

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/099	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting and indicated that he was pleased with the success of Peel Day with an estimated 5000 visitors to the Town. The organisation of the event by Switched On Entertainment was successful and it was to be hoped that the event would expand for 2010. In addition the sand racing event organised by Ramsey Motorcycle Club on the 11 th June 2009 was also well attended and successful.	
MINUTES	09/100	The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd June 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
BMX TRACK	09/101	Reference was made back to Minute 09/072 and it was confirmed that a new litter bin would be placed alongside the track shortly.	TQ
SCHOOL VISIT	09/102	Reference was made back to Minute 09/073 and Mr. Jones confirmed that a date would be agreed following the TT period.	AJ
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN THE ISLE OF MAN	09/103	It was <i>AGREED</i> to invite the Honourable Mr. E Teare, MHK the Minister for the Department of Health and Social Security to a meeting to discuss the two consultation documents and the new Peel Medical Centre at a meeting to be held on Monday 29 th June	Meeting held

2009 at 7.45pm

GIRL GUIDE BEACH PARTY	09/104	Reference was made to Minute 09/089 and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> to give permission to the organisers to hold a Girl Guide beach party on Peel beach on 6 th September 2009 between 2pm and 5pm.	
WEST VIEW PLAY GROUND	09/105	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/090 and indicated that the Technical Officer was still investigating the lighting level in the park with a view to replacement with sensor lights.	TQ
VICTORIA TERRACE	09/106	It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Fire Service and the Manx Electricity Authority regarding the emergency vehicle issues at Victoria Terrace. In addition Mr. Skidmore as Lead Member of Works would inspect the area.	
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN THE ISLE OF MAN	09/107	Further consideration was given to the consultation document issued by the Department of Health and Social Security concerning health and social care in the Isle of Man.	Meeting held

A lengthy discussion ensued over the various points raised and of concern was the need to continue adequate funding for this service and whether such funding should be borne totally by the tax payer or through some form of user payment. Mr. Jones referred to the insurance schemes used in places like France and Australia and suggested that these issues needed investigation. It was Members view that the management systems within the Department of Health and Social Security were expensive and that there was a need for more front line staff as opposed to managers. Reference was made to the health care system in the USA which was privately funded via insurance and it was suggested that there were greater problems as a result due to the escalating cost of premiums. The Members were of the view that health care should be free at the point of care. Concerns were expressed over health service companies making massive profits often hidden under the research and development banner. Mrs. Birkett was of the view that

some form of means testing for prescription charges would be acceptable and felt that there were many in the Isle of Man that could afford such charges. Ms. Hardman indicated that those that struggled throughout their lives were often the ones that were disadvantaged and this could be the case if charges were introduced. It was *AGREED* that this matter be discussed more fully with the Minister when the meeting took place on 29th June 2009.

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC	09/108	The Members noted a letter from the Whitley Council regarding the influenza pandemic situation. The Town Clerk indicated that the specialist gel had been ordered and staff had been advised to increase hygiene levels to try and counter the spread of the virus.	Completed
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1985	09/109	Members noted receipt of two orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 which created a no waiting restriction on sections of Ballaquane Road together with the creation of two parking bays. <i>NOTED</i>	
MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY	09/110	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Manx Electricity Authority regarding the mounting of dog waste bins on street lighting columns. The Manx Electricity Authority had identified a potential hazard as the mounting of the bins on the columns damaged the surface which could allow corrosion to take place at a more rapid rate. The Authority had requested to minimise the hazard. The matter was discussed and the points were taken on board. Where possible it was <i>AGREED</i> to utilise other posts in the area and also look to ensure the bins had the hinge door on the other side to prevent additional damage to the columns. The Authority had also indicated that the availability of paint for the columns had been restricted from its traditional supplier and in future the lighting columns in Peel would be painted black. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH	09/111	Consideration was given to a request from the Church Secretary to the Living Hope Community Church to hold a beach barbeque on Sunday 28 th June 2009 from 1.30p.m. to	PGL

5.00p.m.. The Board had no objection to the request subject to the usual risk assessment and appropriate public liability insurance cover.

LITTER ACT 1972

09/112

Members gave consideration to a draft Litter Control Notice in which it was intended to extend the types of premises under which litter control notices could be issued. These premises would now include pubs, bars, cafes, restaurants and other eating and drinking venues together with all offices, factories or shops in which one or more persons worked.

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The Chairman was of the firm opinion that this was victimisation against a section of the community that were acting legally by smoking. It was felt that property owners should not necessarily be responsible to clean up outside their premises through the depositing of cigarette ends by third parties.

Mr. Jones indicated that cigarette litter was a continuing and expensive problem which had to be dealt with and if businesses and commercial operators did not cover the cost then it would fall to local authorities to provide additional cleaning of the streets. Other Members were supportive of the Chairman's view and felt that the legislation was onerous and should be opposed. With Mr. Jones opposed the remaining Members *AGREED* that a response opposing the Draft Litter Control Notice (Amendment) Regulations 2009 be sent.

SHOPRITE LAND EXCHANGE

09/113

The Chairman declared an interest in this matter as an employee of Shoprite Limited and took no further part in the discussion. This matter was chaired by Ms. Penny Hardman, Vice Chairman and she indicated that as the matter had been under consideration for a significant period of time it would be appropriate for all the correspondence to be copied to Members for the matter to be reviewed. It was *AGREED* that it be considered at the next meeting "In Committee".

