

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Friday 1st May 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 Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN 09/001 The Town Clerk took the chair for this item and requested proposals for the appointment of Chairman. In accordance with Standing Orders the current Vice-Chairman Mr. R M Gimbert was appointed unopposed to the position of Chairman for the municipal year 2009/2010. The outgoing Chairman presented Mr. Gimbert with the Chain of Office and he took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 09/002 Upon a proposal from Mrs. Birkett and seconded by Mr. Skidmore it was *AGREED* that Ms. P Hardman be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year 2009/2010.

LEAD MEMBERS 09/003 After having been proposed and seconded it was *AGREED* that Mrs. T M Birkett be Lead Member of Finance, Mr. I Skidmore, Lead Member of Works, Mr. D J Lace, Lead Member of Housing and Mrs. J O'Halloran, Lead Member of Recreation.

APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES 09/004 It was unanimously *AGREED* that the following appointments to outside bodies be confirmed:-

Peel Heritage Trust – Mr. A Jones with Mr.

Gimbert as Chairman being an ex-officio Member.

Manx National Heritage – Mr. D J Lace

Western Civic Amenity – Mr. E C Beale

Western Pool Authority – Mr. E C Beale

Peel and Western District Housing – Mrs. C Moughtin, Mr. I Skidmore (one further year to serve)

Young Persons Representative – Mr. A Jones

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD	09/005	The attendance record of Members for the year 2008/2009 was noted.	
MINUTES	09/006	The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st April 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN	09/007	The Town Clerk advised that proposed revised plans from staff at the Department of Transport were still awaited.	
SOLAR STREET LIGHTING	09/008	It was noted that the preparation of a report by Mr. Gimbert and the Technical Officer was still awaited.	RMG
HEALTH SERVICE STRATEGY	09/009	It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be listed as an agenda item for the meeting on 19 th May 2009.	
BUILDING CONTROL	09/010	Members noted that a revised date was required to meet with the Minister and Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government and the Environment to discuss the issues over the transfer of the building control function.	
WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE	09/011	Reference was made back to Minute 08/599 and it was noted that the Board was prepared to meet with Ian Lewandowskyj of the Waste Operations Management Unit at the Department of Local Government and the Environment to discuss the future development of the site. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a date be arranged in due course.	
TESCO STORE	09/012	Reference was made back to Minute 08/607 concerning the proposed major expansion of the Tesco Store in Douglas, by Mrs Birkett who brought concerns from traders within the town	

who wished the Board to reconsider their decision.

A discussion ensued over the previous decision not to comment on the application. The Chairman opined that any major extension could have an impact on possible regeneration. It was indicated that with a substantially expanded store Tesco would be able to introduce new lines and Ms. Hardman indicated that traders in Peel needed to find niche markets.

In conclusion it was *AGREED* that the previous decision not to comment on the application be confirmed.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH ESTATE	09/013	Ms. Hardman referred to the new bus service to the Ballawattleworth Estate and indicated that some concern had been expressed over the speed of large vehicles now that the speed humps had been reduced in size. Mr. Lace indicated that at the recent Western Traffic Management meeting the Department of Transport had undertaken to monitor the speed of vehicles at this estate.
FACTORY LANE	09/014	Mrs. Moughtin referred back to Minute 08/611 and confirmed that a heras fence had been erected along the edge of the road to prevent damage and vehicular access. <i>NOTED</i>
MANX HARRIERS	09/015	A letter of thanks from the Manx Harriers was noted following the Commissioners support and assistance in staging the Peel Hill Race over the Easter Festival of Athletics.
PEEL CAMP SITE	09/016	Members noted receipt of a two key grading from the Department of Tourism in respect of the Peel Campsite for 2009.
ISLE OF MAN MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	09/017	Members noted receipt of an invitation to the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association to be held on 28 th May 2009. It was noted that Mr. Gimbert and Mr. Jones would attend the meeting.
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	09/018	The following planning applications were considered for comment as follows:- PA09/00537/B Alterations and erection of

extensions, 44 Fuchsia Road, Reayrt ny
Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR
APPROVAL*

PA09/00535/B Additional use of residential
apartment as tourist accommodation, Apartment
3 corner House, Michael Street, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA09/00565/B Erection of a replacement
porch, 20 Patrick Street, Peel
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA09/00569/B Alterations, creation of back
yard and erection of a boiler room/store to rear
elevation, 44 Douglas Street, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA09/00586/B Erection of a flag pole on
pavement to front of, Powell House 41 Michael
Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR
APPROVAL.*

PA09/00591/B Alteration and extension to
dwelling, 18 Ballellis Ballawattleworth, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA09/00606/B Alterations to accommodation
on first and second floors to rear of property to
form two self contained apartments, Kimberly
House 8 Marine Parade, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PA09/00624/B Erection of fencing on front
boundary wall, 9 Factory Lane, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA09/00600/B Replacement conservatory,
Ballawattleworth House, Tynwald Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA09/00678/B Proposed conversion of part of
garage to form family room, 7 Close Corlett,
Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA09/00664/B Construction of new lock-up
type units for storage facilities. The
development will include new hard standings

and associated surface water drainage, Mill Road Fish Yard, Mill Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING DECISIONS 09/019
NOTIFIED

