

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Board Room, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 7th September 2010 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. A Jones

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/221	The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting and wished to comment on the customer satisfaction expressed over the running and operation of the Peel Campsite with particular regard to the positive comments about the campsite attendant, Mr. Quane.	
MINUTES	10/222	The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 th August 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to minor amendments to Minute 10/199 and Minute 10/201.	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL	10/223	Members considered the draft response prepared by the Town Clerk in respect of the Freedom of Information Bill consultation exercise and it was <i>AGREED</i> that it be forwarded to Central Government.	Response sent
DERBY ROAD BUS STOP	10/224	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/201 and indicated that Manx Telecom were not prepared to permit general parking within the grounds of the Albany Road telephone exchange. It was suggested that staff working for Telecom should utilise this car park for overnight parking of vehicles rather than the main streets within the Town. Reference was made to a draft Bill which proposed certain restrictions on parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas. Members felt that this would be a good piece of legislation if approved.	

DOUGLAS STREET CAR PARK LAYBY	10/225	Reference was made back to Minute 10/204 and it was noted that Mr. Barnes, Traffic Technician at the Department of Infrastructure had visited the Douglas Street area to view the use made of the layby. Mr. Barne's had suggested that a chicane as suggested by Mr. Gimbert would create additional problems in the area for traffic and pedestrians alike. Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that she had received a complaint over the Co-op delivery vehicle utilising Michael Street instead of the layby. The Town Clerk referred to a further email response from Mr. Cross of the Arg Beiy Veterinary Practice in which he indicated that the parking problems had been exacerbated by the provision of the layby. Mrs. Moughtin however indicated that she felt that the layby with disabled parking at other times was a good proposal and should be pursued. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> to seek feedback from both the Shoprite and Co-op stores as to the use of the temporary layby. Mr. Gimbert was of the view that the current temporary arrangement was less than successful and urged that consideration should be given to the use of a chicane into the car park with the layby being located in the Douglas Street road. Such a proposal could only be entered into with the support of the Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division. <i>NOTED</i>	Letter sent
IRIS REGIONAL STRATEGY	10/226	Reference was made back to Minute 10/207 and it was noted that the Chairman's list of questions put to Mr. Winstanley, Director of Drainage would be answered shortly and a response forwarded to the Commissioners. Mr. Gimbert referred to the matter and indicated that if the central valley link was taken out of the consultation exercise then he would be happy to leave the other local authorities affected by the proposal to respond.	
PEEL CAMPSITE	10/227	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/214 and indicated that the request from the Douglas Dog Training Club to stage an open agility show in the campsite field in 2012 had been deferred from the previous meeting. The matter was given further consideration and after discussion it was suggested that the campsite was an inappropriate location for this type of activity bearing in mind that it would be just prior to the preparations for the TT period. As an alternative	Letter sent

it was *AGREED* to offer the organisers use of the headlands field.

Members noted receipt of a letter from a UK visitor who had recently stayed at the campsite and had complimented the site and Mr. Quane, the campsite attendant on the high standards of the campsite.

A further letter from Mr. & Mrs. Quine praising the outdoor workforce for the attractive flower displays around the Town was also noted.

DRAFT RACE 10/228
RELATIONS ACT
2004

Mr. Cushing referred back to Minute 10/215 concerning the consultation exercise in respect of the Draft Race Relations Act 2004 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2010. It was Mr. Cushing's view that the exception clause drafted for Central Government did not apply to local authorities and it should be included where such matters as local authority housing lists could be deemed discriminatory in favour of Manx born applicants. It was therefore *AGREED* to suggest that local authorities should also be exempt as was proposed for Central Government.

OAK ROAD

10/229

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/218 and indicated that a response from Mr. Sewell at the Department of Infrastructure regarding the date when Oak Road was deemed to be a distributor road was still awaited.

Request made

Members noted receipt of a Press Release issued by the Department with regard to a 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures for Oak Road. Mr. Cushing indicated that the letter issued by the Department had been limited to those residents only that actually resided on Oak Road. Mr. Cushing was of the view that the information should also go to the residents of the whole estate at Ballawattleworth. It was *AGREED* to request the Department of Infrastructure to extend the information to the other dwellings within the estate.

TRADITIONAL
BOAT FESTIVAL

10/230

Reference was made back to Minute 10/220 and Members noted the receipt of a letter from the Port Manager, Mr. Best with regard to the Departments intention to charge harbour dues for future Peel Traditional Boat Festivals. Mr. Gimbert expressed disappointment at the stance taken as this was a tourism event that attracted

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visitors to the Island. He suggested that the festival organiser should apply to the Department of Infrastructure for grant aid. Mrs. Moughtin was of the view that the marina development was not a charity and had to be paid for hence the need to charge harbour dues to visiting boats owners. Mrs. O'Halloran stated that the boats that were attracted to the Peel Traditional Boat Festival were different from leisure cruisers and as these were old wooden built boats required more expensive maintenance. It was suggested that visitors in traditional boats would reduce if charges were introduced. At this stage it was *AGREED* to seek the views of the Traditional Boat Festival organisers and ascertain what the other festival organisers around the Irish sea charged in respect of harbour dues if at all.

