

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4th November 2008 at 7.00p.m.

Present	Mrs. T M Birkett (Chairman) Mr. E Beale Mr. R Gimbert Mr. A Jones Mr. D J Lace Ms. P Hardman Mrs. C A Moughtin
Apologies	Mr. I Skidmore Mrs. J O'Halloran
In attendance	Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	08/335	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting and indicated that she had attended the Hop-tu-Naa event on 31 st October 2008. Mrs. Birkett also indicated that the Centenary Hall had been improved significantly with the addition of new seating for the audience.	
MINUTES	08/336	The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd October 2008 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
BALLAQUANE ROUNDABOUT	08/337	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 08/303 and reiterated his concern over the safety of pedestrians at this corner. It was noted that the Department of Transport intended to adopt a section of the path to enable improvements to be carried out.	
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION	08/338	Reference was made back to Minute 08/316 and it was noted that the request from Mr. Crowe related only to a canopy which would not impact upon the actual parking space. It was suggested that there could be difficulties if a car was parked there thereby preventing use as a smoking area for members of the Legion Club. On the basis that there may be a conflict in this respect it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk investigate the matter further with regard to possible charging. It was also <i>AGREED</i> that the space could be marked with hatching.	PG L

SKATEBOARD PARK AND BMX TRACK	08/339	Reference was made back to Minute 08/322 and Mr. Gimbert indicated that the sub-committee were looking for youth representation on the committee prior to progression of the proposed improvements to the BMX track on the headlands field. It was also noted that contact should be made with the Rotary Club and the Isle of Man Childrens Centre together with the possibility of seeking a Department of Local Government and the Environment grant to assist with the cost of improvements. Mr. Gimbert wished to make this a revenue budget item in the budget for 2009/2010.	Action
DOCTORS SURGERY	08/340	The Town Clerk indicated that the Department of Health and Social Security were in a position to progress a planning application for the proposed new doctors surgery for Peel. <i>NOTED</i>	
HEADLANDS FIELD	08/341	At the request of Mr. Lace the Members <i>AGREED</i> that Minute C08/231 be transferred to the public record:-	

Mr. Lace referred to the state of the headlands field and reported that it was full of dog muck. The Technical Officer reported that the Town Warden did spend some of his time up there trying to catch irresponsible dog owners who allowed their dogs to foul and did not clean up after them. Mrs. Moughtin suggested that they should follow Douglas Corporation and ban dogs from public open spaces in Peel. The Chairman reported that she would not like to see dogs banned from the headlands. The Board AGREED to make the matter an Agenda item for the next public Board meeting and make the fact known that if things did not improve they would consider banning dogs on Commissioners land.

Arising therefrom further discussion ensued over the issue of dog fouling on the headlands field and Mr. Lace referred to a specific case whereby a young person playing football was covered in dog muck. It was Mrs. Moughtin's opinion that the Commissioners should consider following the example of Douglas Corporation and banning dogs from the headlands field. The matter was discussed at some length and Mr. Jones indicated that efforts should be made to target irresponsible dog owners. The Town Clerk indicated that a dog waste bin was to be located between the Ramsey Road and Ballaquane Estate and it was noted that the Town Warden would be tasked with targeting this area as

