

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3rd August 2010 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/168	The Chairman welcomed the public and Press to the meeting and wished to acknowledge the work of the RNLI which recently had three call outs. The Chairman also wished to convey his thanks and appreciation to the organisers of the Peel Carnival and the Traditional Boat Festival, both of which had been a great success the previous weekend.	
MINUTES	10/169	The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th July 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
SKATEBOARD PARK	10/170	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/138 and confirmed that the re-painting of two of the ramps had been completed.	
3 DERBY ROAD	10/171	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/140 and indicated that the Technical Officer would obtain costings for the various car park surfaces once planning approval had been obtained. <i>NOTED</i>	Ongoing
BIG TIDY CAMPAIGN	UP 10/172	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/152 and advised Members of the details of the campaign organised by Douglas Corporation for the weekend 9 th to 10 th October. It was noted that the campaign linked into the "Keep Britain Tidy Campaign" and involved the Corporation providing equipment	Letter sent

and high visibility jackets for schools to undertake litter pickup schemes in areas deemed to be hot spots for excessive litter. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the Commissioners link into the campaign with Douglas Corporation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL 10/173 Reference was made back to Minute 10/155 and the Town Clerk indicated that upon receipt of various responses from Commissioners the matter would be debated at the next meeting prior to a response being forwarded to the Council of Ministers. Agenda item

DERBY ROAD CAR PARK 10/174 Consideration was given to a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. Sperring who operated a bed and breakfast at 9 Albany Road, Peel. Mr. and Mrs. Sperring had enquired about renting two car parking spaces within the Derby Road car park preferably near to the top entrance by the walled garden for the use of their guests. The matter was discussed in detail and some concerns were raised about setting a precedent for other bed and breakfast facilities on Albany Road making similar requests. It was however noted that some spaces were rented out by the Commissioners from other car parks and after discussion it was *AGREED* that two car parking spaces be offered to Mr. and Mrs. Sperring at an agreed annual rental. Letter sent

PEEL CASTLE 10/175 Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 10/160 and indicated that a meeting had not yet been arranged with Manx National Heritage at which he would raise the matter of additional seats to the rear of Peel Castle on St. Patricks Isle.

REAYRT NY CRONK – HOUSING DEVELOPMENT 10/176 Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/162 and was pleased to note that the intention of Heritage Homes Limited, if successful, would result in no discharge running down the stream past the QE11 school and golf course to the River Neb. Mr. Gimbert had no issue with this arrangement in respect of the forty three houses currently being developed, however he was concerned as to whether the Environmental Officer, Mr. Styles would be satisfied that the intended full development of the estate of around three hundred dwellings would be able to be accommodated with discharge back into the main sewer in Derby Road. Mr. Cushing indicated his concerns that the treatment plant Agenda item

would be expanded at some point in the future now that the soak away area would not be required. Mr. Cushing was opposed to the proposal as was Mrs. Birkett. Upon full discussion a vote was cast in respect of the proposal of Heritage Homes Limited to transfer treated effluent back up into the main sewer in Derby Road. With four Members in favour and four Members opposed the Chairman cast a deciding vote in favour of support of the proposal on condition that the engineering requirements could be satisfied and that the main sewer would be able to accommodate the additional sewage from this estate.

DOUGLAS STREET 10/177
CAR PARK –
LAYBY

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/134 and indicated that the Board would need to give its full approval to any proposed conveyance of the area of land to the Department of Infrastructure for the creation of the proposed lay by. The Town Clerk indicated that at a previous meeting an Officer from the Department had confirmed that a conveyance of the area in question would be required prior to them undertaking any permanent structural scheme to create the layby. *NOTED*

PEEL BEACH 10/178

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 10/137 and extended his congratulations to staff over the state of the beach which was looking particularly good as the main summer season got underway. Mr. Lace indicated that he had been approached on a number of occasions by residents enquiring if the new promenade wall could be extended the full length of the promenade. It was noted that the Department had only intended to build the wall to the kiosk and that the railings would be replaced for the rest of the promenade.

HARBOUR STORAGE 10/179

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/166 and reported that eight skips of fishing gear and rubbish had been removed from the storage area on West Quay. The Harbours Division intended to monitor the situation and take further action if required. Mr. Lace indicated that it was a working harbour and fishing gear had traditionally been stored on West Quay.

