

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 15th June 2010 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)
Mrs. T M Birkett
Mr. A Jones
Mr. D J Lace
Mr. R M Gimbert
Mr. N Cushing

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin
Mrs. J O'Halloran
Mr. E C Beale

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/083	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the meeting and wished Mr. Beale a speedy recovery from his recent illness.	
MINUTES	10/084	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st June 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 10/067 where the word "initial" was inserted between the words "their" and "views". <i>AGREED</i>	
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME	10/085	Members considered the paper prepared by the Technical Officer regarding the list of Commissioners properties requiring maintenance and discussion ensued over prioritising the list. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the shelter at the Bowling Green be regarded as a high priority job as the shelter had holes and needed refurbishment. With regard to the Ward Library the Members deemed the renewal of the lead valley, internal decoration of the lobby area and the provision of a fire alarm system and electrical works to be of high priority. It was <i>AGREED</i> to seek more information regarding the proposed cost of supplying a new central heating boiler and oil tank.	TQ
OAK ROAD	10/086	Members gave further consideration to the Department of Infrastructure's proposals to calm	

traffic on Oak Road. Mr. Cushing welcomed the Department's proposals as outlined but suggested that there was a need for more detail. It was indicated that the existing speed humps were not effective enough in slowing down traffic and this would be raised with the Department. In this respect Mr. Gimbert suggested that tabletop traffic calming measures may be more suitable subject to cost. *NOTED*

DOUGLAS STREET 10/087
CAR PARK

Further discussion took place over the view submitted by suppliers regarding the appropriate hours for deliveries.

It was noted that the Police had taken action to remove the cones from the Market Place which assisted the HGV delivery vehicles in making deliveries to Michael Street.

Noting the various time slots suggested by the operators it was *AGREED* that a period from 9.00a.m. to 12noon should be considered during which deliveries could be made from the new layby. This would apply from Monday to Saturday. If this was deemed unsuitable then the Board would review the period.

POLICE MEETING 10/088

Members *AGREED* to invite Inspector Campbell of Peel Police to a meeting to consider a debriefing over Peel Day and to discuss other matters to be held on 23rd June 2010 at 7.00p.m.

MICHAEL STREET 10/089

Members considered a letter from Celtic Gold regarding its support for increasing the period during which vehicles could not enter Michael Street from 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. A petition was tabled from concerned residents and traders of Michael Street which raised concerns over the proposed extended period of closure to vehicles. It was *AGREED* that the petition be copied to all Members for more detailed consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Cushing suggested that the proposed new layby be made available all day long for traders deliveries. The Chairman indicated that this matter needed to be discussed when the meeting was held with the reformed Peel Chamber of Trade on 22nd June 2010. Mr. Lace indicated that he was concerned at the loss of car parking spaces by creating the layby. Mr. Gimbert was in favour of a full time layby for delivery vehicles.

PGL

PEEL ALLOTMENT	10/090	Reference was made back to Minute 10/080 and as Mr. Beale was not in attendance it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be held over to the next meeting.	
REAYRT NY CRONK ESTATE	10/091	Consideration was given to the proposed names suggested by Heritage Homes Limited for the new estate at Reayrt ny Cronk. Members indicated that the Manx names for birds supplied by Heritage Homes Limited were acceptable but that they should not repeat the same name for the drive and the lane for example Stronnag Drive and Stronnag Lane. It was <i>AGREED</i> that alternatives be provided to the company and that the English word for drive, road, lane etc be translated into Manx also. With regard to the additional names it was <i>AGREED</i> that Pibbenvane and Caaig be utilised also.	PGL
CHILDRENS WEEK	10/092	Members considered a request from the Isle of Man Children's Centre regarding the provision of an event on Peel headlands field during the 17 th to 23 rd July 2010 – Children's Week. Members had no objection to the request and it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Children's Centre accordingly.	PGL
COMMUNICATION STRATEGY	10/093	After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that this item be held over until the Commissioners strategy meeting to be held on 28 th June 2010.	
ISLE OF MAN RENT AND RATING APPEAL	10/094	Members noted receipt of two further requests for rate appeals as a result of on-going housing development. Mr. Jones indicated his concern that householders were being awarded automatic 15% reductions in rates during construction works and as a result the Town Commissioners were losing out on rate income. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Appeal Commissioners be contacted with Members concerns at the loss of rate income as a result of the Planning Committee not enforcing rigorously enough planning conditions attached to planning applications with regard to housing estate developments.	Letter sent
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	10/095	The following planning applications were considered as follows:- PA 10/00739/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation and installation of replacement windows, 15 Church Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	Letter sent

PA 10/00786/B Demolition of existing conservatory and store, erection of two storey extensions to side and rear elevations to provide garage and additional living accommodation and installation of roof dormer on rear elevation, 1 Peveril Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/00804/B Variation of Condition 4 of approved dwellings, (08/01929/B) to allow upvc sliding sash windows to front elevation and new upvc casement windows to rear elevation, building plot between number 4 and field 314326, Ballaquane Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/096 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 10/00533/B Erection of an extension to existing sports hall QE11 High School, Douglas Road, Peel for Isle of Man Department of Education. *APPROVED*