		there appeared to be a significant problem of dog fouling on the headlands field.	Action
STANLEY MOUNT AND CIRCULAR ROAD	08/342	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Department of Transport concerning the difficulties over parking in Stanley Mount and Circular Road. This was attributable to the narrowness and layout of the street and was a problem for access as well as parking. The Department confirmed that vehicles that were not class A vehicles could be prevented from parking in this area under the existing regulations. <i>NOTED</i>	
CHRISTMAS STREET LIGHTS	08/343	Consideration was given to a letter from the Third Peel Beavers, Cubs and Scout Group seeking permission to sing carols on the occasion of the turning on of the Peel Christmas lights on 29 th November 2008. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that permission be given as sought. It was also noted that the Scout Group would look to make a collection for group funds. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST	08/344	Members noted receipt of the third supplemental valuation list for 2008 issued by the Treasury. <i>NOTED</i>	
NATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE	08/345	Members considered a letter from the Chief Minister concerning the National Service of Remembrance to take place at St. Johns on Sunday 9 th November 2008 at 3.00p.m. It was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Office of the Chief Minister that Members of the Board would be attending the Peel Service scheduled for 3.00p.m. on the same day.	PGL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	08/346	The following planning applications were considered by the Commissioners as follows:- 08/01899/B Alterations to ground floor apartment to incorporate basement store and creation of two additional tourist apartments on first and second floors, Kimberley House, 8 Marine Parade, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 08/01904/B Alterations and extension to rear elevation, 6 Church Lane, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> .	PGL

08/01912/B	Action
Installation of replacement front doors and side frames, 29 and 30 Shore Road, Peel.. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01914/B	
Installation of replacement windows, 29 and 30 Shore Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01915/B	
Alterations to first floor rear elevation windows, 29 and 30 Shore Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i>	
08/01916/B	
Installation of replacement windows to rear elevation 29 and 30 Shore Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01922/B	
Erection of conservatory to rear elevation, 14 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01929/B	
Erection of two dwellings (comprising amendments to 07/01874/B) Plot adjacent to No 4 Ballaquane Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01933/B	
Removal of chimney, 8 Albany Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01935/B	
Change of use of first and second floors from residential to office, 7 and 8 Market Place, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01940/B	
Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 6 Market Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01963/B	
Erection of a detached dwelling land opposite Rheast House, Queens Drive, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
08/01925	
Replacement of front door and windows, 5 Lyndale Avenue, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR</i>	

		08/01939 Replacement windows rear and side, 6 Market Place, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>
		08/01942 Replacement door, 6 Market Place, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	08/347	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:- PA 08/01597/B Alterations and extension, Peveril Hotel, Crown Street, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. K Kelly. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 08/01635/B Alteration to existing ventilation opening to provide a doorway, communal/landlords, 3 Strand Street, Peel for Peel Town Commissioners. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 08/01727/B Widening of driveway and access onto highway, 2 Queens Drive, Peel for Alan and Ivy Keown. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 08/01371/B Erection of a temporary amenity building, Peel Inner Harbour, Peel for Department of Transport, Harbours Division. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 08/00946/B Erection of dwelling, Factory Lane, Peel for Mr. L Morgan and Miss H Corrin. <i>APPROVED</i>
PA 08/01299/R ON APPEAL	08/348	Members noted receipt of documentation in respect of an Appeal against refusal for the installation of a lantern roof light at Quirks Coalyard/Smithy Site, Viking Longhouse, East Quay, Peel on behalf of Street Heritage Limited. It was <i>AGREED</i> to make no comment on this Appeal.
PA08/00281/ ENFORCEMENT NOTICE	08/349	Members noted receipt of the issue of an enforcement notice by the Department of Local Government and the Environment to Mr. & Mrs. Thursfield of Elm Bank, Stanley Terrace, Christian Street, Peel in respect of the breach of planning control for the erection of a balcony to the rear elevation at the first floor level. <i>NOTED</i>