DERBY ROAD CAR PARK 10/180

Members considered a Motion from Mr. Gimbert as follows “*As Chairman of Peel* Agenda item

Chamber of Trade and Commerce, I would like to propose that the Church Street residents designated parking spaces agreed for Derby Road car park next to the Police Station, be transferred to the Commissioners car park by Shoprite, Derby Road. The Chamber feels that this will link in with the Regeneration Scheme and Traffic Management Plan better as it provides extra parking spaces during the day for both shoppers and people working within the Town” Mr. Gimbert outlined his Motion and suggested that when the exchange of land took place at the Shoprite Store additional spaces would be available. Mrs. Birkett was wary over a change in decision after the Church Street residents had been consulted and advised that eleven spaces would be made available within the Derby Road car park. After further discussion Mr. Gimbert agreed to adjourn his Motion to the next meeting to enable further consultation to be undertaken with the Church Street residents as to the proposed transfer of the parking spaces. The Town Clerk undertook to send a letter to the residents accordingly.

DERBY ROAD BUS 10/181
STOP

Mr. Gimbert indicated that the Chamber of Trade had requested the removal of the two parking spaces opposite the Town Hall to increase the available space for bus/coach parking. Mr. Lace supported the proposal but also requested that the double yellow lines below the bus shelter be moved further down Derby Road to increase available legal parking by a further two spaces. Mr. Gimbert indicated that more spaces would be available when the traffic plan was implemented and a one way system down part of Derby Road was created. It was *AGREED* to check with the Department of Infrastructure as to when these traffic improvements would occur as Members felt that this should be considered by the Department as a matter of priority.

HIGHWAYS ACT 10/182
1986

The following statutory document Orders had been made by the Department of Infrastructure: Statutory Document Number 652/10 Marine Parade (Peel) (Temporary Closure) (Number 3) Order 2010 – the effect of this Order was to revoke the original Order 605/10 and impose a new Order for the prohibition of vehicular traffic proceeding on a section of Marine Parade, Peel between the Bowling Green Café

and the rock face whilst filming work took place.

Statutory Document Number 633/10 Michael Street (Peel) (Temporary Prohibition of Use of Highway by vehicles) (Amendment) Order 2010 – this Order temporarily altered the period of prohibition of vehicular traffic using Michael Street, Peel to Saturdays only between the hours of 10.00a.m. and 4.30p.m. instead of Mondays to Saturdays between 11.00a.m. and 1.00p.m. and 3.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

Statutory Document Number 638/10 Factory Lane (Peel) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) (Number 2) Order 2010 – this Order prohibited vehicular traffic from proceeding on Factory Lane Peel from its junction with Athol Place to its junction with Strand Street and Beach Street whilst ducting laying work took place. The Order would come into operation on 10th August 2010.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS
FOR COMMENT

10/183

The following planning applications had been submitted by the Planning Committee for comment as follows:-

Letter sent

PA 10/01002/B Erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings, plot of land adjacent to 54 Glenfaba Road, Peel. Mr. Gimbert referred to the application and objected to the proposed use of the Commissioners car park for parking provision with this new development. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the Commissioners *RECOMMEND REFUSAL*

PA 10/01026/B Installation of a replacement front door 17 Stanley Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/01051/B Demolition of dwelling and creation of car parking (in association with PA 10/01052/CON) 3 Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/01052/CON Registered Building consent for the demolition of dwelling and creation of car parking (in association with PA 10/01051/CON 3 Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/01056/B Erection of single storey conservatory to front of property 12 Ramsey Road, Peel. Mr. Cushing queried the proposal to build a conservatory on the front of the building which would break the defined house line. After discussion Members were in support of the application. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 10/01094/B General refurbishment works to include replacing porch flat roof with pitch roof and the removal of chimney to below roof covering, 54 – 60 Derby Road, 1 – 53, 65 – 73 Kerroo Coar, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/184

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

PA 10/00188/B Erection of an extension and widening existing driveway and vehicular access, 40 Mountain View, Peel for Mrs. Julie Marshall. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00694/B Erection of an industrial building, Fish Yard, Mill Road, Peel for the Water and Sewerage Authority. *APPROVED.*

PLANNING
APPLICATION
10/00665/B

10/185

The Town Clerk indicated that a Mr. Tully who owned Meadow View, Poortown Road, Peel had met with the Town Clerk to register his concern that the Planning Committee had not granted him interested party status even though his property was directly opposite the Heritage Homes development of forty three houses. Mr. Tully had made an application in 2005 to create an access road onto the main Poortown Road which had been subsequently refused by the Planning Committee upon advice from the Department of Transport.

