

# BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a BOARD MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.00p.m.

Present                    Mrs. T M Birkett (Chairman)  
                                 Mrs. C A Moughtin  
                                 Mr. D J Lace  
                                 Mr. A Jones  
                                 Mr. I Skidmore  
                                 Mr. R M Gimbert

Apologies                Mrs. J O'Halloran  
                                 Ms. P Hardman  
                                 Mr. E Beale

In attendance            Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S  
WELCOME

08/481      The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and indicated that she was pleased to receive a £500 cheque from Mr. Rob Farrer for the purchase of display cabinets at the Leece Museum. In addition a further £500 anonymous donation had been made towards these costs. The Chairman had also attended a meeting in the Corrin Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009 when the public were asked to express an interest or otherwise in the establishment of an allotment on the outskirts of Peel. She wished to congratulate Sergeant Gardener of Peel Police who had brought this project forward and also the donors of the land for the allotment. Finally Mrs. Birkett had attended Malew Civic Service on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and wished to express her thanks to the Chairman for the service and subsequent refreshments.

MINUTES

08/482      The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

08/483      Following a further meeting of the Traffic Management Committee certain proposals promoted by the Board had been left with Department of Transport staff to enable preparation of a second draft plan incorporating the agreed proposals for the traffic management of the Town.  
*NOTED*

REAR LANE – DERBY ROAD	08/484	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/465 and produced a copy of the Deed of Conveyance Deed Plan indicating the boundary line at the rear lane of Derby Road. Members had no cause for concern over the fact that the street light was now situated within the boundary fence.
ATHOLL PLACE	08/485	Members considered a request from the Department of Transport as to the Commissioners views on the repainting of double yellow lines in Atholl Place. This had come about through the proprietor of the Toy Box indicating the fact that cars parking on either side of Atholl Place were causing a bottle neck and felt that the return of the double yellow lines would alleviate the problem. After consideration the Commissioners were supportive of the reintroduction of the double yellow lines on one side of Atholl Place.
PEEL HERITAGE TRUST	08/486	Members noted receipt of an invitation from the Secretary to Peel Heritage Trust dated 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 to attend a “Meet the Commissioners” evening at the Centenary Centre on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.30p.m. Members indicated their willingness to attend the public meeting accordingly.
ONCHAN CIVIC SERVICE	08/487	Members had received advance notice the Onchan Civic Service scheduled for Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 3.00p.m. Formal invitations would be issued nearer the date.
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	08/488	<p>The Town Clerk referred to a number of Orders made by the Department of Transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Public Right of Way number 362 (Peel) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicular Traffic) Order 2009. This related to a prohibition of vehicular traffic on a section of the former railway line with its junction at Mill Road at a point adjacent to the southern boundary of Unit 1 whilst power supply trench work was undertaken.</li> <li>b) Peel (Various Roads) (Reserved Parking Places) (Revocation) Order 2009. A draft Order relating to the removal of a reserved parking place on a section of Circular Road, Peel.</li> <li>c) Tynwald Road (Peel) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order 2009. This prohibited vehicular traffic from proceeding on a section of Tynwald Road at</li> </ul>

its junction with Queens Drive and Albany Road whilst road works took place.

- d) Tynwald Road (Peel) (Temporary Suspension of One Way Traffic) Order 2009. This suspended the one way traffic system over a section of Tynwald Road from its junction with Lyndale Avenue to its junction with Atholl Street whilst road works were undertaken.

Members noted the above Orders and had no comment to make on them.

BRITAIN IN BLOOM	08/489	The Town Clerk referred to the Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards designed for smaller communities. The competition was aimed at individuals who would make a difference to the local area and there was a website available to obtain more information. The Department wished the Commissioners to publicise the awards within the local community. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the website be referred to on the Commissioners own Peelonline website.
EASTER ATHLETICS FESTIVAL	08/490	Members were appraised of the arrangements for the Peel Hill race to take place during the Easter Athletics Festival on Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 commencing at 14.15 hours. Members <i>AGREED</i> to the race taking place and also providing the portaloos toilet units for competitors use.
FLAG DAY	08/491	A request from the St. John Ambulance to hold a Flag Day on 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2009 was considered and accepted. It was noted that the sum of £325.39 had been raised during the 2008 Flay Day collection in Peel. <i>NOTED</i>
CONSERVING MANX WILDLIFE IN GARDENS	08/492	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Wildlife and Conservation Division of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry dated 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 regarding the Department's concern over continuing loss of wildlife habitat due to housing developments across the Island. The Department wished to support the preparation of an information leaflet which would explore ways in which parks and public gardens might be used to help conserve Manx wildlife. <i>NOTED</i>
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	08/493	The following planning applications were considered by the Board:-

PA 09/00162/B First floor extension over existing garage, 9 Oak Road, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00164/B Installation of a portacabin to be used as a temporary harbour office building, site adjacent to Water Tower store, Inner Harbour, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00115/B Taking down small outbuilding and building two storey extension on rear of property to provide kitchen and additional bedroom, 60 Glenfaba Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00124/B Removing unsatisfactory window at corner of property and rebuilding to square off – introduction of gable window to property, 17 North View, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TOUR CYCLE RACE	08/494	Members noted receipt of notification of the 2009 Isle of Man Youth Tour. The event would run from the 1 <sup>st</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2009 and involve a race in the West of the Island that incorporated the Northern end of the Town namely the Ramsey Road, over Ballaquane Road and out the Poortown Road. A rolling road closure Order had been applied for by the organisers. <i>NOTED</i>
BUILDERS WASTE IN FIELD – RAMSEY ROAD, PEEL	08/495	Members gave consideration to a letter from Mr. Olsen, Planning Enforcement Officer concerning a complaint over the deposit of waste in field number 311037 (the land behind Barfords Factory). The photographs showed an amount of builders waste and rubble and Members were of the opinion that it may be due to fly tipping. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the land owner requesting the removal of the builders waste in advance of taking appropriate action under Section 14 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984.
LOCAL AUTHORITY RENT INCREASE	08/496	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Department of Local Government and the Environment which indicated that local authority rents would be increased by 5% for the year commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009. The various allowances remained unchanged. <i>NOTED</i>
PEEL CAMPSITE	08/497	Consideration was given to a letter from the Manx Motorhome Group who wished to make use of the campsite out of season during the weekend of the

20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009. On the basis that no facilities would be available it was *AGREED* that the hard standing be used by the group.

