

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21st July 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Mr. R Baker (Curator)
 Mrs. C Horton (Librarian)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME

09/167 The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the second meeting of July and asked that the public respected the need for silence during the items under discussion. With regard to Standing Orders the Chairman wished to reinforce the requirement that Members stand and only one speak at a time.

The Chairman indicated his pleasure at presenting the Peel Town Cup with regard to bowls and that he was in attendance the previous week when a plaque commemorating Mrs. Dorothy Quirk was attached to one of the promenade shelters.

LEECE MUSEUM
REPORT

09/168 The quarterly report for the Leece Museum copies of which had been previously circulated was *NOTED*. Mr. Baker indicated that the number of visitors to the museum was almost 2000 for the current year. The Curator referred to recent new acquisitions and indicated also that the museum would close after the summer season for the necessary work on the radiators. At the same time it was requested that the entrance walls needed attention. Mr. Baker also indicated

that the current CCTV system had failed and it was *AGREED* that he obtain costings. Mrs. Birkett referred to concerns about the museum being closed when a visitor wished to attend. Mr. Baker indicated that it may have happened on a Monday when the museum was shut. It was however suggested that a clearer notice was required outside the entrance to advise members of the public of the opening times.

Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.10p.m.

WARD LIBRARY
REPORT

09/169 The quarterly Ward Library report copies of which had been previously circulated was *NOTED*. Mrs. Horton produced the plaque in recognition of the Ward Library's benefactors which would be unveiled by Mr. Lace. *AGREED* Mrs. Horton sought confirmation that she would be able to continue employment following her attainment of the age of sixty. It was noted that this would be reviewed on an annual basis. Mrs. Birkett referred to a reference in her report to the Wifi disclaimer with regard to possible loss of work on computers. It was *AGREED* that a three month trial be undertaken prior to confirmation or otherwise.

Mrs Horton left the meeting at 7.25p.m.

MINUTES

09/170 The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2009 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

STREET LIGHTING

09/171 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/134 and reported that the request to hood the street light could not be achieved as the resident lived on the opposite side of the road from which the light was situated. For this to be hooded would negate the spread of light from the column and it was suggested by the Chairman that there was a need to provide down lighters in the future. *AGREED* PGL to get prices for down lights

CREEK INN

09/172 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute C09/137 and indicated that the Department of Local Government and the Environment decision under the legislation was still awaited prior to the issue of a licence to the

Creek Inn proprietor. *NOTED*

OAK ROAD	09/173	Reference was made back to Minute 09/138 concerning the proposal for designation of Oak Road as a “home zone”. The Town Clerk indicated that this matter would be considered at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Liaison Group to be held on 29 th July 2009 at 9.30a.m. <i>NOTED</i>	
TOWN REGENERATION	09/174	The Chairman indicated that the regeneration plans prepared by McGarrigle and Jackson were not yet on line. The Town Clerk undertook to check on the position with the website manager.	Now online
SHOPRITE – LAND EXCHANGE	09/175	Reference was made back to Minute 09/166 and it was indicated by Mr. Jones that a resident in Derby Road was awaiting contact from the Town Hall. The Town Clerk undertook to write to the resident concerned regarding the current position over the proposed land exchange. The Town Clerk indicated that a meeting with Mr. Nicholson of Shoprite was awaited.	Letter sent
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	09/176	Members noted receipt of an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act revoking a reserved parking place in Stanley Road, Peel.	
RENT AND RATING APPEAL COMMISSIONERS	09/177	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners regarding objections in the Peel area. Members had no comment on the objections submitted.	
OUTDOOR FITNESS BOOTCAMP	09/178	Members considered a request from A W Fitness Consulting Limited of Ramsey who wished to operate a fitness bootcamp in Peel. After discussion Members <i>AGREED</i> that there was no objection to the company setting up and operating a fitness bootcamp in Peel.	Letter sent
MOBILE CATERING	09/179	Consideration was given to a request from Alison Lester of Peel who wished to operate a mobile catering facility on the occasion of Peel Carnival scheduled for 2 nd August 2009. Members <i>AGREED</i> that Mrs. Lester should contact Mr. Ian Baker, the carnival organiser,	done

over this request.

Mrs. Lester also wished to operate a mobile catering facility on the occasion of the Viking Longboat Races. With Mr. Lace objecting Members *AGREED* to permit this request with the issue of an appropriate street trading licence.