Letter sent

Mr. Tully was concerned that he had received a letter from Miss Jennifer Chance, Development Control Manager at the Planning Office which indicated that the decision of the Planners to not grant him party status could not be appealed against. Having regard to the provisions of circular 1/06 relating to interested party status it would appear that Mr. Tully legitimately had interested party status. Mr. Tully had sought the Commissioners support in writing to the Department expressing concern

at the decision made.

Mr. Jones indicated that the decision not to grant Mr. Tully party status was ludicrous and that a letter sent by Miss Chance on 28th July indicating that any Appeal on the application had to be made before 29th July was ridiculous. It brought the Planning Committee into disrepute and after discussion it was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk write a letter to the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure expressing concern at this particular case.

MANX PRIX	GRAND	10/186	Members noted an email from the Manx Grand Prix Clerk of the Course in which support was sought to allocate an additional hour for the first practise session of 21 st August. Members had no objection to supporting the request.	Email sent
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LIVING COMMUNITY CHURCH	HOPE	10/187	Consideration was given to a request from the Living Hope Community Church which wished to hold a beach barbeque on Peel Beach on 29 th August 2010. Two barbeques would be used and overseen by responsible adults. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that further enquiries be made as to the exact location on the beach that was requested and the numbers likely to be involved. In addition a risk assessment would be required.	
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WINSTON CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS 2011		10/188	Consideration was given to a letter from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust regarding applications for its Travelling Fellowships 2011. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be placed on the Commissioners website for general public input.	Completed
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RNLI – SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING		10/189	Members noted an invitation to attend the Annual Service of Thanksgiving at Peel Lifeboat House on 8 th August 2010 at 3.00p.m. The Chairman, Mr. Lace and Mrs. O’Halloran indicated that they would attend the service.	
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ENERGY FOCUSSED COMMUNITIES		10/190	Members gave consideration to a letter from Patrick Parish Commissioners which had made arrangements to hold a meeting on the 13 th October 2010 at 7.30p.m. in St. Johns Methodist Church Hall to discuss and review the series of presentations that had been made at the meeting at Foxdale earlier in the year with regard to energy focussed communities. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Beale and Mr. Jones	
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attend the meeting on 13th October on behalf of Peel Town Commissioners and report back accordingly.

QUEEN ELIZABETH SECOND SCHOOL	HIGH	10/191	Consideration was given to a request from the QE11 High School for the Commissioners to sponsor the music prize at the senior prize giving scheduled for 13 th September 2010. It was <i>AGREED</i> to sponsor a £30 book voucher together with the music trophy.	Completed
CREG LAND SLIP	MALIN	10/192	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from John Gray, Structural Engineer together with a plan outlining his proposed methods of dealing with the landslip. It was <i>AGREED</i> that costed options would be required and that the matter be considered in detail at the next meeting.	Agenda item
YOUTH EVENTS	SERVICE	10/193	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Youth Officer to hold an outdoor event on Fenella Beach on Friday 6 th August 2010. <i>AGREED</i>	
			A further event to be held on 27 th August on Peel Beach was also approved.	
FACTORY LANE		10/194	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to concern from a resident of Factory Lane regarding the speed of vehicles down Factory Lane. Members <i>AGREED</i> that the resident needed to report the matter to the Police and it was also <i>AGREED</i> that it be raised at the Traffic Management meeting scheduled for the 4 th August 2010.	
PROMENADE STREET LIGHTING		10/195	The Chairman referred to four street lights at Marine Parade which were no longer working. The Town Clerk advised that the fault had been noted and referred to the Manx Electricity Authority to repair the said lights.	
TREE MEMORIAL SITE	PLANTING	10/196	The Chairman requested that the memorial site on Peel Hill be cut back and maintained on a regular basis. The Town Clerk agreed that this had been referred to the Technical Officer for ongoing maintenance action.	TQ

This part of the meeting ended at 8.25p.m.