

PEEL TOWN COMMISSIONERS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOWN RATE FOR 2009/2010

The Commissioners have met over a period of time to consider the Town Rate for the municipal year 2009/2010.

After careful deliberation and having particular regard to the current down turn in the economy the Commissioners have set a rate that is less than the current rate of inflation and reflects the difficult times faced by all residents.

The Commissioners remain in a healthy financial state and are able to fund a small number of improvements from bank reserves. Accordingly bank borrowing will not be required.

We are able to continue the upgrading of the Town's public conveniences with work scheduled for the toilets on the Market Place in 2009/2010. The Campsite continues to be profitable and the washing machines will be replaced. The Commissioners are pleased to be able to fund some improvements to the skateboard park and BMX track on the headlands which will be of benefit to the young people of the Town.

In conjunction with the Western Community Partnership the Commissioners have agreed to underwrite the printing costs of a Town Directory for Businesses and Organisations which should help to promote Peel.

To address the chronic shortage of office filing space it has been agreed to purchase the laser fiche software document management system for the Town Hall.

In conclusion the Commissioners have, subject to obtaining the necessary planning approval, allocated a sum to demolish the property 3 Derby Road (adjacent to the Town Hall) which is in a poor state of repair and suffering from severe cracking on the gable wall.

The Board have agreed to leave the separate refuse charge at £98 per residential dwelling for the ensuing year. It has been unanimously agreed to increase the Town rate from the present 224 pence in the pound to 229 pence in the pound for 2009/2010. This represents a 2.23% increase over the year.

Mrs T M Birkett
Chairman
Peel Town Commissioners