PA 09/02122/B Demolition of existing car port and erection of a dwelling with integral garage, land adjacent to 23 Bridge Street, Peel for Mr. Brian Mellor. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00524/B External alterations to offices, 14 Douglas Street, Peel for Hemley Enterprises Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00478/B Alterations and refurbishment to ground floor, retain unit and conversion of first and second floors from residential to office accommodation, 7 and 8 Market Place, Peel for Manx Wildlife Trust. *APPROVED*

FILMING IN PEEL

10/097 Consideration was given to a letter regarding a request to film in Peel for a new film called the "Shadow Line". Filming would take place on 20th – 22nd July 2010 and from 4th – 5th August 2010 and would take place on Market Place, Greens Jewellers in Michael Street and possibly the Old Bonded Warehouse in Castle Street. After discussion Members accepted that filming in Peel would provide good publicity and supported the request and it was *AGREED* to advise the production company accordingly. PGL

ARMED DAY	FORCES	10/098	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Armed Forces Day Committee which would take place on Sunday 27 th June 2010. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an Armed Forces Flag be purchased and displayed at a cost of £10.	Completed
LIFEBOAT THANKSGIVING SERVICE		10/099	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Lifeboat Administration Officer of the Peel Branch of the Royal Nation Lifeboat Institution dated 7 th June 2010. An invitation had been extended to the Chairman and Commissioners to attend the Annual Service of Thanksgiving scheduled for Sunday 8 th August 2010 at 3.00p.m. at the Boathouse. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.	
STREET LICENCE	TRADING	10/100	The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had received on 14 th June 2010 from Mr. Anthony Barrow of 24 Douglas Street, Peel who wished to operate a mobile fish catering unit from the harbour tongue selling Manx fish, pickles and pate. The matter was discussed at some length and Mrs. Birkett indicated that access had to be maintained along the harbour tongue. After further discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that the request be approved subject to Mr. Barrow satisfying the necessary hygiene regulations. It was also <i>AGREED</i> that no fast food in the way of burgers and hotdogs be allowed to be sold from the unit.	Licence issued
EASTER STORY RE- ENACTMENT		10/101	Consideration was given to a letter from the organisers of the Christmas on the Hill event which took place at Tynwald Hill in recent years. It was noted that the organisers now wished to stage an Easter story re-enactment in and around Peel Castle. As a result the organisers sought permission to use the Fenella beach car park and the lower section of the hill above the car park to stage a scene of the re-enactment. It was noted that the event was scheduled for Easter Saturday 2011 and after consideration it was <i>AGREED</i> that permission be given as requested.	PGL
PEEL DAY		10/102	Mr. Cushing wished to publicly indicate his thanks to residents of Stanley Road who had co-operated in removing their vehicles from outside their properties to enable two way traffic to flow easily up and down Stanley Road on Peel Day, 6 th June 2010.	

PEEL IN BLOOM	10/103	Mrs. Birkett requested that the Commissioners organise the Peel in Bloom garden and hanging basket competition. It was <i>AGREED</i> that residents be invited to apply for the best garden and best hanging basket categories with judging taking place in early August.	PGL
PROMENADE WALL	10/104	Mr. Gimbert raised an issue regarding the pooling of rain water on the Promenade as there were no drainage holes within the new Promenade wall. It was <i>AGREED</i> to enquire whether this would be undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. Gimbert also queried as to where the flag poles would be attached and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be investigated. Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert also indicated that some panes were missing from the Promenade shelters and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this be rectified.	PGL
RAGWORT	10/105	Upon enquiry from Mr. Gimbert the Town Clerk indicated that the Technical Officer had been instructed to arrange for the removal of ragwort from the headlands paths prior to the deadline date under the current legislation.	TQ
SEWERAGE	10/106	Mr. Gimbert enquired as to when the meeting with Mr. Crookall, the new Chairman of the Water and Sewage Authority, was to take place. It was noted that a date had not yet been agreed with Mr. Crookall and was awaited. Arising therefrom it was noted that Mr. Crookall had answered a question on the sewage issues to Peel and the West at that month's sitting of Tynwald and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a copy be obtained of the Hansard for forwarding to Members.	
VICTORIA TERRACE	10/107	Mr. Lace indicated that he had not yet had contact from Mr. Almond of the Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division regarding the issues around Victoria Terrace. It was <i>AGREED</i> that further efforts to contact Mr. Almond be made.	DJL
FLOATING RAFT	10/108	Mr. Lace enquired whether consideration could be given to the provision of a floating raft in Peel Bay for the benefit of swimmers on Peel Beach. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> to make enquiries of the Harbours Division as to the feasibility of a raft being provided in Peel Bay.	PGL

HEATHFIELD DRIVE	10/109	At the request of Mr. Lace it was <i>AGREED</i> that a more permanent directional sign to Douglas be provided for the corner of Heathfield Drive.	TQ
HEADLANDS PLAY AREA	10/110	The Chairman tabled a photograph of litter at the headlands play area. The litter consisted of alcopop bottles and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be raised with the Police and also that the Town Warden be requested to monitor the area.	PGL
LEECE MUSEUM	10/111	The Chairman referred to the hours that the Leece Museum was open and in particular the fact that it was closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays. He suggested that the Sundays were likely to be busy days for visitors to the Town and that efforts should be made for the Museum to be open. The Town Clerk indicated that this could possibly be achieved with the volunteer service provided by the Friends of the Leece Museum and it was <i>AGREED</i> that he raise this matter with the Curator Mr. Baker.	PGL

This part of the meeting ended at 8.15p.m.