

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 19th 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
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. I Skidmore

Apologies Mr. D Lace

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

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/034	The Chairman welcomed Members of the Board, the public and Press to the second Board meeting of the month.	
MINUTES	09/035	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st May 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD	09/036	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/005 and requested that the Members attendance record for 2008-2009 be placed on line. <i>AGREED</i>	Done
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN	09/037	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/007 and reported that a meeting was to be held on the 21 st May 2009 with Mr. T Crookall, MHK. <i>NOTED</i>	To go out to consultation.
SOLAR STREET LIGHTING	09/038	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/008 and informed the Board that he and the Technical Officer had met and were in the process of preparing a report with regards to solar street lighting. <i>NOTED</i>	TQ/RG update
BUILDING CONTROL	09/039	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/010 and reported that there was a proposed date of the 27 th May to meet with the Minister and Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government and the	Meeting held

Environment to discuss the issues over the transfer of the building control function. Members *AGREED* to meet on this date.

WESTERN CIVIC
AMENITY SITE

09/040

The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/011 and informed the Board that a meeting was to be held on 7th July with Ian Lewandowskj of the Waste Operations Management Unit at the Department of Local Government and the Environment to discuss the future development of the site. The Chairman reported that he would like to inform everyone, that there was also a public meeting taking place tomorrow the 20th May 2009 in St. Johns to discuss the site's future. *NOTED*

Meeting held in St. Johns – further meeting 7th July 2009

BALLAWATTLEWORTH
ESTATE

09/041

The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/013 and informed the Board that a petition had been received from the residents of Ballawattleworth Estate expressing their concern over the new bus service which had been introduced. Mrs. Birkett reported that she was saddened that people had chosen to complain about the introduction of the new service. The Commissioners thought it would be an asset to the Town as people could visit the shops, Centenary Centre, Cathedral etc without having to bring their cars into Town. Mrs. Birkett commented that a compromise was needed.

PGL/LB – letter sent to Mr. Kinrade to set up meeting

The Chairman informed that Board that the problems needed to be broken down into three areas, you have the speed bumps, the bus service and the speed people are driving at. The speed bumps needed to be changed to the same ones outside the airport which allow buses to go over them but slowed down the traffic. At present the Ballawattleworth Estate had the wrong type of speed bumps.

The Chairman commented that the Commissioners had originally asked for a hopper bus service and it was *AGREED* to set up a meeting with the Department of Tourism and Leisure to discuss replacing the double decker buses with a hopper and to speak to the Department of Transport

about introducing better traffic calming measures for the estate.

HARBOUR MASTERS OFFICE	09/042	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/022 and informed the Board that a letter had been received from Mr. Stephen Moore, Building Conservation Officer from the Department of Local Government and the Environment regarding the Harbour Master's Office in Peel. Mr. Moore reported that the Department was currently researching the building to ascertain its worthiness for inclusion on the protected buildings register and they would contact the Commissioners once they had concluded their research and inform them of the outcome of their findings. <i>NOTED</i>	Matters arising comment
ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND PLANNING WORKSHOPS	09/043	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/025 and enquired if the Town Clerk had sent a letter stating the Board's objection to the fact that they would no longer be copied into correspondence concerning alleged offences when a planning breach was under investigation. The Finance Officer reported that a letter had been sent, however a response was still awaited. <i>NOTED</i>	Matters arising comment
BMX TRACK	09/044	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/031 and reported that they were looking to the start the work upgrading the track this coming bank holiday weekend. The work should take two to three weeks to complete. <i>NOTED</i>	Phase one complete, final phase due to be completed after TT week
SCHOOL VISIT	09/045	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/032 and enquired if Mr. Lace and Mr. Jones had arranged a visit to the Clothworkers School to discuss matters of mutual interest. Mr. Jones reported that a date was still awaited. <i>NOTED</i>	Matters arising comment
NEW MEDICAL CENTRE	09/046	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/033 and reported that the Town Clerk had sent a letter to the Chief Executive of the Department of Health and Social Security enquiring why the new medical centre in Peel would not be completed before 2011. <i>NOTED</i>	Matters arising comment

HEALTH AND SOCIAL
CARE IN THE ISLE OF
MAN

09/047

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Teare the Minister for the Department of Health and Social Security to review the document concerning Health and Social Care in the Isle of Man. The Board discussed the document at length. Mr. Skidmore expressed concern that under the new proposals more people could be shipped off the Island for treatment across and was worried that the Island did not have the necessary resources to cope with them when they were transferred back.

Ms. Hardman expressed serious concern over the ending of the reciprocal agreement and suggested that people should pay for their initial consultation with their general practitioner as a way of off setting some of the cost for people having to be treated off the Island.

Mr. Jones commented that the report put emphasis on management systems and meeting targets which could lead to people being rushed through the system and not receiving adequate treatment to bump up statistics. Mr. Jones reported that he felt more emphasis should be placed on delivering services.