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

PA 09/00188/C Additional use of dwelling as holiday accommodation, 1 Mews Cottages, Factory Lane, Peel for Mr. Stephen Meredith Iball. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00311/B Alterations and erection of extension, 1 Close Cubbon, Peel for Mr. Neil Cain. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00192/B Creation of a dormer and first floor decked area, Seafield, Peveril Road, Peel for Mr. Terry Billson. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00124/B Window alterations to dwelling, 17 North View, Peel for Mr. Terence Lang. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00241/B Installation of roof lights, 2 Mount Morrison, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Taggatt. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00162/B First floor extension over existing garage, 9 Oak Road, Ballawattleworth, Peel for Mr. Alan Kneale. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00164/B Installation of a portacabin to be used as a temporary harbour office building, site adjacent to water power store, Inner Harbour, Peel for Department of Transport Harbours Division. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00275/B Installation of replacement windows, 40 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mr. John Terence Murphy. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00206/B Installation of replacement windows 23 Factory Lane, Peel for Ms. Jane Hinchliffe. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00081/B Installation of replacement windows and doors, 11 Patrick Street, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Roberts. *REFUSED*

09/020 Members noted receipt of the Appeal decision

PA 08/1299/R ON
APPEAL

in respect of the installation of a lantern roof light on development at Mariners Wharf, East Quay, Peel for Street Heritage Limited. The Minister had concurred with the Inspector's conclusions and accepted his recommendation that the Appeal should be allowed and accordingly directed that the decision of the Planning Authority be reversed and permission be granted. *NOTED*

ANNE FRANK
EXHIBITION

09/021

Members noted receipt of a letter from the project co-ordinator with regard to the Anne Frank Exhibition that would take place in March 2010 at St. Germans Cathedral. Ms. Hardman indicated that she was happy to be nominated to represent the Commissioners on a steering committee which had recently been formed to promote this exhibition.

HARBOURSIDE
DEVELOPMENT

09/022

Mrs. Birkett referred to contact she had had from Mr. Stephen Moore expressing concern at the possible sale of land at the Weatherglass Corner by the Department of Transport. Concern was aimed at the possible demolition of old buildings including the Sailors Shelter and the Harbour Masters Office. Members felt that the old buildings within the Town should be retained. It was *AGREED* to check on the current status of the Harbour Masters Office in terms of planning status and that a letter should be sent to the Department of Local Government and the Environment requesting that a preservation order be placed on the property.

SWINE FLU

09/023

Mr. Skidmore referred to the recent concerns over the pandemic swine flu. The Town Clerk indicated that no plan was in place with the Commissioners as his previous request to attend a Health Service seminar on pandemic flu had been refused by the Commissioners. Mr. Jones proposed that should any future meetings/seminars be held by Government then the Town Clerk should attend. *AGREED*

ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION ACT 1985

09/024

Draft Orders relating to Peel Day prepared by the Department of Transport were noted and found acceptable.

A further Order under the Act revoking a reserved parking place on a section of Circular Road was noted.

ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND PLANNING WORKSHOP 09/025

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Secretary to the Planning Committee which indicated that in future local authorities would no longer be copied into correspondence concerning alleged offences when a planning breach was under investigation. Local Authorities would only be written to under separate cover if they were the complainants initiating any such action. Members objected to the decision of the Planning Committee and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to the Secretary of the Planning Committee with a copy to Mr. Crookall, MHK.

It was further noted that the Department intended to hold a planning workshop aimed specifically at local authorities and a request had been made for feedback as to suggested topics for discussion. It was suggested that being copied into breaches of planning matter under investigation should be considered together with conservation related matters.

MANX ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY 09/026

Consideration was given to a request from the Manx Electricity Authority to establish an electric vehicle charging facility alongside the sub-station on Strand Street. The proposal would involve the loss of two parking spaces to enable this temporary service to operate.

Members expressed concern at the possible loss of parking spaces within the Town and on that basis were not prepared to sanction the use of the Strand Street car parking area. It was *AGREED* to advise the Manx Electricity Authority to consider alternative locations.

HOUSING (FLATS) REGULATIONS ACT 1982 09/027

The Town Clerk referred to a recommendation from the Environmental Health Technician that Flats 7, 8, 9, and 10 Wood View Court, Reayrny Keylley, Peel be registered under the Housing (Flats) Regulations 1982. *AGREED*

GIRLS GUIDE CENTENARY 09/028

Consideration was given to a request from Girl Guiding UK which was celebrating 100 years of guiding during 2009 and 2010. Part of the celebrations would be beach barbeque on Peel Beach on 6th September 2009 between 3pm and

5pm. Members had no objection to the request for use of part of the beach and it was *AGREED* that the organisers may wish to use a local caterer for the event.

ONCHAN CIVIC SERVICE	09/029	The Town Clerk indicated that Onchan Civic Service would take place on 24 th May 2009 at 2.35pm. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Chairman would attend.
PROMENADE KIOSK	09/030	Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. Marianne Brew, tenant of the Promenade Kiosk seeking permission to erect a tent alongside the kiosk during the TT fortnight, Carnival Day, Beach Mission period and the Manx Grand Prix fortnight. <i>AGREED</i>
BMX TRACK	09/031	The Chairman indicated that work was shortly due to start on the upgrading of the BMX track. The area would be barriered off and top soil supplied by Heritage Homes Limited would be utilised to improve the track. The Chairman indicated that he was hopeful that the facility would be up and running by the summer. <i>NOTED</i>
SCHOOL VISIT	09/032	It was noted that Mr. Lace and Mr. Jones would arrange to visit the Clothworkers School shortly to discuss matters of mutual interest. Arising therefrom reference was made to the suggestions made by Year Six pupils at the QEII for the town regeneration. It was suggested that these views be placed on the website.
NEW MEDICAL CENTRE	09/033	The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the proposed new medical centre was not anticipated to be completed until 2011. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Department of Health and Social Security enquiring as to why it should take so long.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10p.m.