CREG MALIN LAND SLIP	10/231	Reference was made back to Minute 10/203 and the Town Clerk confirmed that the Technical Officer had sought two quotations for the work to stabilise the bank. Arising therefrom Mr. Lace suggested that consideration should be given to the building of a row of garages (perhaps up to fifteen) on this land. If this were undertaken then the existing garages at the Douglas Street car park could be demolished to free up more space in the centre of Town. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> to investigate the feasibility and possible costings of this proposal.	PGL/TQ
PEEL BEACH	10/232	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/205 and enquired as to the cost implications of removing seaweed from the beach. The Town Clerk advised that the digger hire costs were in the region of £400. <i>NOTED</i>	
CREEK INN	10/233	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/217 and tabled a further photograph indicating that motorcycles during the TT period had parked across the area for the walkway in the vicinity of the corner of the Creek Inn with Lake Lane. It was <i>AGREED</i> to refer the issue to the Department of Infrastructure with a request that the walkway route be more clearly marked.	Request made
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	10/234	Members noted receipt of three Orders from the Department of Infrastructure regarding:- a draft Order for creating a reserved parking space in Tynwald Close, Members had no objection to the draft and it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Department accordingly. Members noted the	

Market Place, Market Street and Castle Street (Peel) (Temporary suspension of parking places) Order 2010 together with the Michael Street (Peel) (Temporary prohibition of use of highway by vehicles) (Amendment) (Number 2) Order 2010.

STREET
FURNITURE
PRESENTAITON

10/235 Members considered a letter from the Director of Highways regarding a presentation by the Department of Infrastructure regarding enforcement against un-licensed street furniture. The presentation was scheduled for either 14th September or 22nd September from 6pm to 8pm. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Cushing and Mr. Lace would attend the presentation on the 22nd September at the Sea Terminal.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

10/236 The following planning applications were Letter sent considered as follows:-

PA 10/01156/B Alterations and erection of a replacement extension, Croit e Ferish, Tynwald Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01167/B Alterations and creation of a dormer window to dwelling, 38 Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01173/B Installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevation, 6 Glenfaba Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01182/B Erection of a dwelling, comprising amendments to PA 08/02295/B, land adjacent to The Turrets, Ballaquane Road, Peel. Mr. Gimbert queried the soak away drainage arrangements with this planning application. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01189/B Installation of replacement windows to side and rear elevations, Croit e Ferish, Tynwald Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01206/B Erection of an extension to rear of dwelling house, comprising an amendment to PA 10/00005/B, 34 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01233/B Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house, 31 Campion Crescent, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/01238/B Erection of a two storey extension to Nursing Home and creation of temporary compound for use during construction, Castle View Nursing Home, Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 10/00945/B Installation of replacement windows and doors, 5 Peveril Road, Peel (revised drawings submitted). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/237 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 10/00966/B Installation of replacement windows, 8 Strand Street, Peel for Mr. Paul Cowin. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00977/B Alterations to front entrance, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel for Peel Town Commissioners. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00834/B Alterations and conversion of former school into a dwelling, Gawnes School of Navigation and cottage, Gawnes Court, Peel for Mr. Douglas Herbert Wilson-Spratt. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00665/B

10/238 Members noted receipt of a letter of response from Mr. P Gawne, MHK Minister for Infrastructure dated 12th August 2010 concerning Mr. Tully's dispute over the Planning Committee's decision not to grant him interested party status in respect of the Heritage Homes housing development adjacent to Rearyt ny Keylley. Mr. Gimbert queried the Planning Committee's grounds for refusing Mr. Tully interested party status and it was *AGREED* to seek clarification on this particular point. PGL

BELLE VUE PARK

10/239 Members considered a petition letter from Mr. Lewis and other residents of Belle Vue Park, Ballawattleworth Estate and Carmane Close regarding alleged anti-social behaviour by children in the Belle Vue Park area around the locked gate. In addition there were twenty three PGL

letters from other residents of the estate that opposed the removal of the locked gate as it would then create a throughway for traffic between the estates.

After discussion it was *AGREED* to advise the Police of alleged anti-social by youths in the area and request that they monitor the situation. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that all estates had children and adults should anticipate a certain level of noise and/or disruption and should live with the situation. In her opinion the activities could not be classed as anti-social behaviour. The Town Clerk advised that any decision to remove the gate would have to come from the Planning Department which had imposed this condition on approval for the Ballawattleworth Estate.

PUBLIC
CONVENIENCES

10/240

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Geoff Corkish, MHK, Member for the Tourism Division of the Department of Economic Development. Mr. Corkish had requested all local authorities in endeavouring to attract visitors to their areas, to review their provision of public toilets facilities. Mr. Gimbert suggested that the Harbours Division which operated and maintained the toilets on the breakwater should look to upgrade or improve those facilities. It was noted that the Commissioners three main toilets were part of an ongoing improvement programme. Members noted the letter from Mr. Corkish.

