed. The lead members had asked the officers to consider an electronic booking system for the campsite.

The lead members noted the next regeneration meeting was scheduled for 12 July 2017 and **agreed** the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2017 was to be reported to the next Board meeting. The officers had reported the Commissioners concerns in relation to the outstanding works on the cctv, planting, disabled crossings, remedial works, bollard and footway outside the Post Office. Pigeon spikes had been ordered for the use of local property owners to reduce roosting problems following the completion of the clock tower renovation works.

The lead members noted a recent problem associated with the public WIFI equipment on the Leece Museum had arisen which had reduced the public WIFI service in this part of the Town and in the Castle Street Gardens. They noted the cost for replacing this equipment was £1,000 to £1,500. The lead members **agreed** to fund this repair to reinstate free public WIFI and asked the officers to seek information on a maintenance contract for the Town's free public WIFI network.

Item 8 Royal Air Forces Association Battle of Britain Concert and Church Service

The Board noted the communication from the Royal Airforce Association dated 17 July 2017 inviting the Commissioners to attend a concert on 15th September and a church service on 17 September 2017. The Chairman **agreed** to represent the Commissioners at both of these events.

ITEM 9 FINANCE
AND STAFF
RESOURCE LEAD

17/054

Ms Hannan reported the lead members had met on 14 July 2017 and the following matter were discussed:

MEMBER
COMMITTEE
UPDATE

The lead member's noted the content of the Finance Officer's May 2017 Profit and Loss Statement report. The Finance Officer provided the May 2017 finance summary overview report to the lead members at the meeting and highlighted the following issues. The approved budgets had not been inputted into SAGE to permit the profile of expenditure to be compared with budgets or last year's expenditure. The Profit and Loss Statement reports a deficit £3,664.83 which is normal at this time of year because a higher portion of grass cutting, gardening and campsite attendant costs occur in this first quarter of the year. The Finance Officer highlighted the main areas of expenditure in May was £8,245 grass cutting and gardening labour costs; £5,590 external audit and £7,507 campsite costs. The Finance Officer reported the campsite expenditure cost have now exceeded their £24,782 budget for the 2017/18 financial year. The Finance Officer reported £65,469 expenditure to date on the Housing Profit and Loss Statement report with work taking place on ten properties in May 2017. This expenditure represents a small deficit of £2,269 on the two month prorata allocation of the annual budget. The Finance Officer reported two Isle of Man Bank and seven HSBC loans matured in May 2017 with interest payments totalling £83,598 and capital repayments totalling £183,095. The Town Clerk reported the Commissioners' income and salary expenditure was to date on target with the budget projects for 2017/18.

The lead members noted the contents of the communications dated 15 June 2017 from Treasury concerning the second supplemental list 2017 and the notice of rating objections dated 30 June 2017 for 15 Imman Stronnag, 17 Imman Stronnag and Greystones on Battery Road. The lead members agreed no further action was required.

The lead members noted on 30 June 2017 the external auditor had asked for additional information on the following matters:

- The validation of the annual costs for the refuse contract through providing the fixed costs stipulated in the contract or providing invoices of the Commissioners' annual refuse collection costs.

- £6,300 of unrepresented bond cheques have been written off in the accounts. If the Commissioners do not have evidence the creditors have waived this liability this liability should be reported in the accounts.
- An additional test is required to validate rental income from a sample of 25 properties including the receipt of this money into the Commissioners' accounts.

A response to this enquiry was sent by the Finance Officer to the auditors.

The Finance Officer asked if the officers intended to write a report on the matters raised in the Internal Audit report. The Town Clerk advised the Internal Audit report including its recommendations had been accepted when the officers presented this report to the Finance and Staff Resource Lead Member Committee and the Board in May 2017. The lead members noted the officers were now working through the approved recommendations contained in this report and were reporting to the lead members and the Board when these recommendations had been discharged.

Item 10 Works Lead Member Committee Update

Mr Lace reported the lead members had met on 20 July 2017 and the following matter were discussed:

The lead members noted the content of the Technical Officers report and did not raise any issues with its content. The lead members asked if the redundant vehicles had been sold and noted the vehicles were not suitable to be driven to auction. The lead members **agreed** these vehicles could be scrapped unless a third party was willing to pay more than the scrap value of these vehicles and transport them away from the Glenfaba Road Depot.

The lead members noted the Town Hall toilet works were completed and two new vehicles had been ordered with the first scheduled to arrive in July 2017. The St Peter's clock had been repaired and the industrial units at Mill Road had received planning permission.

