

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a BOARD MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

RATE STATEMENT 2009/2010	08/460	The Chairman announced the Town Rate for 2009/2010 which had been set at 229 pence in the pound with the refuse charge remaining at £98 per residential dwelling. This equated to a 2.23% increase and would entail expenditure on certain wish list items from reserves with no need to undertake bank borrowing.	
2008 TOURISM AWARDS	08/461	The Town Clerk indicated that he had attended the Department of Tourism and Leisure 2008 Tourism Awards held at the Villa Marina on 30 th January 2009. The Town of Peel had been short listed in two categories namely: The Best Town and Village category and The Area of Most Scenic Natural Beauty. It was pleasing to note that Peel had won the award for Best Town/Village for 2008.	
MINUTES	08/462	The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th January 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	08/463	It was noted that a further meeting of the Traffic Management Committee had been arranged for Monday 9 th February 2009 at 7.00p.m. in the Town Hall.	RMG
PROPERTY INSULATION	08/464	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 08/451 concerning the different types of insulation for properties. Whilst the Commissioners through the Technical Officer had supported the use of Expolath insulation. It was nevertheless accepted	

that this method of insulation was considerably more expensive than cavity wall insulation which had now been set up under a framework agreement by the Department of Local Government and the Environment for insulating local authority properties across the Island. Guarantees were in place in respect of this system of insulation and it was noted that the Technical Officer had been satisfied as to its effectiveness.

REAR LANE – DERBY ROAD	08/465	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 08/454 and it was noted that whilst the positioning of the boundary fence did not give raise to particular concern with regard to the street light it was nevertheless agreed that a deeds search be undertaken to check out the conveyance plan to ascertain the correct location of the boundary line.	PGL
ELECTRICITY CHARGES	08/466	Members noted receipt of an email response from Mr. Crookall, MHK concerning electricity charges.	
WARD LIBRARY	08/467	Mr. Gimbert wished to reaffirm that it had been <i>AGREED</i> to freeze the fees for the Ward Library for the ensuing year. <i>NOTED</i>	
PROMENADE WALL	08/468	Reference was made back to Minute 08/436 concerning the Department of Transport scheme to replace a section of promenade wall and install replacement railings. Discussion ensued over the condition of the steps leading onto the beach in front of the Creg Malin and it was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Lace refer this matter to Mr. Crookall, MHK and Member of the Department of Transport with a request that repairs be considered.	
CODE OF PRACTICE ON ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION	08/469	Mr. Gimbert requested that the Code of Practice issued by the Council of Ministers be adopted by the Commissioners and after the matter being proposed and seconded it was unanimously <i>AGREED</i> that this be the case.	
DEFAMATION ADVICE	08/470	Members noted receipt of legal advice obtained by Onchan Commissioners with regard to the subject of defamation in relation to Commissioners.	
HIGWAYS ACT 1986	08/471	The Town Clerk indicated a temporary closure Order in respect of East Quay, Peel effective from 1 st February 2009 until 1 st May 2009 regarding construction work between East Quay junction with Mill Road and a point adjacent to the House of Manannan car park entrance. <i>NOTED</i>	

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	08/472	<p>The Town Clerk indicated that various Orders had been made by the Department of Transport as follows:</p> <p>Revocation of Reserved Parking Places on sections of St. Germans Place and Westlands, Peel, the removal of one of two reserved parking places on a section of Rheast Bridson (Westlands), Peel. The Revocation of the existing bus stop Order for the north side of Tynwald Road in Peel. A smaller bus stop marking would be retained for which a legal order was noted required and the temporary closure of Albany Road from 6th February 2009 until 28th February 2009 regarding reconstruction, overlay and trench work and a prohibition of vehicular traffic on a section of Douglas Street from its junction with Michael Street to its junction with West View whilst duct work takes place between 10th February and 11th February 2009. <i>NOTED</i></p>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	08/473	<p>The following planning applications were considered as follows:-</p> <p>PA 09/00060/B Installation of dormers to front elevation and roof lights to rear, 9 Ballaterson Crescent, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA 09/00081/B Installation of replacement windows and doors, 11 Patrick Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>PA 08/02222/B Change of Use to holiday apartment, Flat 2, 2 Peveril Terrace, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p>
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	08/474	<p>The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>PA 08/01837/B Erection of timber staircase to replace existing metal staircase, 17 and 19 Factory Lane, Peel for Mr. R G Hurt. <i>APPROVED</i></p> <p>PA 08/01980/B Erection of two storey extension, 10 Willow Close, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. G Spradberry. <i>APPROVED</i></p>
LHERGYDHOO SANDPIT	08/475	<p>Members noted receipt of the decision of the Minister in respect of the application for a Certificate of Lawful Use involving the recycling of inert waste materials at Lhergydhoo Sandpit, German. The Minister had accepted the appointed persons recommendations and concurred with the</p>

recommendation that the application should be refused. *NOTED*

LEZAYRE PARISH CIVIC SERVICE	08/476	Members noted receipt of an invitation from the Chairman, Mrs. Robinson and Members of Lezayre Parish Commissioners to the Lezayre Civic Service to be held at Kirk Christ Church, Churchtown, Lezayre on the 22 nd February 2009 at 11.00a.m. The Chairman indicated that she would attend the service.	PGL
POLICING PLAN 2009/2010	08/477	Members noted receipt of a letter from Inspector Britton of the Western Neighbourhood Policing Team concerning the policing plan for the West for the ensuing year 2009/2010. It was noted that the plan more or less addressed the same issues as previous years. The Commissioners had no objection or comment on the proposed plan.	
TRANSITION ISLE OF MAN	08/478	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Clerk to Patrick Parish Commissioners concerning a meeting held in January with the representatives of Transition Isle of Man. The Commissioners in looking to address the environmental issues raised had suggested that the Western Area authorities meet on 7 th May 2009 at a venue and time to be decided to discuss whether any joint action could be taken with regard to this matter. The Board were supportive of a Western area meeting and <i>AGREED</i> that a representative would attend.	PGL
OAK ROAD	08/479	Mr. Skidmore referred to the removal of the speed humps in Oak Road pending installation of lower rubber triangle humps. Whilst the present speed humps had been removed Mr. Skidmore had noted a dramatic increase in the speed of traffic along Oak Road and wished Members to be aware of the need for safety when the Department of Transport considered the opening up of Oak Road from the Ramsey Road.	
NORTH VIEW BUNGALOWS	08/480	Mr. Gimbert referred to the scheme under the Housing Capital Programme to demolish and rebuild bungalows at North View. Mr. Gimbert was supportive of solar power being used with these bungalows. The scheme had reached stage five relating to building control aspects and was now beyond the design stage when solar power might have been included.	

This part of the meeting ended at 7.45p.m.

