

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of a BOARD MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3rd March 2009 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. I Skidmore
 Mr. A Jones
 Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	08/514	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting and reported that she had attended the opening of the Breakwater Kiosk. This new building replaced the old wooden kiosk and she wished every success to the proprietor. The Chairman also attended Lezayre Civic Service on 22nd February 2009.</p> <p>The Town Clerk indicated that a letter of thanks had been received from the Peel Branch of the RNLI in appreciation of the recent £100 donation received from the permission granted to the film company to use the Creg Malin Car Park.</p>
MINUTES	08/515	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i>.</p>
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	08/516	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/483 and advised that the Board was awaiting the receipt of further draft proposals for the traffic management of the Town.</p>
BUILDERS WASTE IN FIELD – RAMSEY ROAD, PEEL	08/517	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/495 and confirmed that a letter had been sent to the owner of the field requesting that the fly tipped rubbish be removed or action would be taken under the appropriate legislation namely Section 14 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984. <i>NOTED</i></p>

FUNDING OF
TOWN EVENTS

08/518 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 08/503 and confirmed that a letter had been sent to all local authorities seeking their views on the Commissioners proposal that the 6 pence rate be increased to fund recreational events.

Mr. Gimbert indicated that he had discovered that the Treasury operated a fund based on improved visitors experiences and that if satisfying the relevant conditions a petition for access to the fund could be made. Events that improved visitors experiences were eligible under the fund and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate claim could be made for various event within the Town namely Peel Day and the Traditional Boat Festival weekend together with possibly the Yn Chruinnaght Festival.

DOG FOULING

08/519 Ms. Hardman referred to the perennial problem of dog fouling around the Town and suggested that consideration might be given to some form of encouragement whereby dog owners should be educated to let their dogs foul within their own garden prior to or after exercise. It was queried as to the fact that not all dog owners owned gardens and that only a small percentage of irresponsible dog owners caused a problem. Mr. Gimbert suggested that an area on the headlands could be earmarked for the provision of a dog toilet. It was *AGREED* that this matter could be given further consideration at a future date.

PROMENADE
WATER FOUNTAIN

08/520 Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 08/511 and indicated that whilst the promenade wall at the bottom of Stanley Road be removed consideration should be given to the retention of the water drinking fountain. It was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer investigate the feasibility of its retention.

BREAKWATER
KIOSK

08/521 Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Robert Quilliam for permission to designate an outdoor seating area attached to his kiosk operation on Peel Breakwater. The plan indicated that the proposed seating area would not interfere with the passage of traffic and after consideration it was *AGREED* that the matter be advertised for public comment as required by the Act and thereafter consideration be given to any view submitted. It was the Commissioners opinion that the application be approved in due course.

RATES STATEMENT	08/522	A rates statement for inclusion with the rate demands for 2009/2010 was approved by the Board ready for distribution with the rate demand by the Treasury.
FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT	08/523	Members noted that the Department of Health and Social Security intended to make a number of amendments to the entitlement conditions for family income supplement and income support for lone parents. A Consultation Document had been forwarded and it was <i>AGREED</i> that all Members email their comments to the Town Clerk for onward transmission before the deadline date of 9 th April 2009.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BUILDING CONTROL ACT 1991	08/524	Members noted receipt of a Consultation Document from the Department of Local Government and the Environment concerning proposed amendments to the Building Control Act 1991. It was <i>AGREED</i> that if any Members had specific views on the proposals that they be forwarded to the Town Clerk by email for onward transmission to the Department before the deadline date of 30 th April 2009. Arising therefrom the Town Clerk referred to a letter received from the Chief Executive at the Department which included the proposed Order to transfer the building control function to the Department under the Building Control Act 1991. It was noted that such a procedure could only take place under the 1991 Act if requested by the Commissioners that the function be transferred or if the Department deemed the local authority to be incompetent. On this basis the Department intended to draft the Order on the basis that the Commissioners had requested the transfer of the building control function. This was not accepted by the Commissioners as it was not at our request that the transfer take place rather having been driven by the Department who wished to consolidate and unify the building control function. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate statement should be made to Tynwald on this basis.
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	08/525	Members noted receipt of an Order entitled The Queens Drive (Peel) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order 2009 which prohibited vehicular traffic from a section of Queens Drive between its junction with Tynwald Road and its junction with Queens Drive West from 5 th March to

18th March 2009 to enable plane and overlay work to be completed. *NOTED*

PEEL CARNIVAL 08/526 Members gave consideration to a request from Mr. Ian Baker, Chairman of the Peel Carnival Committee which sought a road closure Order for Sunday 2nd August 2009 involving Station Place, East Quay, Shore Road and Marine Parade. Members had no objection to the road closure order request.