CIVIC SERVICES SUNDAY 10/241

The Town Clerk referred to four Civic Sunday Service invitations. It was noted that Laxey Village Commissioners would hold its Civic Service on 19th September 2010 at 11.00a.m. The Chairman was unable to attend and Mr. Lace indicated that he would make efforts to attend this service. Maughold Parish Commissioners would hold its service on 26th September 2010 at 3.00p.m. As the Chairman was unable to attend Mrs. Birkett indicated that she would try to attend this service. Ramsey Commissioners would hold its Civic Sunday service on 17th October 2010 at 10.30a.m. The Chairman indicated that he would attend this service. On the same day at 3p.m. Braddan Parish Commissioners would also hold its Civic Sunday service. The Vice-Chairman indicated that he would attend.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SEMINARS	10/242	Members considered an email from Mr. Cregeen, MHK regarding a number of seminars arranged by the Department of Infrastructure regarding local government issues. It was suggested that as Mr. Cregeen had been invited to meet with the Commissioners and a response was still awaited that Members would not be prepared to attend the day time seminar session arranged by the Department. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk write back to the Department with a request that Mr. Cregeen meet with the Board at a mutually convenient date.	Date set
SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST	10/243	Members noted receipt of the second supplemental valuation list for 2010.	
DRAFT ANTI- TERRORISM AND CRIME (AMENDMENT) BILL	10/244	Reference was made to a consultation exercise in respect of the Draft Anti-Terrorism and Crime (Amendment) Bill 2010. It was noted that responses were required by 20 th September 2010 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting.	
PEEL TO DOUGLAS ROAD	10/245	The Town Clerk referred to the proposed changes to the main Peel to Douglas road and indicated that the Highways Division wished to meet with each of the local authorities affected to consider the proposals. It was <i>AGREED</i> to invite Mr. Almond the Network Traffic Manager to the next meeting on 21 st September 2010 at 8.00p.m. to discuss the proposals.	
TOWN BYLAWS	10/246	Mr. Cushing enquired as to whether the Commissioners bylaws could be published on the Commissioners website. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
PROMENADE RAILINGS	10/247	Mr. Cushing referred to the new railings being installed on the promenade and indicated that the first section had been affected by rust prior to painting. It was noted that painting of the railings had taken place but there were gaps in the paint work. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be raised with the Department of Infrastructure.	TQ
		Arising therefrom reference was made to the lack of a litter bin at the Marine Parade end of the promenade. It was <i>AGREED</i> that one be provided. Mr. Gimbert referred to the use of green wheelie bins on the promenade when specific events were taking place and additional litter bin capacity was required. It appeared that	

these bins had been left out for a longer period and were not particularly attractive. The Town Clerk advised that he intended to include additional litter bins as a budget item for 2011.

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| BLUEBELL CLOSE | 10/248 | Mr. Beale referred to concerns expressed to him by a resident of Bluebell Close regarding the parking of vehicles within the Close that were not residents. It was noted that the Close was a public road and all vehicles were entitled to park there. | |
| MEETING WITH MR. GAWNE | 10/249 | The Town Clerk indicated that arrangements had been proposed to meet with Mr. Gawne, MHK to discuss a number of items for 7 th October 2010 at 7p.m. | |
| PEEL CAMPSITE | 10/250 | Mr. Gimbert referred to the use of generators at Peel Campsite and was of the view that the noise made by the generators and the possibility of a fire hazard was such that they should not be permitted at the campsite. It was noted that there were no specific regulations on use of the campsite and at this point it was <i>AGREED</i> to ascertain how many hook-up points were available for campers. | PGL |
| MICHAEL STREET | 10/251 | Mr. Gimbert referred to the revised arrangements for access to Michael Street and indicated that he had been told that the flashing signs were too high to be noticed. With regard to the enforcement of vehicle restrictions in Michael Street it was Mr. Gimbert's opinion that the Police were not undertaking this on a regular basis. | |
| HOUSE OF KEYS ELECTION | 10/252 | Mrs. Moughtin referred to the recent article in the local paper in which Mr. Gimbert had announced his intention to stand as a candidate for Peel in the 2011 Keys Election. Mrs. Moughtin wished him luck but also requested that as a Member of the Commissioners he did not use the Board of the Commissioners as a platform for electioneering. The Chairman indicated that he was sure that Mr. Gimbert would not abuse his position as a Commissioner in terms of his election campaign and in response Mr. Gimbert indicated that he would try to keep his election campaign and his duties as a Commissioner separate. In conclusion Mr. Gimbert indicated that he would comment as appropriate on any issue brought before the | |

Board as usual.

VISIT OF CRUISE 10/253
SHIP

Mr. Lace referred to the busy weekend when two cruise liners had berthed in Peel. The visits benefited the Town and its traders and it was proposed by Mr. Lace that a request be made for a deep water berth at the breakwater to facilitate large cruise liners berthing in Peel in the future. It was *AGREED* to make such a request to Central Government.

Letter sent

This part of the meeting ended at 8.30p.m.