

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Corrin Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 11th January 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Present Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)
 Mr. N Cushing
 Mr. E C Beale
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mr. R M Gimbert
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mr. D J Lace

Apologies Mr. A Jones
 Mrs. T M Birkett

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/439	The Chairman welcomed the public and press to the first meeting of 2011 and wished to extend his thanks to all those involved in the New Years Day Dip.
MINUTES	10/440	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th December 2010 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
NEW PLAY AREA	10/441	The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/429 and indicated that the project would proceed with the play equipment being installed within the next two months. It was anticipated that the public liability insurance would rest with the Department of Education and that the Commissioners would be responsible for annual inspections of the equipment. <i>NOTED</i>
IRIS SCHEME	10/442	The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/430 and agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Board meeting for Members to submit their responses for onward transmission to the Water and Sewerage Authority. Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert referred to his previous questions to be put to Mr. Crookall, Chairman of the Authority and it was <i>AGREED</i> that these would be tabled for Mr. Crookall at the next meeting.

It was *AGREED* that a meeting be arranged in due course with Mr. Crookall and the Director of Drainage with regard to the current position

regarding the regional treatment works for the West.

CHIROPODY PROVISION IN PEEL	10/443	Reference was made back to Minute 10/431 and Members noted receipt of the resident responses requesting reinstatement of the chiropody clinic in Peel. Mr. Lace indicated that the chiropodist would still attend in Peel for home visits if requested. Upon request from Mr. Gimbert it was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Minister for Health with request that the Department reconsider bringing back the service to Peel as previously enjoyed.	Letter sent
SEWAGE ISSUE – REAYRT NY CRONK	10/444	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/4354 and queried the position in which the Sewerage Authority had approved the connection of four properties to the main sewer in Derby Road contrary to the planning decision which was due to be heard at Appeal in March 2011 in respect of the other thirty nine properties. Mr. Gimbert enquired as to which took precedence - the Planning Department or the Water and Sewerage Authority. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be forwarded to the Director of Planning over this issue.	Letter sent
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP	10/445	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/436 and reported that the traffic safety mirror to be located near to Mount Murray had not yet been installed. The Town Clerk indicated that he had been advised the mirror should have been installed by the deadline date of 10 th January 2011 but this had not been achieved due to highway staff being involved in carrying out emergency pot hole repairs following the recent spell of bad weather.	
HOUSING MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE	10/446	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/413 and Members noted receipt of his recent report concerning the likely impact of the Departments' decision to reduce the housing maintenance allowance from 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % to 30% of rents received. <i>NOTED</i>	
ADVERTISING SIGNS	10/447	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/425 and indicated that the matter was still being investigated.	PGL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ACT 1985	10/448	Members noted receipt of the following draft traffic orders:-	

Various Roads (Peel) (Prohibition of Waiting) (Amendment) (No) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to amend the existing no waiting restrictions on sections of Christian Street, Derby Road and Church Street in the Town of Peel.

Various Road (Peel) (One Way Traffic) (Consolidation) (Amendment) (No) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to introduce a one way system on Derby Road and Christian Street in the Town of Peel.

A20 Poortown Road (Peel and German) (Temporary Prohibition of Through Traffic) Order 2010 –The effect of this Order is to prohibit through vehicular traffic from proceeding on that section of the A20 Poortown Road, in Peel and German from its junction with Ballaquane Road to point adjacent to Ballalough Farm, whilst new gas main work took place in two phases.

Peel (Parking Places Designation) (Amendment) (No) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to amend the existing and create new disc parking on Derby Road and Christian Street and remove the disc parking on Church Street in the Town of Peel.

Church Street (Peel) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to revoke the existing and impose new no waiting restrictions on sections of Church Street in the Town Peel.

Various Roads (Peel) (Prohibition of use of Highway by Stage Service Vehicles, Minibuses and Coaches) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to prohibit the use of the highway by Stage Service Vehicles, Minibuses and Coaches on Patrick Street, Atholl Street and Tynwald Road in the Town of Peel.

Various Roads (Peel) (Prohibition of Waiting) (Amendment) (No) Order 2011 – the effect of this Order was to impose no waiting restrictions on sections of Queens Drive and Heathfield Drive in the Town of Peel.

