

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 at 7.00p.m.

Present                    Mr. R Gimbert (Chairman)  
                                 Mr. E C Beale  
                                 Mrs. T M Birkett  
                                 Mr. A Jones  
                                 Ms. P Hardman  
                                 Mr. D Lace  
                                 Mrs. C A Moughtin  
                                 Mr. I Skidmore

Apologies                Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance           Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)  
                                 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/067	The Chairman welcomed Members of the Board, the public and press to the first Board meeting of the month. The Chairman informed everyone that he had attended Onchan Civic on Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2009. Mr Gimbert reported that he hoped the forthcoming Peel Day would be very successful.	
MINUTES	09/068	The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
BALLAWATTLEWORTH BUS SERVICE	09/069	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/041 and informed Members that a letter had been received from David Kinrade, Head of Bus Services. Mr Kinrade was willing to meet with the Board to discuss the complaints from residents regarding the Ballawattleworth Bus Service. It was <i>AGREED</i> to arrange a date to meet with Mr Kinrade after TT Fortnight.	LB
NEW MEDICAL CENTRE	09/070	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/046 and reported that a letter had been received from David Killip, Chief Executive of the Department of Health and Social Security detailing the program for the building of the new medical centre in Peel.	

Planning approval had now been obtained and the contract would go out to tender on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Work was due to start on the site in November 2009 and the completion date was expected to be the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010. With occupation expected to be Christmas 2010. *NOTED*

RAGGATT LANDFILL SITE	09/071	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/050 and reported that the matter had been discussed with Mr Shimmin, Minister for the Department of Local Government and the Environment at the meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2009. The Chairman had forwarded figures to the Commissioners regarding the leachate that came from the Raggatt. <i>NOTED</i>	
BMX TRACK	09/072	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 09/044 and informed members that the new BMX track was being well used. Mr. Lace requested if it would be possible to have a litter bin as there was no where for users to put their refuse. <i>AGREED</i>	TQ
		Arising there from Mr. Lace reported that the dog bins on the headlands rarely seemed to have any bags in the dispensers. The Technical Officer undertook to check that they were being filled sufficiently.	TQ
SCHOOL VISIT	09/073	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/045 and enquired if a date had been received for Mr. Lace and Mr. Jones to visit Peel Clothworkers School. Mr. Jones reported that he had contacted the school and was waiting for them to confirm a date. <i>NOTED</i>	AJ
VOLLEYBALL NETS	09/074	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 09/064 and enquired why the work hadn't been carried out to the volleyball nets in the Winter so they could be put out at Easter as he had requested. The Chairman reported that there had been problems with the nets and they had to be renewed. The new nets had now been installed. <i>NOTED</i>	
PROMENADE SHELTERS	09/075	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 09/065 and enquired why the promenade shelters were being painted during TT fortnight. The Technical Officer reported that the shelters	

were been painting that day. The painter was however not scheduled to undertake any more painting during the period. *NOTED*

MANX NATIONAL  
HERITAGE  
CONSULTATION  
DOCUMENT

09/076

Consideration was given to a request from Jeanette Williams, Head of Council of Ministers Administration to consider and comment on the document, a Review of the Legislation Governing the Constitution and functions of Manx National Heritage. Mr Lace stated that he thought that the constitution should be left as it was currently with representatives from all over the Island making up Manx National Heritage Trust Membership.

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The Board *AGREED* with Mr Lace's comments that local representation needed to be maintained and they did not want to see Manx National Heritage being run solely by a Government Department.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
CARE IN THE ISLE OF  
MAN

09/077

The Board gave consideration to the document, Health and Social Care in the Isle of Man: Your Opportunity to Influence the Future. At the request of Mrs Birkett who wished to have more time to study the document in depth it was *AGREED* to make the matter an agenda item for the next meeting.

Agenda  
item for  
next  
meeting

LICENSING AND  
REGISTRATION OF  
VEHICLES

09/078

Consideration was given to the Draft Licensing and Registration of Vehicles (Amended) Regulations. Mr Lace commented that if vehicles were to receive an annual M.O.T then the only people who would be likely to benefit would be garage owners as the majority of accidents were caused as a result of bad driving and not faulty vehicles.