YN CHRUINNAGHT 08/527 Consideration was given to a letter from the Treasurer to the Yn Chruinnaght Festival dated 23rd February 2009 which referred to the financial support offered by the Commissioners the previous year and which had been requested in respect of printing costs for 2009. As finances were tighter during the current year it was noted that no provision had been made for any assistance in this respect. Mr. Gimbert suggested that an application be made to the Treasury for funding under its grant aid scheme which would benefit tourists. It was *AGREED* to make such an application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT 08/528 The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

PA 09/00182/B Installation of replacement windows and door to front elevation, 5 Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00183/B Re-roofing works and erection of a dormer to rear elevation, 6 Charles Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00188/C Additional use of dwelling as holiday accommodation, 1 Mews Cottage, Factory Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL.*

PA 09/00192/B Creation of a dormer and first floor decked area, Seafield, Peveril Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00206/B Installation of replacement windows, 23 Factory Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/00241/B Proposed new roof windows to attic bedroom, 2 Mount Morrison, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

08/529 The following decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee as follows:-

PA 08/02098/R Erection of a smoking shelter to rear of premises, Royal Hotel, Atholl Street, Peel for Heron and Bearley Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02222/C Additional use of apartment as tourist accommodation, Flat 2, 2 Peveril Terrace, Peel for Sharon Watterson. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02078/R Creation of a doorway and erection of balustrade to rear balcony, Crofton, Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. A Johnston. *REFUSED*

PA 08/02277/B Installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations Orry Buildings, Michael Street/Orry Lane, Peel for Mr. Clive Chapman. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02228/D Erection of illuminated signage at 6/8 Michael Street, Peel for Clear Pharmacy Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 08/02078/R
CROFTON

08/530 The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from the Planning Committee dated 13th February 2009 which referred to the refusal for the creation of a doorway and erection of balustrade to rear balcony at Crofton, Tynwald Road, Peel. The Director of Planning had determined that the works had been carried out without the benefit of planning approval and must be removed within 30 days. *NOTED*

STREET LIGHTING

08/531 The Town Clerk referred to the Commissioners intention to reduce the hours during which the majority of the Town's street lights were left on. It was noted that upon making enquiry to the Manx Electricity Authority advice had been received that to accommodate a split lighting regime there would be a need to introduce new clocks which would enable certain lights to be switched off at different times. Each clock was priced at around £160. The Town Clerk advised that the matter was being investigated further with regard to total cost and projected savings. *NOTED*

SPEEDING
TRAFFIC – BRIDGE
STREET

08/532 Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Chris Cubbon of 4a Bridge Street, Peel in which he expressed his concern over the apparent speed of traffic travelling down Bridge Street. The matter was discussed at some length and it was *AGREED*

that the issue raised by Mr. Cubbon related to enforcement of the Town's speed limits by the Police. It was *AGREED* to advise the Constabulary accordingly

HOUSING (FLATS) REGULATIONS 1982 08/533 The Town Clerk referred to a recommendation from the Environmental Health Officer to register flats 1 and 5, Marina House, 2 Marine Parade, Peel. The flats complied fully with the regulations and after consideration the Board *AGREED* that they be registered accordingly.

PEEL TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL 08/534 The Town Clerk referred to a further request from Mr. Mike Clark, Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Festival to meet with the Commissioners on the proposed date of 18th March 2009 at the Peel Sailing and Cruising Club. The matter was discussed and it was *AGREED* that the request for a meeting be considered to take place at the Town Hall instead of the Sailing Club. The Town Clerk undertook to contact Mr. Clarke accordingly.

MILITARY BAND 08/535 The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from the President of Tynwald the Honourable Noel Cringle regarding the availability of the Military Band that performed on Tynwald Day to provide a concert in Peel in 2009. Other towns would be considered in future years. The Town Clerk indicated that it was initially proposed that the band would perform on the Creg Malin car park during the afternoon of Tynwald Day. *NOTED*

CAVITY WALL INSULATION 08/536 Mr. Lace enquired as to whether the firm employed by the Department of Local Government and the Environment to provide cavity wall insulation for local authority properties under a framework agreement was in fact Manx registered. It was *AGREED* to make enquiries accordingly.

Mr. Lace also referred to the loft walls within the properties at Fenella Terrace which were open between one property and the next and might constitute a hazard. It was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated.

Mr. Lace also wished to extend his public thanks to Mr. Len Dawson the Commissioners contract plumber who responded to an emergency call-out the previous Saturday evening at 9pm.

DANGER TO DOGS 08/537 Ms. Hardman referred to the issue of dog owners exercising their pets at the back of Peel Hill and after chasing rabbits or seagulls falling over the cliff face necessitating a call out from the lifeboat. It was suggested that some additional signage on the gate to the scallop chute might be of benefit. It was however noted that no funding had been provided for this matter and as an alternative it was suggested that the matter be raised with the Press to publicise the dangers of pet dogs not being kept on leashes at the back of the hill.

SOLAR STREET LIGHTING 08/538 Mr. Gimbert referred to discussions he had had with the Minister at the Department of Local Government and the Environment who had expressed an interest in the fitting of solar street lights. It was *AGREED* that the street light currently being purchased be erected at a street within the Town (possibly Bridge Street) and that the matter be monitored. It was noted that the Department was prepared to finance such a street light provided appropriate information was available as to its value. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Gimbert liaise with the Technical Officer with a view to a report being prepared for submission to the Department in due course.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace wondered whether there was any possibility of a low level solar light being available to be placed along the headlands path adjacent to the headlands field. This was intended to aid those Members of the public that were using the field for parking purposes during evenings events on the occasion of various events in the Town. Mr. Gimbert *AGREED* to investigate this matter also.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.05p.m.

