

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies                Mr. R Gimbert  
                                 Mr. D J Lace

In attendance            Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)  
                                 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)  
                                 Mrs. C Horton (Librarian)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	09/642	The Acting Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting.	
MINUTES	09/643	The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
SKATEBOARD PARK	09/644	Reference was made back to Minute 09/616 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer and Mrs. O'Halloran meet with the youths over further development of the skateboard park on Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2010.	TQ
WARD LIBRARY – ANNUAL REPORT	09/645	Members noted receipt of the Ward Library Annual Report which was presented by Mrs. Horton.  Mrs. Horton expressed some concern at the outward appearance of the library building and it was noted that a budgeted figure had not been set aside to repaint the outside. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that the property required ongoing maintenance and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer prepare a report on the costs of repainting and other necessary maintenance works on the Ward Library building. Mrs. Horton referred to the computers and requested whether the power point software could be installed on the library computers at a cost of approximately £70. <i>AGREED</i>	

Mrs. Horton also referred to the ongoing traffic issue whereby the use of the layby immediately outside the library was being used excessively by a large van that had been left long term in Castle Street. It was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk raise this matter further in terms of the restricted use of the layby at the Western Traffic Management consultation exercise to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010 in the Boardroom. It was also suggested that the Town Warden liaise closely with the Police over this matter.

Mrs. Horton referred to the practice of purchasing UK newspapers for the library and suggested that in terms of cost saving this practice could cease. It was *AGREED* that UK papers no longer be purchased for library use.

Mrs. Horton left the meeting at 7.20p.m.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH 09/646  
ACTION GROUP

Reference was made back to Minute 09/617 wherein the Commissioners support or otherwise for the designation of Oak Road and the Ballawattleworth Estate as a home zone was held over from the previous meeting. Reference was made to the small scale plan submitted by the Department and it was *AGREED* that insufficient detail was available. Mrs. Moughtin referred to the proposed link road between the Ramsey Road and the Poortown Road through the estate and indicated that whilst residents in the area were opposed to such a move it nevertheless impacted upon lower Peel with large HGV vehicles currently using Peveril Road, Church Street and Albany Road as well as the Ballaquane Road.

Members were of the view that the Department of Infrastructure would have the ultimate decision on whether the link road was established as originally planned and that the Ballawattleworth Action Group should consider making direct contact with the Department.

At this stage it was *AGREED* that information be sought from the Department



ROLLS ROYCE ENTHUSIASTS CLUB	09/650	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/628 and a further letter from the Secretary to the Club which requested the reservation of a small section of the promenade by the former swimming pool on Marine Parade so that the Members cars could be cordoned off for public display. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
PEEL LOCAL PLAN	09/651	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/633 and indicated that a response had been received from the Planning Policy Officer at the Department of Infrastructure which indicated that consequent upon the Government completing the strategic plan for the Island four area plans would now be produced. The area plan for the south had commenced and would be followed by the area plan for the east. It was noted that it would be unlikely for the area plan for the west which would include Peel would be commenced within the next eighteen months. When the area plan was undertaken consultation would be included with the Commissioners.	PGL
CORLETT'S SANDPIT - GERMAN	09/652	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 09/637 and indicated that he had contacted Doctor MacNeil the Fresh Water Biologist at the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture. Doctor MacNeil had visited the sandpit and had been unable to find any evidence of sand entering the River Neb. It was however noted that Doctor MacNeil indicated that sand entering the water could occur after a period of continuous rain. Mrs. Moughtin produced a set of photographs which had been taken in February 2010 and which outlined the extent of the problem when significant rainfall occurred. It was <i>AGREED</i> to copy the photographs to Doctor MacNeil for additional comment. It was further <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the German Parish Commissioners enquiring whether they had any similar concerns.	PGL
MICHAEL STREET	09/653	Consideration was given to the responses received from the recent Commissioners newsletter regarding the suggestion that Michael Street be pedestrianised. The Town Clerk referred to his report which indicated that 45 responses had been received of	

which twenty six indicated that they would use the Michael Street shops more if the street was pedestrianised. Seventeen replied indicated that they would not use the shops more and there were 2 don't know responses. Mrs. Birkett indicated her disappointment at the level of responses from residents and indicated that in general terms despite repeated requests for consultation on various matters the public response was quite often low. Members felt that the responses received were not significant enough to be conclusive.