CATHEDRAL CLOSE	08/350	<p>Consideration was given to a letter from The Reverend Canon Nigel Godfrey of St. Germans Cathedral concerning the proposed naming of the Street Heritage Development, Atholl Street which was intended to be "Cathedral Close". Canon Godfrey understood that by custom cathedrals in the United Kingdom which have land around them owned by the cathedrals is normally known as the Close. It appeared somewhat unfortunate that the proposed name Cathedral Close was proposed by Street Heritage at the time that planning permission had been refused within the Cathedral grounds for a Close in respect of the new Vicarage. Canon Godfrey suggested that the new name for the Street Heritage development was unhelpful in that it used a name that already existed and would be confusing to the public and was not appropriate for a block of flats beyond the curtilage of the Cathedral. The matter was discussed at some length and the Town Clerk advised that under the 1916 Local Government Act the local authority had power to name streets. At this stage it was suggested that the Town Clerk request Canon Godfrey to contact Street Heritage Limited to see if an amicable agreement could be reached over the future naming of this new development which did not incorporate the name Cathedral Close.</p>	Action PGL
NOTICES OF MOTION	08/351	<p>Mr. Gimbert proposed a number of Motions as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That the two points between the existing 20mph school signs are made permanent by the Department of Transport. No Member agreed to second the Motion and it thereby failed. (b) That the Commissioners recommend to the Department of Transport a 20 mph speed limit for the whole Town. Ms. Hardman seconded the Motion and after a vote it was <i>AGREED</i> to make such a recommendation to the Department of Transport for a 20mph speed limit. (c) That the recommendations outlined in the report "Isle of Man Event Safety Group Meeting 13th October 2008" be adopted by the Board for all future events. The first part related to the Commissioners seeking sight of public liability insurance and risk assessments for all events taking place within the Town and that a Member of the Board namely the Lead Member for 	

Recreation and Entertainment be co-opted onto individual committees organising such events. This was seconded by Mr. Jones and after a vote was defeated by four votes to three. Action

With regard to the use of reputable contractors for events organised by the Commissioners it was already noted that this was undertaken and it was thereby withdrawn by Mr. Gimbert.

It was further moved that outdoor staff were given marshal training when the course was set up by the Isle of Man Constabulary. After seconding the Motion by Mr. Jones it was *AGREED* that such training be organised in due course.

(d) It was proposed that the fields adjacent to the power station be looked at with a view to establishing a light industrial park or allotments. With no seconder this motion was defeated

(e) It was proposed that samples be requested from the Raggatt landfill site and that the data is obtained on a quarterly basis, this Motion was seconded by Ms. Hardman and after a vote *AGREED* that samples be sought from the Department of Local Government and the Environment accordingly.

ANNUAL RENT INCREASES	08/352	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Department of Local Government and the Environment for its suggestions on a rent increase for 2009/2010. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be deferred to the Housing meeting to be arranged on a date to be fixed.	PGL
PEEL HILL RACE	08/353	Consideration was given to a request from the Manx Fell Runners for a hill race to be held on Saturday 15 th November 2008. It was noted that the event would commence at Fenella Beach car park and go on to Peel Hill. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
ALLOTMENTS	08/354	The Town Clerk referred to a letter of response from the Honourable Phil Gawne, MHK, Minister for the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry concerning the proposed establishment of an allotment at Knockaloe, Patrick.	

The Town Clerk indicated that the Department was undertaking a review of the future use of Knockaloe Farm site and it was possible that an allotment would complement the future use of Knockaloe Farm. The Department would contact the Commissioners once the review process had been completed. *NOTED*

Mr. Jones indicated that after having spoken to Sergeant Gardner of Peel Police there was the possibility of an area of land on a field on the outskirts of the northern part of the Town being used for an allotment field. *NOTED*

“PEOPLE OF PEEL” 08/355
WEBSITE

Mrs. Moughtin referred to the “People of Peel” website and indicated that Mr. Gimbert appeared to contribute to the website and wished to query the alleged foolishness in responding to remarks, comments and allegations which were submitted by anonymous subscribers. The Chairman agreed with Mrs. Moughtin’s viewpoint that any contact received on an anonymous basis should be ignored. In response Mr. Gimbert indicated that he took objection to being deemed foolish and Mrs. Moughtin subsequently apologised in that the term foolish related to the actual process of responding to anonymous remarks and comments and not Mr. Gimbert in person.

PEEL DAY 08/356

Mr. Jones wished to thank the Commissioners and all those who contributed to make the Peel Day a successful event in particular he referred to Julie Lever and Alison Faulkner together with all the contributors to the event. *NOTED*

This part of the meeting ended at 8.15p.m.