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Mr. Jones reported that there was a strong need for goods and commercial vehicles to be tested on an annual basis. *AGREED*

WESTERN  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNISHIP

09/079

Members *NOTED* receipt of a letter from Julie Lever, Secretary of the Western Community Partnership inviting the Commissioners to a meeting of the Partnership on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009. It

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was *AGREED* that Mr Jones would attend.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN PEEL	09/080	The Board studied a letter that had been received from Mr Patrick Farrell complaining about a certain Developer submitting an application to build 300 plus homes. It was <i>AGREED</i> to write back to Mr Farrell and inform him that the Commissioners supported his views, that such a large number of homes should not be built, as Peel did not have the infrastructure to cope with any more houses. This was why the Board recommended to the Planning Committee that the application be refused.	LB
FIRST TIME BUYERS NEWSLETTER	09/081	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of the First Time Buyers Newsletter that had been received from the Department of Local Government and the Environment.	
PEEL BEACH MISSION	09/082	The Board <i>AGREED</i> to a request from Michael Clarkson of Peel Beach Mission to hold sand modelling competitions between the 25 <sup>th</sup> July and the 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2009. Members <i>AGREED</i> that the prize money be increased.	LB
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	09/083	The following planning applications were considered for comment:-  09/00828 Replacement of windows on front of house and reinstatement of ground floor sill, 56 Glenfaba Road. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i>  09/00843 Erection of a two storey extension to rear elevation of dwelling house, 36 St Germans Place. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i>  09/00375 Construction of new wall sections and erection of replacement railings, Promenade (re-advertised due to amended plans received). <i>DEFERRED SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS BEING AWAITED</i>  09/00807 Installation of roof lights, replacement	LB

windows and doors, rendering and roofing works to dwelling 24 Castle Street. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00800

Two storey extension including garage, 14 Cronk Reayrt. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS 09/084

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

PA 09/00494/B Erection of a garage/utility extension to side elevation, 1 Poplar Close, Peel for Annette Faragher. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00471/B Installation of a lantern roof light, Centenary Hall, Atholl Street, Peel for the Directors. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00565/B Erection of a replacement porch, St Patrick's Presbytery, 20 Patrick Street, Peel for Mr. Steven Large. *APPROVED*

PA 08/01260/B ON APPEAL

09/085

Members noted that an Appeal had been received against approval for alterations, erection of extensions to store and amended car parking arrangement, Shoprite Store, Derby Road, Peel. It was *AGREED* to make no comment on this Appeal application.

PA 09/00081/B ON APPEAL

09/086

The Board noted that an Appeal had been received against refusal for the installation of replacement doors, 11 Patrick Street, Peel. It was *AGREED* to make no comment on this Appeal application.

PA 08/02098/B ON APPEAL

09/087

Members noted that an Appeal against approval for erection of a smoking shelter to rear of premises (amended siting to PA 07/01403B), Royal Hotel, Atholl Street, Peel was now going to be considered on written representations and not an inquiry. It was *AGREED* to make no comment on this Appeal application.

FIREWORK DISPLAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009

09/088

Members *AGREED* to a request from Mr Kristian Cowin to hold a firework display LB

from the side of Peel Hill for his Father's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday providing he obtained the necessary permission from the Department of Home Affairs and informed the Coast Guard.