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| AGE CONCERN                       | 09/654 | Members noted receipt of a letter from Age Concern which indicated that it had taken ownership of a community bus which would be used at various locations around the Island in the future.  |
| PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT | 09/655 | <p>The following planning applications had PGL been received for comment as follows:-</p> <p>PA 10/00407/B Installation of replacement windows to front and rear elevations, 34 Douglas Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 10/00441/B Creation of two additional doorways, Unit 5a, Mill Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>PA 10/00254/B Installation of replacement windows, 40 Market Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p>   |
| PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED       | 09/656 | <p>The following decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>PA 10/00218/B Erection of two dwellings with integral garages, land adjacent to Dalemout, Peveril Road, Peel for Mr. Mark Watterson. <i>APPROVED</i></p> <p>PA 10/00187/B Alteration and erection of a storeroom extension to dwelling house, The Priory, Ballaquane Avenue, Peel for Mr. Neil Corlett. <i>APPROVED</i></p> <p>PA 10/00205/C Change of Use of six apartments from tourist to residential accommodation, Kimberley House, 8</p> |

Marine Parade, Peel for Mrs. Michelle Burrows. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00296/B Extension to existing porch/utility on rear of dwelling house, Wayside, Ballaquane Road, Peel for Mr. F Horne. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00289/B Removal of chimney stack, 1 Close Cubbon, Peel for Mr. Neil Cain. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00242/B Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation, 20 St Germans Place, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Lee Kaniewski. *APPROVED*

PA 09/00721/B Erection of a three storey leisure and community centre (re-advertised due to amended plans received) vacant plot at Close Beg, Peel for J R M Leisure Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 09/01586/R ON  
APPEAL

09/657

Members noted receipt that an Appeal hearing in respect of the Appeal against approval for part removal and alteration to existing wall, proposed dwelling, Factory Lane, Peel by Mr. Lee Morgan and Miss Helen Corrin would be heard on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010. *NOTED* The Commissioners would make no further representation at the Appeal hearing.

SUPPLEMENTAL  
VALUATION LIST

09/658

The first supplemental valuation list for 2010 copies of which had been forwarded to Members was *NOTED*.

DOUGLAS STREET CAR  
PARK

09/659

Mrs. Moughtin on behalf of Mr. Lace referred to the previous suggestion that the row of spaces immediately facing Douglas Street on the Douglas Street car park be converted to a layby for delivery vehicles using the Co-op and Shoprite stores in Michael Street. Members felt that this would help to ease the delivery vehicle difficulties when it was noted that large HGV delivery vehicles were stopping in the Market Place or opposite the Post Office in Douglas Street. Members were of the view that this would be a good scheme provided the layby could be utilised by other cars outside the specified delivery hours. At this

PGL

stage it was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk write to Shoprite and the Co-op to request their specific days and delivery times so that provision could be made to reserve the layby for these periods.

PARTNERSHIP POLICING PLAN 2010/2011	09/660	Members noted receipt of a copy of the Western Neighbourhood Policing Teams Policing Plan for 2010/2011. The three main areas of Policing would incorporate youths, road safety and community policing. <i>NOTED</i>	
HERITAGE HOMES – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	09/661	Mr. Jones referred to contact he had had from a resident regarding the planning approval for 43 houses by Heritage Homes Limited on land adjacent to Reayrt ny Keylley. Mr. Jones indicated that concerns had been voiced by residents in the area over the failure of Heritage Homes Limited to comply with certain of the planning conditions attached to the approval. Of particular concern was the Planning Departments assertion that it was unable to enforce planning conditions. Members were of the view that if planning conditions were not enforced then it made a mockery of the whole planning system. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk write a suitable letter to the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure expressing concerns over this issue.	PGL
22 WEST VIEW	09/662	Members considered a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Corkish of 22 West View who wished to replace the existing garden shed (12ft by 6ft) with a combined garden shed/summer house (12ft by 12ft). The matter was discussed and it was felt that the size of the intended replacement was somewhat excessive and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer take some photographs of the proposed siting/location of the shed and that in the meantime the request be <i>DEFERRED</i> .	JS
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT	09/663	The Town Clerk referred to a draft Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 which revoked the reserved parking space outside 20 Westlands. <i>NOTED</i>	

ISLE OF MAN MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB	09/664	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Daniel Corkish of 29 Ballaquane Park, Peel, a member of the Isle of Man Mountain Bike Club. Mr. Corkish had enquired whether the club could hold a down hill event on Peel Hill. A map was tabled indicating the area of the hill that was considered suitable and the matter was discussed at some length by Members. Concern was voiced over the proposed event with regard to safety of members of the public and the possibility of damage to the turf on the hill paths. Members felt that the hill was a sensitive area and were concerned at the possible loss of vegetation. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk meet with Mr. Corkish and obtain more information with regard to the request before a decision was made.	PGL
HARBOUR ELECTRICAL POWER POINTS	09/665	Mrs. Birkett referred again to the condition of the power points on East Quay. It was noted that the Harbours Division had indicated that the power supply points were scheduled for repair. As the work had not yet been undertaken it was <i>AGREED</i> to raise the matter with the Division and seek a definite date when the work would be undertaken.	PGL
DOGS ON PEEL BEACH	09/666	At the request from Mrs. Moughtin the Technical Officer indicated that the signage banning dogs from Peel Beach from 1 <sup>st</sup> May were on order and would be in place prior to 1 <sup>st</sup> May. The signs requesting the public not to feed seagulls had also been ordered and would be erected on the promenade at the same time.	TQ

This part of the meeting ended at 8.20p.m.