

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 8th December 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. A Jones

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/429	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the only meeting of December and indicated that he had a busy time with the Peel Heritage Trust 20 th Anniversary, the turning on of the Christmas street lights, German Parish Civic Sunday, the Christmas party at the Clothworkers School and the Glenfaba Choral Fifty Years Anniversary event.
MINUTES	09/430	The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 th November 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS	09/431	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/405 and updated Members on a recent meeting with the Department of Transport Minister and the Consultants together with Officers of the Department to review the current position regarding a sewage treatment works for Peel and the West. The Chairman indicated his concern that there were financial errors in the Department's report presented to Tynwald and indicated that a letter should be sent to the Department raising a number of queries regarding the process undertaken by the Department to arrive at its recommended site being the field adjacent to the Power Station. The Chairman indicated his disappointment at the attitude adopted by the Minister, Mr. Anderson at the meeting which consisted of the Commissioners having to accept the

Departments only option for the site for the sewage works or wait three to four years for the scheme to be progressed in Peel.

BLUEBELL CLOSE	09/432	Mrs. O'Halloran referred back to Minute 09/411 and expressed her disappointment at the attitude of a resident in the Reayrt Ny Keylley Estate over the proposed establishment of a better footpath link from the school. It was confirmed that any improvement to encourage school children to use this route to and from school and avoid the main A1 road was to be applauded.	
ANNE FRANK EXHIBITION	09/433	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/420 and indicated that a request from the exhibition organisers for secure dry storage space of at least 20ft by 10ft by 10ft for the period of the exhibition was considered. The Town Clerk indicated that we were unable to offer this amount of storage space and Mrs. O'Halloran the liaison with the exhibition organisers, indicated that she would advise the organisers that regrettably the Commissioners were unable to assist.	J O'H
BUS SERVICE REVIEW	09/434	At the request of the Chairman it was <i>AGREED</i> that a copy of the Bus Service Review for Peel be obtained prior to arranging a meeting with Mr. Kinrade.	PGL
CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL	09/435	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/408 and indicated that he was still awaiting responses from Members prior to responding under the consultation process.	
AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES GRANTS	09/436	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/425 and indicated that a letter of response had been received from Mr. Kniveton the Chief Executive of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. Mr. Kniveton had indicated that the Department was looking at all areas of its operations in an attempt to identify savings and that the budgetary implications facing the Department inevitably meant that grant assistance would be reduced to farmers and fisherman. It would however be kept to a minimum.	
HARBOUR FACILITIES	09/437	The Town Clerk indicated that he was advised by harbour staff that the public conveniences at the breakwater were open to boat owners and	

the public from early in the morning to at least 8.00p.m. or 9.00p.m. In addition key cards were available to be purchased to enable fishermen to utilise the toilet and shower facilities provided in the new harbour marina development.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	09/438	Members noted receipt of two Orders revoking reserved parking places in Patrick Street, Peel.	
THE LINKS – PEEL	09/439	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Highways Section of the Department of Transport in which the estate road at The Links, Peel had now been adopted by the Department.	
NEW FISHERIES LEGISLATION	09/440	Members noted receipt of a consultation document from the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry regarding proposed new fisheries legislation. It was <i>AGREED</i> that should Members have any comments then they should forward them to the Town Clerk for onward transmission to the Department prior to the 8 th January 2010 deadline.	
NEW YEAR’S DAY DIP	09/441	Consideration was given to a letter requesting permission to collect for charities on the 1 st January 2010 during the New Year’s Day dip. The three charities that would benefit were the Peel Lifeboat, Multiple Sclerosis and Accra Children’s Hospital, Ghana. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	09/442	<p>The following planning applications were considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA 09/01828/B Installation of replacement window, 18a Michael Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA09/02862/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling house, 1 The Links, Douglas Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 09/01872/B Installation of replacement window, 2 Church Lane, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 09/01877/B Erection of a detached single storey self contained unit within grounds of existing dwelling, 14 The Links, Peel.</p>	

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA 09/01913/B Erection of a detached garage, 14 The Links, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01931/B Extension and alterations to provide new church hall (rear garden), Grace Baptist Church, Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00721/B Erection of a three storey leisure and community centre, vacant plot at Close Beg, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01586/R Part removal and alteration to existing wall (amended plans) proposed dwelling Factory Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01937/B Erection of a conservatory 13 Close Corlett, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01728/C 09/443 Members noted receipt of a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Ian Davison to the Secretary of the Planning Committee dated 29th November 2009 regarding the planning application to convert 1 Douglas Street into a sandwich bar. Mr. Davison indicated that the petition that had circulated in opposition to the application had been, in his opinion, misleading. *NOTED*

PLANNING 09/444 The following planning decisions had been DECISIONS notified by the Planning Committee :- NOTIFIED