The Chairman informed the Board that his main concern were that the strategy was supposed to cover the next ten years. However, no ambulance or fast response paramedic service had been included for the West and hadn't taken into account that Peel had the fastest growing population.

The Board *AGREED* to write to the Minister expressing their views and invite the Minister to a meeting to discuss how he was going to deliver his health strategy into the community for Peel and the West and what resources would be available to deliver the services.

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MANX NATIONAL
HERITAGE
CONSULTATION
DOCUMENT

09/048

The Board *AGREED* to defer considering the review of the legislation governing the construction and functions of Manx National Heritage until the next meeting. The Finance Officer undertook to make sure

Agenda item

that Members were provided with a copy of the document.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT – LICENCING AND REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES	09/049	Members <i>AGREED</i> to defer commenting on the draft Licencing and Registration of Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations to the next meeting to allow the Board more time to consider them in detail.	Agenda item
HAZARDOUS WASTE	09/050	The Chairman report that a response had been received from Mr. Shimmin regarding the discharge of leachate from the former Raggatt Landfill Site. Mr. Shimmin indicated that to enable the discharge of leachate from the former landfill site, strict discharge compliance must be adhered to. Discharge levels were set and strictly controlled by the Environment Protection Unit and the leachate regularly tested prior to discharge to ensure levels fall within the permitted allowance. Members <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to Mr. Phil Styles asking him to provide the levels of leachate for the last twenty four months against the figures for the permitted allowance.	RG to forward the statistics for inclusion to the board members
ISLAND IN BLOOM	09/051	Mrs. O’Halloran reported that she had spoken to the Finance Officer who had informed her that none of the residents in Peel had submitted any entries for the Island in Bloom competition. Mrs. Birkett offered to provide Mrs. O’Halloran with copies of last years advertising so that the competition could be advertised. Mrs. Birkett reported that Peel won a prestigious award in the Island in Bloom and it was <i>AGREED</i> to see how much a banner would cost to advertise this fact.	LB costs to be advised – 12ft by 2ft £107.00
CREEK INN	09/052	Members considered an application from the Creek Inn for a street café licence to place tables and chairs on the public highway. The Creek Inn had been in discussion with the Department of Transport for a number of months regarding the issue. Plans had been drawn up which will create three parking spaces. The Creek Inn would install removable barriers to define the pavement area. The alcohol licence would also be extended to cover this area. The Creek Inn had spoken to all the main tour	

operators who were in favour of their application and this would increase tourism in Peel. The Creek Inn also employs a large number of Peel residents and buys the produce they sell from Peel traders wherever possible.

The Chairman reported that the Department of Transport did not oppose the issuing of the café licence provided that the Creek met the following conditions - the limit of the pavement café was marked with studs, the person obtaining the licence ensured adequate barriers were erected to stop encroachment on the footway and allowed visually impaired pedestrians to tap along the barrier. The barrier also needed to be secured so that it could not be moved by a member of the public. The number and spacing of the tables be limited to allow adequate access. Ms. Hardman informed the Board that if the street café was laid out in this way then this would allay a lot of the safety concerns the Commissioners had.

After discussing the matter at length and considering objections from local residents the Members *AGREED* to the Creek Inn being issued a street café licence. The Finance Officer informed the Board that permission must in the first instance be sought from the Department of Local Government and the Environment for the licence.

Mrs. Birkett suggested that special provision be made within the licence that if the Creek Inn failed to comply with the Department of Transport's conditions that the licence could be revoked. *AGREED*

YOUNG PERSONS
WORKING GROUP

09/053

Members considered a letter from the Office of the Council of Ministers enquiring whether there were any circumstances where the Commissioners felt it was necessary to restrict access or restrict activity to be undertaken on public land. The Technical Officer reported that the Commissioners did not have any policies except on open areas by residential areas for example Kerroo Coar, St. Peters and the

LB to write
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Market Place shelter, where no ball games were allowed.

FLAG DAY	09/054	Members considered a request from Andrew Skelly, residential support worker to hold a charitable collection on Sunday 7 th June 2009 on behalf of the Children's resource centre, Ramsey and Braddan. The Board were not opposed to them collecting, however as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution had already booked that date for their flag day it was <i>AGREED</i> to write to Mr. Skelly and ask him to provide an alternative date.	LB – letter sent
RAMSEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB	09/055	Members <i>AGREED</i> to a request from the Ramsey Motorcycle Club Limited to organise a beach cross on Thursday 11 th June during TT Week. The Board also <i>AGREED</i> to donate £350 to the organisation to cover the costs of staging the event.	LB – letter and cheque sent
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	09/056	<p>The following planning applications were considered for comment:-</p> <p>09/00731 Change of use of strip of land from amenity space to residential, 2 Campion Crescent, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel. Members noted an objection from Mr Clark of Douglas who stated that “whilst the strip of land might seem inconsequential it is, as described “amenity land”. So it can not be used for football, walking the dog, or anything very physical but it nevertheless provides an open aspect to the estate that would not otherwise pertain and as such is an amenity. It is an integral part to the design of the estate.” <i>RECOMMENDED REFUSAL</i></p> <p>09/00726 Application to erect advertisement, St. German's Cathedral. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i></p> <p>09/00725 Application for hanging flags, removing pews, additional internal notice board, etc St. Germans Cathedral. The Board were of the opinion that by removing the pews the architectural fabric of the building would be</p>	

destroyed. The Commissioners felt that the matter should be decided by public consultation. *RECOMMENDED REFUSAL*