A-FRAME ADVERTISING	09/180	The Chairman referred to the issue of A-Frame advertising which had been raised at a previous Peel Heritage Trust meeting. Concern had been expressed over the proliferation of advertising boards appearing. It was noted that the Department of Transport had recently publicised a ban on banner advertising on the highway and Mr. Jones indicated that the regulations governing such advertising was currently being discussed between the Department of Transport and the Department of Local Government and the Environment. It was <i>AGREED</i> to await the outcome of this review of the regulations by Government before taking any further action.	
BANNER ADVERTISING	09/181	The Chairman referred to the practice of individuals undertaking banner advertising and suggested that there was a need to regulate advertising on street light columns. Discussion ensued over whether an administration charge should be introduced to cover costs. The Chairman suggested that a small charge for commercial advertising be included with charitable organisations being permitted to advertise free of charge. It was also a requirement that such advertising should have a limited time frame and that it be removed promptly at the end of such period. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL to obtain details from Douglas Corporation
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS	09/182	Reference was made to the need to provide additional community notice boards with one to be erected in the Ballawattleworth Estate. The Chairman suggested the triangular board would be most suitable and at this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that suitable costings be obtained.	PGL
SAILORS SHELTER	09/183	The Chairman referred to Peel Heritage Trust concerns over the future of the Sailors	Letter sent

Shelter on East Quay. Mr. Gimbert suggested that the issue of ownership needed investigation and it was indicated that whilst the land on which the shelter sat belonged to the Department of Transport the building may not. Discussion ensued over the need for protection for the building and whether it was appropriate for the Commissioners to acquire it. At this stage it was *AGREED* that a letter of enquiry be sent to Captain Brew, Director of Harbours.

FREDDIE TEARE'S STEPS	09/184	The Chairman referred to Freddie Teare's steps on East Quay and suggested that they were in need of repainting. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate letter be sent to Captain Brew, Director of Harbours.	Letter sent
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NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT	09/185	The Chairman referred to the need or otherwise for new play equipment and commented on the one item of equipment in the Castle Street gardens. Mrs. Birkett indicated that at this stage there was no additional funding put aside for new items of equipment and it was discussed as to whether funding could come from reserves or be considered in the next year's rate setting budget.	
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The Chairman requested that a sub-committee be established to look at the condition of the skateboard park and whether a play area could be established at the Ballawattleworth Estate. The Lead Member of Finance indicated that the proposal to purchase new play equipment would need to be investigated carefully. Mrs Moughtin therefore asked that Mrs Birkett be put on the sub committee with the youth representative and the Lead Member for Recreation and Entertainment. *AGREED*

PEEL CAMPSITE	09/186	The current campsite grading report copies of which had been previously circulated was noted. The campsite currently held a two key commended rating. <i>NOTED</i>	
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RNLI – THANKSGIVING SERVICE	09/187	Members noted receipt of an invitation to the Service of Thanksgiving for Peel lifeboat to be held at the Lifeboat House on Sunday 16 th August 2009 at 3.00p.m. The Chairman and	
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three other Members indicated that they would attend.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

09/188 The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

PA 09/01054/B Conversion of existing garage into additional living accommodation, 10 Maple Avenue, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA09/01120/B Installation of replacement windows and doors, 16 Stanley Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA09/01101/B Installation of replacement windows, 2 Lake Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 09/00375/B The Chairman referred to the recent communication from the Department of Transport in which planning approval had been received for the replacement of railings on Peel Promenade. It was noted that some changes had been listed to the original application and as a result the Chairman expressed his concern that a new planning application should be submitted so that residents could register any objections if so desired. A lengthy discussion ensued with some Members favouring a new application and others indicating the minor changes should be accepted and that the original approval proceed. In conclusion following a vote it was *AGREED* by six votes to three that the planning approval granted with the subsequent minor amendments be supported.

PLANNING DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

09/189 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 09/00678/B Conversion of part of garage to living accommodation, 7 Close Corlett, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. C Lewis. *APPROVED*.

PA 09/00775/B Erection of a dwelling (comprising an amendment to PA 08/00946/B) Factory Lane, Peel for Mr. Lee Morgan and Miss Helen Corrin. *APPROVED*

