

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R Gimbert (Chairman)
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. A Jones
 Mr. R Harmer
 Mrs. T M Birkett
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mr. E Beale

Apologies Mr. I Skidmore

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/453	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the first meeting of 2010 and wished a Happy New Year to everyone.	
MINUTES	09/454	The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th December 2009 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
BUS SERVICE REVIEW	09/455	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/434 and indicated that the Bus Service Review was still awaited and upon receipt of the report a meeting would be arranged with Mr. Kinrade. <i>NOTED</i>	PGL
NEW FISHERIES LEGISLATION	09/456	Reference was made back to Minute 09/440 and it was noted that the deadline date for the consultation process had been extended to the 18 th January 2010.	PGL

Mr. Lace referred to the draft legislation and voiced his objection to the suggested introduction of licence fees to fish from breakwaters. The matter was discussed in general and it was felt that a more proportional response by the Fisheries Department's concerns over individuals bringing large catches was required. It was *AGREED* that an appropriate response

be sent to the Department.

PA 09/00521/B ON APPEAL	09/457	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/445 regarding the Appeal hearing in respect of the Heritage Homes planning application for the residential development of forty three dwellings adjacent to Rearyt ny Keylley. The Town Clerk indicated that the Appeal hearing was scheduled for 21 st January 2010 at 9.30a.m. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Mrs. Birkett attend the hearing with the Town Clerk to make representation opposing the planning application.	PGL/TMB
DERBY ROAD – PELICAN CROSSING	09/458	The Chairman referred back to Minute 09/451 and the response from the Department of Transport Traffic Engineer regarding the sensors on the pelican crossing. The Chairman suggested that it should not be too difficult for the sensors to be re-aligned so that small children could be picked up and trigger the crossing. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a further letter be sent to the Department accordingly.	PGL
STREET LIGHTING – FACTORY LANE	09/459	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/452 and indicated that the Technical Officer was progressing the decision to install a new street light at the Mews Cottage, Factory Lane. Arising therefrom Mr. Lace referred to the residents concerns over the light shining into her upstairs window. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk and Technical Officer call at 34 Market Street to assess the problem.	PGL/TQ
PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS	09/460	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/431 and confirmed that the Commissioners concerns forwarded in a letter signed by the Chairman had been received by Mr. Winstanley, Director of Drainage and that an appropriate response would be issued by the Department in due course.	

AGRICULTURE
AND FISHERIES
GRANTS

09/461 Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 09/436 and wished to reiterate his concern that the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry was looking to make cuts in various financial grants to fishermen and farmers. The Chairman suggested that the Department should look to other areas of expenditure as opposed to reducing front line services. It was noted that the Chief Executive had indicated in writing that the Department was tasked to look at all areas of the Departments expenditure. After discussion it was *AGREED* a further letter be sent to the Department registering the Commissioners possible concerns over the potential effect on the level of services provided by the Department if the grant assistance schemes were reduced.

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STREET LIGHTING

09/462 Reference was made to the Board's decision to turn of the Town's street lights at 2.30a.m. each morning and it was *AGREED* that further investigation be carried out as to possible lights in key areas being left on. It was *AGREED* that this matter be investigated further with a view to being discussed at the next meeting.

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NATURAL GAS
PIPELINE

09/463 Members noted receipt of a letter from the Manx Electricity Authority regarding a presentation scheduled for 21st January 2010 at 7.30p.m. at the Manx Electricity Authority Head Office, Ballacottier Business Park, Cooil Road, Douglas. It was noted that the Chairman, Town Clerk and Technical Officer attend the presentation.

HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY

09/464 The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Chief Minister extending an invitation to the Commissioners to attend the Holocaust Memorial Day on the 24th January 2010 at 3.00p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Douglas. It was noted that Mrs. O'Halloran, the Chairman and the Town Clerk would attend the service.

PGL/RMG/JO'H

OAK ROAD

09/465

Mr. Harmer referred to the designation of Oak Road and indicated that he was seeking the Board's support to request a 20mph speed limit and weight restriction on Oak Road. Mr. Harmer referred to the Department of Transport's Road Strategy and the Traffic Management Plan for Peel and indicated his concerns at the possibility that Oak Road would become a busy through road.

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Mr. Beale referred to the press article concerning this matter and expressed his concern that it had been raised publicly by Mr. Harmer prior to the matter being discussed by his fellow Board Members. The Chairman indicated that in his opinion there had been no breach of Standing Orders and provided any Member made it clear that he was expressing a personal opinion then matters of interest could be raised in the Press. Mr. Jones commented on the matter and suggested that a clear policy was needed on dealing with the Press to provide suitable guidance to Members.

The Town Clerk indicated that two letters had been received from residents of Church Street and Cowley Terrace which indicated support for this through road being established to reduce traffic on Peveril Road, Church Street and Albany Road. Mr. Harmer indicated that he had raised this particular matter in his election manifesto and that a traffic weight limit, 20mph speed limit and possible change of designation as a distributor road should be pursued. In his opinion the Department of Transport should consider the establishment of a link road to the east of the Ballawattleworth Estate.