Agenda Item

LOCAL AUTHORITY INDUCTION COURSE	09/114	Members noted the receipt of a letter from the Department of Local Government and the Environment concerning the next local authority induction course on the 5 th and 6 th August 2009. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Ms. Hardman and Mr. Skidmore be nominated to attend the course.	
PEELONLINE WEBSITE	09/115	Members <i>AGREED</i> that the additional information regarding contact details for individual Commissioners be incorporated into the website at a cost of £150.	Members
BALLAWATTLEWORTH BUS ROUTE	09/116	Members noted receipt of two emails from residents regarding support for the new Ballawattleworth bus route. Arising therefrom reference was made to the traffic control sign (smiley face). The Town Clerk indicated that staff had been requested to ensure the sign was erected on the Ramsey Road. The Chairman referred to the provision of the sign and suggested that the Department of Transport be requested for a second sign which could be utilised at other locations in the Town. It was <i>AGREED</i> to make such a request.	Meeting held
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	09/117	<p>The following planning applications were considered for comment:-</p> <p>PA 09/00948/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 63 Glenfaba Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 09/00950/B Erection of a porch, 35 Oak Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 09/00883/R Temporary storage of construction materials from housing development site, part of field 315097, adjacent to housing development under construction, south of Poortown Road. Discussion ensued over this application and on the basis that Members were of the view that the Town had developed enough in terms of new houses it was <i>AGREED</i> to <i>OBJECT</i> to the application.</p>	PGL

PA 09/00897/B Installation of replacement front door, 3 Peveril Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

Members also noted receipt of a copy letter from Mr. Brian O’Hanlon regarding his concerns over the construction of a new replacement wall section of the promenade railings. *NOTED.*

PLANNING DECISIONS 09/118

The Members noted the receipt of the following planning decisions:-

PA 09/00517/B Demolition of existing outbuildings to rear elevation, creation of rear entrance gate and replace rear door with window, 35 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. Philip James Challenger. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00537/B Alterations and erection of extension, 44 Fuchsia Road, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel for Miss Tracy Moffatt. *APPROVED.*

PA 09/00535/B Additional use of residential apartments as tourist accommodation, Apartment 3, Corner House, Michael Street, Peel for Street Heritage Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00569/B Alterations, creation of back yard and erection of a boiler room/store to rear elevation, 44 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. Paul Cater. *APPROVED.*

PA 09/00426/B Demolition of existing building and erection of a block of thirteen apartments with associated parking, 13 and 15 Atholl Street, Peel for Street Heritage Limited. *APPROVED.*

MEMORIAL SEAT 09/119

Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks from Mr. Grant Sutton of 22 Berkeley Street, Douglas following approval for the erection of a memorial seat to Maureen Sutton. *NOTED*

ADVERTISING 09/120

Members considered advertising in the All Round Guide to the Isle of Man 2010/2011 and *AGREED* that an appropriate advert to promote the Campsite, Ward Library, Leece PGL

		Museum and the Peelonline website be supplied at a cost of £40.00. <i>AGREED</i>	
YN CHRUINNAGHT	09/121	Consideration was given to a request from the Yn Chruinnaght Committee to allow the Berr Youth Group to perform traditional music in Michael Street on 18 th July 2009 between 2.00p.m. and 4.00p.m.	PGL
		It was also noted that the Committee wished to organise a sand castle competition on the same date on Peel beach. It was <i>AGREED</i> to permit both requests.	
BEACH PARTY – FENELLA BEACH	09/122	Consideration was given to a request from Miss Val Quayle to organise a beach party on Fenella Beach on the 20 th June 2009 in aid of the Pontoon celebration party. Subject to receipt of the appropriate risk assessment and public liability insurance it was <i>AGREED</i> to permit the event.	PGL
RESERVED PARKING SPACE	09/123	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. J E Hooper of 35 Market Street, Peel who wished to rent a private parking space. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that a space be provided at the annual fee of £250 plus VAT. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
MILITARY BAND	09/124	The Town Clerk updated Members on the proposed arrangements for the visit of the Military Band to Peel on the afternoon of the Tynwald Day Ceremony. It was noted that the band would leave the Creg Malin car park at 3.00p.m. and proceed along the Promenade prior to performing for ten minutes at the Weatherglass corner. The band would then return to the Creg Malin car park for a fifteen to twenty minute performance. <i>NOTED</i>	
PEEL DAY	09/125	The Chairman requested that a de-brief meeting be arranged with Mr. James Gale of Switched On Entertainment following the recent Peel Day event. It was <i>AGREED</i> to hold a meeting on Thursday 2 nd July 2009 at 7.00p.m. and invite Inspector Britton to the meeting also.	Meeting held
HOVER CRAFT LANDING – PEEL	09/126	At the request of Mr. Lace the Town Clerk undertook to arrange for an engraved sign to	PGL

BEACH

replace the existing deteriorated sign on the Promenade/shore wall near to the Weatherglass Corner.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace also referred to the need for a grid to be placed on the down side of the new foot bridge to enable fishing boats to be painted in the harbour at low tide. At the present time fishing boats and other crafts had to travel to Ramsey. It was *AGREED* that a request be made to Captain Brew, Director of Harbours at the Department of Transport, Harbours Division. Mr. Lace also referred to the slipway adjacent to the entrance to Fenella Beach and indicated whether the large rock that sat alongside the slip could be partially removed to enable the slipway to be widened so that more boats could be launched from this location. It was *AGREED* that this request be made to Captain Brew also.

PUBLIC
CONVENIENCES

09/127

The Chairman indicated that the gents toilets on the Promenade did not have a hand dryer or soap dispenser unlike the ladies conveniences. It was *AGREED* that these be installed.

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DOG CONTROL
BYELAWS

09/128

At the request of Members it was *AGREED* that the Dog Control Byelaws be reviewed at a future meeting.

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CREEK INN

09/129

The Town Clerk updated Members on the current position regarding the Creek Inn and advised that the information requested by the Department of Local Government and the Environment had been forwarded and that it was now consulting with the Planning Department prior to making a decision.
NOTED

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