		PA 09/00375/B Construction of new wall sections and erection of replacement railings, Promenade, Peel for the Department of Transport, Highways Division. <i>APPROVED</i>	
PA 09/00624/B ON APPEAL	09/190	Members noted receipt of a request for an Appeal by Rappell Limited in respect of the erection of fencing on front boundary wall, 9 Factory Lane, Peel. Members <i>AGREED</i> to make no comment on this Appeal application.	
RHEAST LANE	09/191	Members noted receipt of a copy letter to the Planning Enforcement Officer from Mr. Kenneth Turner of Fy Verrey, Rheast Lane, Peel regarding his objection to the erection of an advertising sign by Hartford Homes at Rheast Lane.	
SHORE ROAD	09/192	Consideration was given to a complaint lodged by Mr. Andrew Kelly of 4 Shore Road, Peel concerning the parking of cars on the pavement immediately outside his property. The section of pavement was on the entrance into the IRIS site car park and at this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Police be advised of Mr. Kelly's concerns. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the cost of pavement bollards be investigated and as an interim measure the Police be requested to place no parking cones on the pavement. The Lead Member of Finance indicated that it might be a suitable case to utilise reserves to undertake this work during the current year.	PGL
WATER BATHING QUALITY	09/193	Members received a copy of the current water bathing quality for the Island's beaches including Peel. Peel beach was currently categorised as either of good water quality or excellent water quality. <i>NOTED</i>	
WAR MEMORIALS	09/194	The Town Clerk indicated that a letter had been received regarding the formation of a new War Memorial Committee. The two memorials in Peel namely the one in St. Germans Cathedral grounds and the other on Peel Hill had been listed to the Committee and indicated that they were in good condition. <i>NOTED</i>	

22 PATRICK STREET	09/195	<p>The Town Clerk indicated that a report had been obtained from John Gray, Structural Engineer on the condition of 22 Patrick Street, Peel. Mr. Gray had indicated that with the props in place there was no risk to public safety over the next twelve month period. If the props were not in place Mr. Gray would be unable to predict when collapse would occur. Noting that this matter had been outstanding for a significant period it was <i>AGREED</i> that the owner be requested to commence remedial works to stabilise the building within one month. Failure to do so would lead to the Commissioners seeking a Court Order to carry out the repair work under the Building Control Act 1991 and recover the costs thereof from the owner.</p>	Email sent
VICTORIA TERRACE	09/196	<p>The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mr. Dobbins, Director of Network Services at the Manx Electricity Authority concerning Victoria Terrace, Peel. The power supply network at Victoria Terrace had been reviewed by the Manx Electricity Authority and it was indicated that work could be done to improve the situation. It was possible that the electricity poles could be moved to the other side of the stone wall on the headlands which would help the situation in terms of emergency access. Members supported such a proposal if funded by the Authority. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Dobbins with a request that this work be carried out in due course.</p> <p>Arising therefrom Mr. Lace suggested that if this work was undertaken then the Department of Transport be requested to remove the pavement to make the road wider.</p>	Letter sent
PEEL CARNIVAL	09/197	<p>The Town Clerk tabled copies of the Road Closure Order for Peel Carnival scheduled for the 2nd August 2009. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
STREET SIGN	09/198	<p>Mr. Jones requested that the Queens Drive street sign previously removed from the wall adjacent to Tynwald Road be replaced. <i>AGREED</i></p>	TQ

RAGWORT	09/199	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to the issue of ragwort removal and requested why delays were taking place over its removal. The Town Clerk undertook to look into the matter.	PGL/TQ
JET SKIS	09/200	Concern was expressed over the problem of jet skis in Peel Bay and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this be made an agenda item for the next meeting of the Commissioners. The Town Clerk updated Members and indicated that he had been advised by the Harbours Division that the commercial use of jet skis was regulated by a registration scheme but that a licencing agreement did not exist. The Harbours Division were also concerned over dangerous use of jet skis and Members referred to the Lifeboat slipway and gridded area being blocked by vehicles and trailers. Members felt that the Police should be advised of concerns and that vehicles illegally parked be dealt with accordingly. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to Captain Brew and copied to Inspector Britton and the Coastguard concerning the Commissioners fears over the possibility of the lifeboat being hindered in an emergency.	Letter sent
COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS	09/201	Mr. Lace referred to the recent article in the Courier and on the website in which the Chairman had requested residents to contact him personally at his home address over any matters affecting the town and indicated that a member of the public had expressed concern at email security and that matters should be dealt with through the Town Hall. The Chairman noted the remarks and indicated that items referred to him were brought to the Board for consideration. Any Member of the Board could be contacted on any issue, as all Commissioners are data controllers in their own right and must comply with the Data Protection Act which includes security of emails.	
PICNIC TABLES	09/202	Mr. Lace requested that consideration be given at the budget setting meeting to provide picnic tables on the headlands, Peel Hill and Creg Malin.	

CLASSIC BIKE EVENT 09/203

Mrs. Moughtin referred to a classic bike event to take place on Wednesday 2nd September 2009 outside the Creek Inn. A road closure order had been requested for Station Place which would occur between the hours of 5.00p.m. and 11.00p.m. The Police had been consulted and had no objection to the event and after discussion the Commissioners indicated its support for the event which would entail some 250 classic bikes being displayed in Peel. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that the event would entail fund raising for the TT helicopter fund. *NOTED*

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