The Chairman indicated that in discussion with Mr. Sewell of the Department of Transport at recent public meetings on the Traffic

Management Plan it had been indicated that a review of the speed limit could be undertaken if there was sufficient public opinion for a change. It was noted that the original planning approval for the Ballawattleworth Estate contained a condition that a link would be established to the Peel to Kirk Michael Road when the adjacent roadside field was developed. The Chairman queried the speed limits on roads adopted by the Department and it was *AGREED* that this matter be clarified.

At this stage it was *AGREED* that a meeting be sought with the Department of Transport with regard to this issue.

HOUSING (FLATS) REGULATIONS 1982 09/466 The Town Clerk referred to a recommendation from the Environmental Health Officer to register seven flats at Strand Street, Peel. *AGREED*

COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS 09/467 Reference was made to a consultation exercise regarding Communications Regulations. The Chairman indicated that the comments he had on the draft related to the diversion of BBC funds to finance Manx Radio which was supported, an effort to increase business to offset costs through the use of the cable and the fact that the broadcastings licences should be issued from the Isle of Man and not the UK. PGL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT 09/468 The following planning applications were considered for comment as follows:-

PA 09/01959/B Installation of windows to front and rear elevations, 17 Mona Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01960/B Erection of a first floor extension over garage, 4 Maple Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/01985/B Alterations and refurbishment to ground floor retail unit and conversion of first and second floors from residential to office accommodation 7 to 8 Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/02031/B Introduction of bedroom and bathroom to existing attic space, extending existing kitchen into existing conservatory, enlarging existing front bay window, 3 Mountain View, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/02000/B Erection of a rear fence and amendments to front wall, 5 Lyndale Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/0263/C Additional use of dwelling for tourist accommodation, 22 Shore Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 09/02075/B Installation of replacement front and rear doors to dwelling house, 2 Lake Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

09/469 The following decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 09/01623/B Installation of a new shop front, 6/8 Michael Street, Peel for Clear Pharmacy Limited. *APPROVED.*

PA 09/01738/B Installation of replacement windows to rear elevation and front and rear dormer doors, 1 Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. Thomas Felce. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01739/B Installation of replacement front door, 1 Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. Thomas Felce. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01740/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 1 Tynwald Road, Peel for

Mr. Thomas Felce. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01694/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 39 Michael Street, Peel for Mr. George and Mrs. Diane Durber. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01679/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling house, 7 Lyndale Avenue, Peel for Miss Verry. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01664/B Alterations and erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling house, 21 West View, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cain. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01640/B Erection of a replacement extension to rear elevation, 22 Market Street, Peel for Mr. Arend Groen. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01305/B Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to rear elevation, 34 St. Germans Place, Peel for Mr. David and Mrs. Naomi Atkins. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01777/B Driveway and access amendments 1 Close Cubbon, Peel for Mr. Neil Cain. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01872/B Installation of replacement windows, 2 Church Lane, Peel for Iva Mary Jane Vijayaraghvan. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01828/B Installation of replacement windows, 18a Michael Street, Peel for Mrs. Dorothea Mary Horne. *APPROVED*

WHEELIE BINS

09/470

Mrs. Moughtin referred to a concern regarding lower Peel that certain residents were leaving their wheelie bins on the pavement seven days a week. As pedestrian access was required it was *AGREED* that the Town Warden be tasked with making contact with residents who left their bins out to

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ensure they were removed from the pavements after emptying by the refuse contractors.

ADVERSE WEATHER 09/471 The Chairman referred to the current spate of adverse weather and the assistance offered by the outdoor workforce to the Department of Transport to grit the roads and pavements of Peel when snowed under. It was noted that the initial difficulty with obtaining grit/salt from the Department's Ellersie Depot had subsequently been resolved. It was *AGREED* that the matter be raised with the Department at an appropriate meeting to ensure that assistance offered could be taken up by the Department who was responsible for all gritting of roads and pavements. PGL

BRIDGE STREET PROPERTY 09/472 Reference was made to a dilapidated property at 16 Bridge Street, Peel owned by Mr. B O'Halloran. Concern was expressed at the appearance of this property and it was *AGREED* to request that the Environmental Health Officer inspect it with a view to appropriate action under the legislation. PGL

MEMORIAL SEAT 09/473 Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Matthew Williamson who wished to provide a memorial seat in respect of Doctor Richard George Moore. Mr. Williamson wanted to place the bench on Peel Hill overlooking Fenella Beach or the harbour area. It was noted that there was an excess of memorial seats on Peel Hill and it was agreed to advise Mr. Williamson that a seat could be provided at another location. It was also noted that in addition to provision of the seat a sum of £200 would have to be forwarded to cover the Commissioners costs in establishing a concrete base on which to place the seats. TQ

Mr. Lace indicated that as there were now a sufficient number of memorial seats it should be a future condition that

seats could have more than one memorial plaque attached. *AGREED*

ANNE EXHIBITION	FRANK	09/474	At the request of Mr Crookall, MHK it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners mobile port-a-loo be provided for use during the Anne Frank Exhibition to be held at St. Germans Cathedral during March 2010.	TQ
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NEW CENTRE	MEDICAL	09/475	The Town Clerk tabled a site plan of the proposed new medical centre to be constructed in the grounds of the Corrin Home. <i>NOTED</i>	
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