PARISH WALK	08/498	A request from the Manx Harriers to use the facilities of the Town Hall on the occasions of the Parish Walk scheduled for 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2009 was discussed and <i>AGREED</i> .
ACCIDENT PREVENTION SEMINAR	08/499	The Town Clerk referred to a joint promotion of an Accident Prevention Seminar to be held on 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Keyll Darree, Education and Training Centre, The Strang. <i>NOTED</i>
ROYAL NAVY PRESENTATION	08/500	Members noted receipt of an invitation to a presentation by the Royal Navy to be held on Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Mount Murray Hotel. <i>NOTED</i>
FILMING IN PEEL	08/501	Consideration was given to a request from the location Manager for a film entitled “The Disappearance of Alice Creed”. Some scenes were to be filmed at Ballagyr Lane and the film unit had requested use of a portion of the Creg Malin car park for the trailers and motorhomes used by the film company. The film company were prepared to offer £100 to be donated to a charity of our choice and it was <i>AGREED</i> that permission be granted with the fee going towards the RNLI.
YN CHRUINNAGHT	08/502	The Town Clerk referred to an email request from Paul Salmon of the Yn Chruinnahgt Festival requesting that the Commissioners consider the use of the Town Hall for the official reception to take place on Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2009. Members had no objection to the Boardroom being utilised for this purpose and it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise Mr. Salmon accordingly.
FUNDING OF TOWN EVENTS	08/503	The Chairman referred to a request from Mr. Gimbert that the 6pence rate available for funding recreational events be increased. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk write to other local authorities to ascertain their views on an increase as it appeared that the Department of Tourism would not support a number of events if there was no material increase in visitor numbers to the Island. It was felt that the Commissioners would need to review its support for events and look to promote events by local groups and organisations as opposed to other leisure events aimed at visiting members of the

public. It was Mr. Gimbert's view that any expenditure by the Commissioners should benefit the rate payer primarily and tourists thereafter.

PEEL KART RACE	08/504	Mr. Lace indicated that he had been approached by an interested party to ascertain the Commissioners views on the resurrection of the Peel Kart Racing event. Members discussed the matter at length and it was noted that Mr. Jones, Mrs. Moughtin and Mr. Lace were in favour of the event with Mr. Gimbert and the Chairman being opposed to the staging of the races in Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> to await a formal letter of enquiry from the organisers which would be duly considered at the appropriate time.
BREAKWATER KIOSK	08/505	Mr. Lace referred to the official opening of the kiosk recently built at Peel Breakwater. It was noted that an invitation had not been extended to the Chairman and she would not attend unless officially invited. <i>NOTED</i>
BMX TRACK	08/506	Mr. Jones referred to the proposed improvements planned for the BMX track and requested that this scheme to be funded in the financial year 2009/2010 be commenced early with funding from the reserves in advance of the next financial year. <i>AGREED</i>
CASTLE STREET GARDENS	08/507	Mr. Skidmore referred to the Castle Street Gardens owned by the Commissioners and enquired as to whether they might be maintained and upgraded in the future. It was noted that one item of play equipment had been removed due to its old and unsafe nature and that a replacement item surplus to requirements would be installed in its place. The grassed area would be cut and maintained and a seat put in to improve the site.
22 PATRICK STREET	08/508	Concern was expressed over the apparent lack of progress in strengthening the gable wall of the property at 22 Patrick Street, Peel. The matter had been addressed last year and a support prop had been laid against the property to prevent it from falling down. The area had been and continued to be fences off. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer investigate progress on the remedial work as a matter of urgency.
DOG FOULING	08/509	Mr. Skidmore referred to concerns over the continuing problem of dog fouling in particular reference was made to the grassed area around the

Ballaquane roundabout. It was *AGREED* that the Town Warden be requested to specifically target this area to try and arrest the problem.

FENELLA BEACH – 08/510  
LITTER BINS

Mr. Gimbert referred to the litter bins at Fenella Beach and asked that an enquiry be made of the Department of Transport as to whether they could be made more resistant to access by seagulls.

Arising therefrom he suggested Commissioners litter bins on the Promenade were looking somewhat shabby and could benefit from an oiling and repainting.

PROMENADE 08/511  
WATER FOUNTAIN

Mr. Gimbert indicated that the water pressure from the drinking fountain required reducing. It was suggested that some form of a restrictor was required to lower the pressure and it was *AGREED* that this be investigated by the Technical Officer.

HEADLANDS PLAY 08/512  
AREA

Mr. Gimbert referred to the self closing gate at the headlands play area which appeared to be defective. It was *AGREED* that this be checked out and repaired as necessary. Arising therefrom he referred to the goal posts on the headlands field and indicated that they were showing signs of rust. It was *AGREED* that this matter be looked at and that a price be obtained for replacement goal nets.

QUAYSIDE POWER 08/513  
BOXES

The Chairman referred to the power/water boxes on the Quay that served visiting boats. The boxes were worse for wear with the front cover having been removed from one of them. It was *AGREED* to refer this matter to Captain Brew of the Department of Transport with copies to the Peel Harbour Keepers.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.00p.m.