PA 09/01498/B Conversion of existing offices on first and second floors into two flats, 8 Michael Street, Peel for Clear Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01583/B Construction of lift and lobby area Westlands Elderly Persons Complex, Peel for Peel and Western District Housing Committee. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01537/B Alterations and extension to dwelling Cair Vie, 36 Mountain View, Peel for Mr. John McQuarrie. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01528/B Alterations and erection of

extensions to provide additional living accommodation and garage The Turretts, Ballaquane Road, Peel for Mr. Roger Harris and Ms. Angela Corkish. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01276/B Installation of replacement windows, doors and roof lights, 6 Strand Street, Peel for Mr. James Howe. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01504/B Installation of replacement windows and block up rear elevation window, 3 Church Street, Peel for Amy Ruth Cochrane and Simon John Newsham. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01071/B Installation of replacement front windows and door, 14 Stanley Mount, Peel for Mr. Darren James Young. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01379/D Erection of two advertising signs, The Links Residential development, Rheast Lane, Peel for Hartford Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01525/B Erection of a porch extension, installation of replacement windows, formation of doorway and change of use to tourist accommodation, 4 Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. Paul Kerruish. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01609/C Change of Use of existing office/shop to residential accommodation, 9 Christian Street, Peel for Harmony Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01487/B Erection of conservatory and restoration of existing outbuilding to rear elevation of dwelling, 23 Factory Lane, Peel for Ms. Jane Hinchliffe. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00521/B Residential development of forty three dwellings, including roads, drainage infrastructure, and public open space parts of fields adjoining Rearyt Ny Keylley, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *REFUSED*

PA 09/00883/R Temporary storage of construction materials from housing development site, part of field 31507, adjacent to housing development at Rearyt Ny Keylley, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *REFUSED*

PA09/00521/B ON APPEAL	09/445	The Town Clerk referred to an Appeal request by Heritage Homes Limited in respect of their refusal for a residential development of forty three dwellings adjacent to Reayrt Ny Keylley. The Members discussed the matter at some length and <i>AGREED</i> that having regard to the extensive housing development over recent years that it was inappropriate to continue with further developments at the present time and that some areas within the Town boundary should be left for development in future. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate letter of objection to the Appeal be submitted and that a Member of the Commissioners and the Town Clerk attend the Appeal hearing when set by the Government.	PGL
PA 09/0731/C ON APPEAL	09/446	Members noted receipt of a decision of the Minister for the Department of Local Government and the Environment to concur with the Inspector's recommendation that the Appeal in respect of the change of use of a strip of land at 2 Campion Crescent, Reayrt Ny Keylley be granted, the refusal be reversed and that approval be granted. <i>NOTED</i>	
RENT AND RATING TRIBUNAL	09/447	Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr. D Cashin, Government Valuer in which it was noted that all local authorities should ensure representation at rating appeal tribunals in the future. A request from another authority for representation by the Valuation Office at the appeals had been made. The Treasury had subsequently decided not to amend further the Rating and Valuation Act 1953 which would result in local authorities having to attend any future Appeal hearing.	
MANX NATIONAL HERITAGE	09/448	Consideration was given to a letter from Manx National Heritage regarding a request to cut turf from land belonging to Peel Commissioners for soft capping treatment following consolidation work within the Castle. The request involved 15 to 20 square metres of turf and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that turf could be cut from the area near to the quarry at the back of Peel Hill on condition that the area was re-seeded.	PGL
FRIENDS OF THE EARTH	09/449	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Co-ordinator of the Isle of Man Friends of the Earth regarding a 10:10 campaign in which its	PGL

aim was to get individuals, groups, businesses and government bodies to promise to cut level of CO2 emissions by 10% in 2010. Members discussed the matter and it was noted that the Commissioners intended to turn off the street lights at 2.30a.m. which would reduce CO2 emissions. Mr. Beale queried the lights being turned off at this hour and it was *AGREED* that if crime was to increase then the decision could be reviewed.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN	09/450	The Chairman sought nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman following the resignation of Ms. Penny Hardman. Mr. Lace nominated Mrs. Moughtin with Mr. Beale seconding the nomination and Mrs. Birkett nominated Mr. Harmer with Mrs. O'Halloran seconding the nomination. In accordance with Standing Orders a ballot was held which resulted in Mrs. Moughtin receiving three votes and Mr. Harmer five votes. Accordingly Mr. Harmer was appointed as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the current municipal year ending 30 th April 2010.	
DERBY ROAD PELICAN CROSSING	09/451	The Chairman referred to the pelican crossing adjacent to the Shoprite entrance in Derby Road and indicated that the sensors were not picking up small children. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate letter be sent to the Department of Transport requesting the matter be investigated.	PGL
STREET LIGHTING – FACTORY LANE	09/452	Consideration was given to a letter regarding a request for a street light outside the mews cottages in Factory Lane. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that a street light be provided at this location.	TQ

This part of the meeting ended at 8.00p.m.