The lead members noted the internal fitting out of a Commissioners' Slieau Whallian View property had not been completed and it was premature to arrange a visit at this time. These houses would be available at the end of January 2018.

The lead members noted no procurement or subcontractor issues were reported.

The lead members noted the content of the Play Equipment Annual Maintenance Report and the Officer's Maintenance Update Report which was reported earlier within the Events and Commercial Innovation Lead Members update.

The lead members noted no defects or remedial works were reported.

The lead members noted the Glenfaba Road Depot was visited by representatives from the Health and Safety Executive and two prohibition notices had been served relating to the use of machinery without adequate moving part guards and the mezzanine floor which did not have protective fencing along the edge of this structure. These issues had been immediately addressed to make them safe through the exclusion of operatives from this machinery and the mezzanine area. The Health and Safety Executive had written to the Commissioners to highlight a number of other issues which warranted attention in the future. The lead members **agreed** to support the reallocation of some of the £33,000 funding for purchasing the new yard door and plant budgets approved for 2017/18 to find a permanent rectification to the issues described in the prohibition notice and to rectify the other issues highlighted by the Health and Safety Executive. The Lead members agreed this matter should be reported to the next Board meeting and to seek concurrence for their decision to reallocate the existing budget provision.

The lead members noted their officers were reviewing the existing 200 risk assessments and would reissue these in the near future in accordance with the approved recommendation in the Commissioners' internal audit report.

The lead members noted no enforcement activities were reported to the meeting.

The lead members noted there was a requirement to provide funding to install benches and tables at Fenella Beach. No budget had been allocated to this project because the transfer of this car park had occurred in February 2017 after the budget was set. The Commissioners had budgeted £9,000 to Promenade flags and bins and this budget could be used for these facilities. The lead members **agreed** to allocate the existing funding to undertake this work subject to receiving concurrence from the Board for their decision to reallocate this existing budget provision.

The lead members noted there was a requirement to provide funding to repair WIFI provision for the Harbour and Promenade area of the town. No budget had been allocated to this project. The Commissioners had budgeted £2,000 to CCTV costs and this budget could be used because the WIFI supports the CCTV operation. The lead members **agreed** to allocate the existing CCTV funding to undertake this work subject to receiving concurrence from the Board for their decision to reallocate this existing budget provision.

Item 11 Public Service Commission Pay Increase

The Board noted the content of the communication from the Cabinet Office confirming an arbitrator had awarded a 2.3% pay increase to Public Service Commission employees backdated to 1 April 2017. The Town Clerk advised he would make the necessary arrangements to implement this pay award because the Commissioners' former Whitley Council staff were subject to this agreement by analogy and sufficient funding had been made available within the budget agreed by the Commissioners earlier this year to meet this pay increase. The Board noted this information.

Item 12 Freedom of Information Review

The Board noted the content of the communication dated 3 August 2017 from the Cabinet Office refusing the release of information to the Commissioners after an

internal review. The Town Clerk reported he had contacted the Cabinet office to advise them the Attorney General's Chamber was not subject to the Freedom of Information Act legislation when the Commissioners sought this information and the guidance on submitting a request for a review required the applicant to provide information on why a review was being requested by the applicant. The Cabinet Office had provided a further response dated 14 August 2017 which the Town Clerk read out to the Board. Mr Jones stated he was concerned the Cabinet Office's initial review response had contained incorrect information to justify not releasing the information requested by the Commissioners and he recommended the Board should seek an appeal of this decision. Mr Convery seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously agreed.

Item 13 Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association
The Deputy Chairman declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in this item.

The Board noted the content of the communications dated 26 May 2017 from the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association requesting street collection license for 13 September 2017 in the Derby Road Shoprite Car Park. Mr Jones proposed approval of this application. Mr Convery seconded this item and the Board unanimously agreed.

The Deputy Chairman returned to the Board meeting at 9:04pm

Item 14 QE II Peel Town Commissioners Music Prize

The Board noted the contents of the correspondence dated 1 August 2017 from QE II School requesting £50 sponsorship of the School's music prize. Ms Hannan proposed the Commissioners continue to sponsor this prize. Mr Heath seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously agreed.

Item 15 Peel Badminton Club

The Board noted the contents of the correspondence dated 19 July 2017 from Peel Badminton Club requesting sponsorship of the mixed league and Men's league teams. Ms Hannan raised concerns over using rate payer

funds to sponsor a sports team rather than a one off event. The Deputy Chairman stated more information was required from the club to understand their funding requirements. Mr Heath seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously agreed the Town Clerk was to write to the Club to obtain more information in support of this application.

