

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a BOARD MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mrs. T M Birkett (Chairman)
 Mr. E Beale
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mr. A Jones
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. I Skidmore
 Mr Gimbert

Apologies Ms. P Hardman
 Mrs. C Horton (Ward Librarian)
 Mr. R Baker (Curator, Leece Museum)

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	08/427	The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and indicated that she had attended the funeral of Mrs. Kathleen McNeil who would be sadly missed especially remembered for her work with the Victorian Society and the Peel Charity Shop. <i>NOTED</i>	
MINUTES	08/428	The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 th January 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
CIVIC SUNDAY	08/429	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/416 and indicated that as a result of Veterans Day being held on the 28 th June 2009 Castletown Silver Band would not be able to perform at Peel Civic Sunday. It was therefore <i>AGREED</i> to change the date to Sunday July 12 th 2009 at St. Germans Cathedral. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
MICHAEL STREET	08/430	Reference was made back to Minute 08/419 concerning a proposal to provide a lorry lay-by at the bottom end of the Douglas Street car park for delivery purposes to Michael Street traders. Mr. Lace suggested that the proposal could be limited to 1.00p.m. and thereafter the lay-by be available for public car parking. Mr. Gimbert also suggested the lay-by could be utilised for a drop off point for coach trips to the Town.	RMG

		Discussion ensued over the next meeting of the sub-committee looking into the revision of the Peel Traffic Plan and Mr. Gimbert indicated that he would take steps to arrange a meeting in the near future to discuss these matters.	
REGENERATION OF TOWNS	08/431	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/420 and indicated that the costs of employing McGarrigle and Jackson as urban town planners had been agreed by the Department of Trade and Industry to be split with the Department paying £7,400 and the Commissioners paying £2,000. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
BALLAWATTLEWORTH ESTATE	08/432	Reference was made back to Minute 08/424 and the Town Clerk confirmed that steps had been commenced to complete a Deed of Conveyance from the developer to the Commissioners in respect of the public open spaces. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
		Arising therefrom Mr. Lace referred to trees being damaged near Bluebell Close by school children making their way to and from the QE11 school. It was <i>AGREED</i> to raise this matter with the Head teacher when meeting with her the following week.	
BALLAQUANE ROUNDABOUT	08/433	Mr. Lace wished to extend his thanks to the Department of Transport in respect of the work that had commenced on the Ballaquane roundabout.	
WARD LIBRARY REPORT	08/434	Members noted the Ward Library report for the period October to December 2008. Upon a proposal from Mr. Gimbert seconded by Mrs. O'Halloran it was <i>AGREED</i> that the fees for membership be frozen. Before a vote could be taken it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be discussed at the budget rate setting meeting to be held the following week.	
ROAD TRANSPORT LICENCING COMMITTEE	08/435	Members noted receipt of the Policy Statement from the Road Traffic Licencing Committee.	
PROMENADE WALL	08/436	The Town Clerk tabled a plan and further details of the extent of the new promenade wall to be erected shortly. In addition the railings would replicate the same style and type of railings to be used at the harbour marina development. The Town Clerk advised that the Department would shortly be submitting a	PGL

planning application for this work and the Commissioners had been requested to consider whether the section of promenade wall in front of the Empire Garage Showroom adjacent to Stanley Road be replaced with railing or retained as wall. After discussion the Board was of the view that it should be replaced with a railing and that the far section of promenade wall underneath the cliff face at the northern end of the promenade be left in-situ. Mr. Lace enquired as to whether the Department could also take measures to improve the steps leading on to the beach in front of the Creg Malin.

ISLE OF MAN FRAME
WORK FOR CAREERS
EDUCATION

08/437

Members had given consideration to a consultation document on the Draft Isle of Man Framework for Careers Education for Years 11 to 19. The Board had no comment to make on the consultation document.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

08/438

The following planning applications were PGL considered as follows:-

PA 08/02326/B Alterations and extension to the Vicarage, Albany Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 08/02356/B Window and door alterations, installation of roof lights and demolition of lean to shed on rear elevation, 1 Charles Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

08/439

The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 08/02070/B Installation of replacement windows, 19 Atholl Street, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Eames. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02077/B Re-building of existing wall, 6 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mrs. C J Jerry. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02082/B Erection of a detached annex to provide ancillary accommodation 48 Derby Road, Peel for Mr. R Kirk. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02139/B Alterations and erected of an extension 8 Market Street, Peel for Mr. M Birchenough. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02131/B Creation of patio doorway and

patio areas ground floor apartments on plots 152, 153, 158, 159, 164, 165, 168 and 169 Wood View Court, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel. *APPROVED*.