09/00787

Proposed conversion of existing detached garage into music room, 9 Peveril Terrace, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00775

Change from approved timber sash window to uPVC sash windows, The Old Smoke House, Factory Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00740

First floor extension on rear elevation, 17 Circular Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00746

Replacement of timber windows, 12 Bridge Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00721

Erection of three storey leisure centre, Close Beg, Ballawattleworth, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

09/00499

Amended plans, Thie Aaylet, 4 Castle Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

AUTISM NETWORK

09/057

Mr. Skidmore informed the Board that he had been handed an article dated March 2009 from the Autism network entitled "Tom's New Home". The article praised the brilliant work of Peel Town Commissioners and the Social Services network for allowing Tom Slater to live independently in one of the Commissioners properties. *NOTED*

STREET LIGHT

09/058

Mrs. O'Halloran reported that she had informed the Town Clerk at a recent Board meeting that Clare Kneen had informed her that the street light outside her house needed a cover on it as it was shining directly into

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		her house. So far the work had been not been carried out. The Technical Officer undertook to contact Manx Electricity Authority and ask them to carry out the work.	
DOG BIN BAG DISPENSERS	09/059	Mrs. O'Halloran requested if a dog bin with a bag dispenser could be placed by the steps at Peveril Terrace. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to consider it as an item for the next budget.	
WEBSITE	09/060	The Chairman informed the Board that at the "Meet the Commissioners" meeting, the public had asked for the Commissioners to be more contactable. Chris Littler, website manager, was also at the meeting and had suggested Commissioners addresses and contact details be added to the website. The Commissioners could also have their own email address that came via the Commissioners email system. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to find out what the cost would be to improve contact details before proceeding any further with the matter.	Costs agreed – Board to provide Chris Litter with contact details
SHOPRITE CAR PARK EXCHANGE	09/061	The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Derek Cannon. Mr. Cannon was worried that if the exchange of land between Peel Commissioners and Shoprite went ahead valuable car parking spaces would be lost and people would be unable to park their vehicles when they returned home from work until after Shoprite had closed. Mr. Cannon wished to know how the Commissioners had reached their decision to allow the land swap with Shoprite. It was <i>AGREED</i> that when the Town Clerk returned he would go through the Commissioners correspondence and decide what information the Board could provide him with to support their decision to swap their land with Shoprite.	P G Leadley to provide information to Mr. Cannon
DIGITAL TELEVISION	09/062	Members <i>AGREED</i> to a request from Phiz to hold a freeview awareness an event on Wednesday 17 th June 2009. The Technical Officer undertook to liaise with them with regards to where would be the best location to hold the event.	LB – letter sent
VIKING FESTIVAL	09/063	The Chairman reported that he had received	RG

a letter from the Chairman of the Viking Festival asking permission for the use of Peel beach on Friday 3rd July 2009 and Sunday 5th July 2009. *AGREED*

VOLEYBALL NET UPDATE	09/064	<p>The Chairman enquired as to what the current situation was regarding the volleyball nets. The Technical Officer reported that the nets had been damaged and they were looking to put a brace on the back to strengthen them. To date no price had been obtained for the work to be carried out. <i>NOTED</i></p> <p>Arising therefrom the Chairman asked the Technical Officer if he had obtained a price for replacing the headlands goal post nets. Mr. Quayle reported the cost to replace them would be £150- £200 per goal. Members <i>AGREED</i> to replace them.</p>	TQ - ordered
PROMENADE SHELTERS	09/065	<p>The Chairman informed the Board that he had been advised by the Technical Officer that the third shelter was being held together by brackets and concrete that had been put in. It was <i>AGREED</i> to take away the shelter and refurbish it and replace the sides at a cost of £2,500. It was due to be replaced for the summer season 2010.</p>	TQ - update
PUBLIC MEETING	09/66	<p>The Chairman reported that he would like to hold a public meeting. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that the meeting would be held on 27th June in the Phillip Christian Centre between 12.00p.m. and 4.00p.m. when tea and coffee could be provided. The meeting would cover, but not limited to, the IRIS Site, the Ballawattleworth bus service and the Traffic Management consultation.</p> <p>This part of the meeting finished at 8.50pm.</p>	