Item 16 War Memorial – Ms Hannan Notice of Motion 20 July 2017

Ms Hannan stated the current location of the war memorial was exposed to the elements. The grass surface surrounded by flower beds restricted access and the surface was not suitable for dress footwear worn on the Cenotaph Day. She proposed the lead member Committees should formulate proposals including relocating this memorial to St Peters Church now the regeneration works are completed. This proposal was seconded by the Deputy Chairman and the Board unanimously agreed.

Item 17 Peel Sewerage Outfall

The Town Clerk reported additional water sampling checks on the quality of seawater on Peel Town beach requested by the Commissioners had reported excellent and good quality results for 31 July and 8 August respectively. The minor repair to the end of the outfall pipe is scheduled to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Item 18 New Government Consultation Hub

The Board noted the contents of the correspondence dated 18 July 2017 from the Department of Infrastructure.

Item 18 Consultation on Proposed Pension Freedoms

The Board noted the contents of the Income Tax Division consultation on changes to pensions. Ms Hannan stated the person should not be entitled to take a lump sum on retirement. Mr Convery proposed the changes should be accepted subject to a 40% cap being place on the amount of lump sum which could be taken. Mr Jones seconded this proposal and the Board **agreed** by a majority split decision of 4 members to three members against.

Item 20 Consultation on Proposals to Contract Out Certain Police Services – Deferred item

Mr Jones highlighted the issues associated with the low number of police officers, the difficulty in using untrained civilians in policing roles and the concentration of police resources on financial crime rather than public safety. Ms Hannan seconded reporting the problems identified by Mr Jones to the Department of Home Affairs and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

Item 21 Consultation on the Control of Employment Act 2014

Mr Heath stated employers were struggling to recruit and an employee form is a good idea. He advised the existing system needs simplifying. Ms Hannan stated employment checks were important for persons seeking employment on the Island and care should be taken before the legislation is changed. The Deputy Chairman proposed the Town Clerk should draft a consultation response and circulate it to the Board for approval. Mr Convery seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

The Deputy Chairman left the meeting at 9:20pm

Item 22 Public Record Office Retention of Local Authority Records

The Board noted the content of the communication from the Public Record Office concerning public access to public and In Committee minutes of Commissioners' meetings. The Town Clerk reported Peel Town Commissioners records did not have public access until the expiry of a 30 year period unless the Commissioners had previously allowed full public access. The Public Record Office was seeking the Commissioners views on granting public access to minutes from 1884 to 1991. The Town Clerk advised the minutes of meeting undertaken in public will not contain sensitive information and the public could be given access to these immediately. However, the minutes of meetings undertaken when the public are not permitted to attend will include personal and confidential information on tenants and employees. These documents are not available to the public and Peel electors are only provided with redacted minutes and

extracts of minutes of these meetings on request. This information should not be accessible by the public after a 30 years period and should be protected for a longer duration. Ms. Hannan proposed an exclusion of 50 years to protect this information for the life time of the tenants and staff. This proposal was seconded by Mr Convery and the Board unanimously agreed.

Item 23 Camp X Memorial

The Board noted the contents of the communication dated 6 August 2017 concerning a memorial plaque for Camp X. The Chairman proposed approving this application in principle subject to the curator of the Leece Museum verifying the validity of the information and finding a suitable location. Mr Heath seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously agreed.

ITEM 24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

17/055

Mr Jones reported the Attorney General had backed a Peel Resident's request into the disposal of leachate in Mill Road.

Mr Heath advised the Fenella safe swim scheme was taking place this weekend.

Mr Convery reported Pulrose Bridge, Douglas Promenade, telecommunication improvements, coastal erosion and working with local authorities was discussed at the Municipal Association meeting.

Ms Hannan requested an update on the closure of public footpaths on Peel Hill. The Town Clerk confirmed all footpaths were open at this location.

Ms Hannan stated Rheast Lane required cleaning and the gullies on Peel Promenade required emptying.

Mr Lace asked in the Isle of Man prison could make stabits to assist in preventing coastal erosion and asked if motorhomes could park at the end of Peel Promenade overnight.

The Town Clerk reported the Department of Infrastructure had asked the Commissioners if they supported the resurfacing Michael Street this year. Mr Heath stated the footways needed treatment because they were in a very poor condition and the Chamber of

Commerce had requested no further works should take place at this time to permit designs for Michael Street to be developed. Mr Heath proposed resurfacing works should not take place at this time. The Chairman seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously agreed.

The meeting ended at 9:24pm