GIRL GUIDES BEACH PARTY	09/089	The Finance Officer provided the Board with a copy of the details for the planned Hawaiian Beach Party that was being organised by the Tynwald District Guiding. At the request of the Technical Officer who had concerns regarding some of the Guides plans it was <i>AGREED</i> to defer the matter to the next meeting to allow Members more time to study the document.	Agenda Item for next meeting
WEST VIEW PLAYGROUND	09/090	Mr Lace enquired if the broken glass in West View Playground was still being picked up. The Technical Officer reported that the playground was inspected daily and any glass that was found was immediately removed. There had however been a large number of bottles smashed in the park by youths over the past week. At the request of Mr Jones it was <i>AGREED</i> that any large amounts of broken glass found be reported to the police in the hope that they could catch the culprits. It was further <i>AGREED</i> to look into improving the lighting level in the Park by the placement of sensor lights which would make it easier for passer-by's to spot any crimes that were committed at nighttime and hopefully report them to the Police.	TQ
		Arising there from Ms Hardman reported there was a lot of broken glass at the old Swimming pool site. The Technical Officer undertook to look into the matter.	TQ
HEDGE CUTTING	09/091	Mr Lace reported that he had received a number of complaints regarding Contractors employed by the Department of Transport cutting hedges at this time of year when birds were nesting in them. It was <i>AGREED</i> to write to the Department and ascertain if there were certain times of year that hedges could be cut and what measures they had in place to enforce these regulations.	LB
PAVEMENTS	09/092	Mr Jones informed the Board that a number of the pavement edges in Peel were dangerous as they had crumbled as a result of	LB

a large number of heavy goods vehicles using the roads. It was *AGREED* to write to the Department of Transport and ask them to repair them.

FENELLA BEACH 09/093 Mr Beale reported that he had received a complaint that there were no litter bins at Fenella Beach. Mr Lace informed him there were bins in the picnic area. *NOTED*

WATER QUALITY LEVELS 09/094 Mr Lace enquired if the Town Hall still received the water quality analysis reports regarding the bathing water at Peel Beach and Fenella Beach. Mr Lace was informed that the Town Hall no longer received the reports. It had however recently been reported in the Press that all the Islands beaches had failed water quality standards. Mrs Birkett reported that she was saddened by this as previously Fenella Beach had always received excellent results.

Arising there from the Chairman commented that the Board had been informed by Paul Lenartowicz, the Government Analyst that the levels of leachate discharged into the Raggatt were perfectly safe and proposed no significant risk for marine life. *NOTED*

ESTABLISHMENT 09/095 Mrs Birkett reported that she would like to thank the Finance Officer for all her hard work while the Town Clerk had been on holiday. This was seconded by the Chairman.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 09/096 Mr Skidmore informed the Board that there were still problems with the Contractor that had been awarded the Ballawattleworth Grass Cutting Contact. They were selective in the areas of grass cut and missed large areas out. Mr Lace commented that they had not weeded the flower beds either. TQ

The Technical Officer reported that he had met with the Contractor and had informed them that the Commissioners were not happy with the way they were doing their job. The Contactor had promised to address the Board's concerns.

Members *AGREED* to monitor the situation

and if the Contractor failed to keep to the terms of the contract it would be terminated.

HAND DRYER  
FACTORY LANE  
TOILETS

09/097

Mr Skidmore enquired if the hand dryer in Factory Lane Toilets had been fixed. There was also a problem with graffiti in the toilets. The Technical Officer reported that the problem with the graffiti and the hand dryer had been sorted out.

Mr Skidmore reported that the outdoor staff had done an excellent job refurbishing Shore Road Toilets. *AGREED*

2 VICTORIA TERRACE

09/098

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Mr Brian Draper of 2 Victoria Terrace, Peel. Mr Draper stated that there had been a chimney fire at 3 Victoria Terrace. The fire had however extinguished itself before the Fire Brigade arrived.

TQ

Mr Draper was concerned that the fire could have spread to the other roofs in the Terrace as the Fire Brigade would be unable to gain access to the roof due to limited road access. The Chairman informed the meeting that he had no objection to the path being removed to allow easier access. Mr Lace suggested levelling the camber of the road. It was however felt that this was needed to aid the drainage.

The Commissioners *AGREED* that the Department of Transport be asked to send a member of staff down to inspect the area to ascertain how better access for emergency vehicles could be achieved. It was further *AGREED* at the request of the Chairman that Manx Electricity be contacted to see if the electricity cables in the street could be put underground.

This part of the meeting finished at 7.45pm.