PA 08.02061/B Demolition of single storey extension and alterations to rear elevation, 6 – 8 Michael Street, Peel for Clear Pharmacy Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02063/B Installation of a replacement shop front 6 -8 Michael Street, Peel for Clear Pharmacy Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02087/B Erection of a two storey extension to rear elevation, 3 Orry Lane, Peel for Mr. T Faragher. *APPROVED*

PA 08/01794/B Erection of an entrance canopy and smoking shelter, Whitehouse Hotel, 2 Tynwald Road, Peel. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02159/B Erection of conservatory to rear elevation, 8 St. Patricks View, Peel for Mrs. Else. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02142/B Erection of a juliet balcony to rear elevation, Elm Bank, Stanley Terrace, Christian Street, Peel for Street Heritage Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02014/B Installation of replacement window and door to front elevation, 6 Cowley Terrace, Peel for Mrs. M McDonald. *APPROVED*

PA 09/020113/B Installation of a replacement front door, 5 Stanley Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Collins. *APPROVED*

PA 08/01813/B Installation of a replacement front door, 4 Circular Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Groen. *APPROVED*

PA 08/01899 ON APPEAL 08/440

Members noted receipt of a request for an Appeal against the refusal for alterations to ground floor apartment to incorporate basement store and creation of two additional tourist apartments on 1st and 2nd floors, 8 Marine Parade, Peel for Mrs. Michelle Burrows. It was *AGREED* that no comment be made on this Appeal application.

PA 08/01929 ON APPEAL	08/441	Members noted receipt of a request for an Appeal against approval for the erection of two dwellings on plot adjacent to 4 Ballaquane Road, Peel by Mr. R Baker. It was <i>AGREED</i> to make no comment on this Appeal application.	
PA 08/01260 ON APPEAL	08/442	Members noted receipt of an Appeal against the approval to Shoprite Isle of Man Limited for alterations, erection of extension to store and amended car parking arrangement, Shoprite Store, Derby Road, Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> to make no comment on the Appeal application.	
PA 08/709 ON APPEAL	08/443	Members noted receipt of a decision by the Appeals Inspector in respect of the Appeal for change of use and extensions to commercial out-building to create a residential dwelling, 30 Douglas Street, Peel for Mrs. Fiona Wade. The Minister for the Department of Local Government and the Environment had concurred with the Appeal Inspectors conclusions and accepted his recommendation that the Appeal should be dismissed and direct that the Planning Committee's decision to refuse the application be confirmed. <i>NOTED</i>	
MALEW CIVIC SERVICE	08/444	Members noted receipt of an invitation to attend the Malew Civic Service on Sunday 15 th February 2009 at Malew Parish Church. The Chairman <i>AGREED</i> that she would attend the service.	PGL
MARINE NATURE RESERVE PROJECT	08/445	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Doctor Fiona Gell, Senior Wildlife and Conservation Officer at the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. The Department had recently begun a three year project to identify and establish a marine nature reserve that would protect marine environment. The project began in October 2008 with a meeting with fishermen and then a wider stake holder workshop held in November. It was noted that the Department now wished to hold regional meetings to allow local authorities and other members of the public to comment on the project. A public meeting was to be held on Thursday 5 th February 2009 at 8.00p.m. in Peel Centenary Centre to discuss the project. Mr. Gimbert referred to concerns concerning the issue of marine aggregate licences contrary to the aims	PGL

of the project and suggested that it would be of benefit to have a separate meeting with Doctor Gell at which all the Commissioners could consider the implications of the project. It was *AGREED* to contact the Department accordingly.

WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM	08/446	The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from Inspector Britton of the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team in which he wished to express his support for the possible financial assistance to provide a list of commercial, voluntary and other organisations in the area. Members noted the support given by Inspector Britton for this item which would be considered at the budget revenue meeting scheduled for the following week.	
PHILIP CHRISTIAN CENTRE	08/447	Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. Lever of the Isle of Man Children Centre and Manager of the Philip Christian Centre concerning a request for the Commissioners approval to allow the Busy Bears Nursery to occupy part of the centre from Easter 2009 onwards. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
RNLI BRANCH MEETING	08/448	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Peel Section of the RNLI seeking permission to use the Commissioners Boardroom for the annual branch meeting to be held on Thursday 12 th March 2009 at 8.00p.m. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
PROPOSED ALLOTMENT	08/449	The Town Clerk referred to the current position regarding the possible provision of a portion of a field for an allotment. The field on the northern outskirts of the Town boundary would be mentioned in a Press release to be issued by Sergeant Gardener of Peel Police on 22 nd January 2009. This would be followed with a public meeting to be held on Sunday 8 th February 2009 in the Corrin Hall from 3.00p.m. to 5.00p.m. when the public response to the proposed offer of allotments could be gauged.	
CODE OF PRACTICE ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION	08/450	Members noted the receipt of a Code of Practice issued by the Council of Ministers with regard to access to Government Information. It was felt that the Code could be useful as a good practice guide.	
PROPERTY INSULATION	08/451	Mr. Lace enquired as to the situation regarding the insulating of local authority houses in Peel.	

His query related to the cost of Expolath insulation as opposed to the cheaper option involving cavity wall insulation. The Town Clerk advised that earlier schemes were utilising the more expensive Expolath insulation which was the better option although more costly to discussions with representatives from the Department of Local Government and the Environment future properties would utilise the cheaper cavity wall insulation under a framework agreement with the Department. It was further noted that a separate project under the Department to undertake roof insulation was proceeding in respect of all properties held by the Commissioners. *NOTED*

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| MR. GIMBERT | 08/452 | Mr. Lace wished to comment on the fact that Mr. Gimbert had recently expressed an opinion on the local radio and by way of introduction had indicated that he was Mr. Gimbert of Peel Town Commissioners. Mr. Lace was concerned that by announcing himself in this manner he was giving the impression that he was representing all the Commissioners and not necessarily expressing his own individual view point. It was requested that Mr. Gimbert and any other Member in the future should refrain from indicating or stating that he/she represented the Commissioners to avoid such a misunderstanding in the future. | |
| TOMMY CLUCAS FUND | 08/453 | Reference was made to the need to arrange a meeting with Mr. Kelvin Dawson on behalf of the Tommy Clucas Fund. It was <i>AGREED</i> to meet with Mr. Dawson on Monday 26 th January 2009 at 8.15p.m. | |
| REAR LANE – DERBY ROAD | 08/454 | Concern was expressed over the fact that Mr. Ian Davison without apparent planning permission had erected a fence at the rear of his property which appeared to incorporate the street light within his garden. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be investigated. | PGL |
| NEW DOCTORS SURGERY | 08/455 | Reference was made to the planning approval granted for the building of a new doctors surgery in Peel. Members were unaware of the date of commencement of such work and it was suggested that there would be merit in meeting with representatives from the Department of Health and Social Security. | |

Arising therefrom it was noted that a new general practitioner namely Dr. Smith had been appointed as Dr. Jones and Dr. Bloomer were to work on a part-time basis in the future.

Concern was voiced over an apparent problem relating to the new computer system at the Peel Medical Centre which was unable to deal with repeat prescription requests. Concern was voiced over this issue. It was however indicated by the Chairman that it was a temporary hitch which would shortly be resolved.

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| REAYRT NY KEYLLEY | 08/456 | Mr. Gimbert enquired as to the ability of the drainage at the new estate to cope with large quantities of rain and water run off. It was indicated that the provision of drainage was deemed to be adequate. | |
| BUSINESS RATES | 08/457 | Mr. Gimbert suggested that business rates be frozen for a six month period to help local businesses. The Chairman indicated that she had concerns as it was money that the Town could ill afford to lose in terms of revenue for the ensuing year. | |
| ELECTRICITY CHARGES | 08/458 | Mr. Lace referred to the current high level of electricity and wished the matter to be raised by the Town's MHK Mr. Crookall in Tynwald bearing in mind that other charges were being reduced i.e. gas. It was <i>AGREED</i> that contact be made with Mr. Crookall with such a request. | PGL |
| KERROO COAR GARAGES | 08/459 | The Town Clerk reported that the tarmacing of the garages at of Kerroo Coar was scheduled for 21 st January 2009. <i>NOTED</i> | |

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10p.m.