Mr. Gimbert referred to an email from Kevin Quine of the Department of Infrastructure in which the time frame for work between the

opposed the temporary closure on Saturdays. Mr. Gimbert indicated that he had also written to Minister Gawne enquiring as to whether the Chamber of Trade members could take responsibility to put out and remove the road closure barrier but had been told that this would not be possible. In response the Chairman indicated that the majority of residents were in favour of the road closure to vehicles on Saturdays running from 10.00a.m. until 4.30p.m. and after consideration it was *AGREED* by a majority that a request be sent to the Department of Infrastructure for the arrangement to be made permanent.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

10/453

The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

Letter
sent

10/01792/B

Installation of replace windows, 6 Lyndale Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

10/01795/B

Installation of patio doors to replace existing rear elevation window, 6 Lyndale Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

10/01791/B

Renovation, alterations and erection of extensions, Corrin Hall St German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

10/01813/B

Alterations and extension to rear elevation (re advertised due to amended plans received) Albany House, 9 Albany Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

10/01855/B

Construction of single storey boiler house behind existing gymnasium with associated flues and hard standing fuel delivery area, Queen Elizabeth High School, Douglas Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS
NOTIFIED

10/454

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

PA 10/01665/B Creation of an enclosed porch,

22 Magher Drine, Peel for Mr. David Kinley. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01671/B Erection of an aluminium shed (retrospective), Hillcrest, Derby Road, Peel for Mr. Francis Cowley Anglin Buttimore. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01662/B Installation of replacement windows, 54 Patrick Street, Peel for Mr. Lee Exton. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/00219/A Approval in principle for erection of a dwelling, land between Cliffe Cottage and Greystones, Battery Road, Peel for Mrs. Patricia Thompson, Mrs. Thurby-Pelham and Mrs. Shirley Noble. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01569/B Installation of replacement windows and erection of conservatory, Garden House, 4 Orry Lane, Peel for Mrs. Lesley McPherson. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01596/B Alterations and erection of a two storey extension to rear elevation, 34 St Germans Place, Peel for Mrs. Naomi Atkins. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01747/B Erection of a single storey extension to side elevation, 6 Creggans Avenue, Peel for Mrs. Marlene Looney. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01785/B Erection of advertising signage, Shoprite, Derby Road, Peel for Shoprite Limited. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/01744/B Blocking up side elevation doorways, 14-15 Reayrt Aalin, Peel for Peel Town Commissioners. *APPROVED.*

PA 10/188/B ON 10/455
APPEAL

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Minister in respect of the Appeal with regard to the erection of an extension and widening of existing driveway and vehicular access, 40 Mountain View, Peel. After consideration by the Planning Inspector the Minister had considered his report and agreed that the Appeal be dismissed and that approval for the application be confirmed. *NOTED*

HOUSING
CONFERENCE

10/456

Members noted receipt of notification from the Department of Social Care that the annual Letter sent

housing conference would take place on Wednesday 30th March 2011 at Mount Murray Hotel. It was noted that the Lead of Housing, Mr. Jones would attend the meeting with appropriate members of staff.

PEEL ACHIEVERS 10/457
RECEPTION

The Chairman referred to the nomination of Miss Zoe Lambie to receive recognition for her winning both gold and silver medals in the European Special Olympics 2010. The Chairman indicated that a reception be arranged for the 17th March 2011 at which the 2010 Peelonline photographic competition winners be also invited to receive their awards. PGL

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 10/458

Members noted that the Christmas tree lights be switched on the 3rd December 2011 at 4.30p.m. It was also noted that the Crosby and District Silver Band would be able to attend the switch on ceremony to provide carol music.

RACE RELATIONS 10/459
ACT 2004

Members noted receipt of a Government consultation regarding the duty to be placed on public authorities to promote good race relations. Members had no comment to make on the draft.

ELECTION 10/460
CANDIDATE
FUNDING
CONSULTATION

Members gave consideration to a consultation document regarding election candidate funding. As Mr. Gimbert was standing for the House of Keys election in September he declared an interest in this matter and took no further part in the discussion. PGL

Mr. Cushing raised concerns over the need for parties to be registered and that it could follow the UK model. As the majority of candidates in the Isle of Man were independent it avoided the UK situation of party politics. Mr. Cushing was also concerned at the possible creation of more civil service posts to administer the funding cap proposed and the Chairman also expressed concern that donations should be clearly identified and above board. Mr. Cushing was concerned that the aims of this consultation exercise could ultimately affect local authority elections and in his view the matter was too bureaucratic. Whilst funding should be declared concern was expressed over the payment in kind of services provided to election candidates. It was *AGREED* that a draft response be prepared for Members consideration prior to submission to the Chief Secretary's Office.

ROAD TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENT) BILL	10/461	Members gave consideration to the draft bill and agreed that the following comments be forwarded to the Department :- Concern was expressed over the new provision to allow film companies to park up to six vehicles on the public road for filming purposes and recovery of expenses by the Department due to extraordinary traffic. Members felt that it was the statutory duty of the Department to maintain the highway within its budget and not retain a right to seek additional costs from third parties. Members also felt that the installation of street lights should not be for “traffic management” purposes but only for reasons of traffic and pedestrian safety. Under this draft clause it was indicated that a mechanism should be included for consultation and agreement between the Department and the local authority rather than just a requirement for notification. If local authorities were denied input into consultation and agreement then it should be the Department’s responsibility to finance the running costs of such lighting.
SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST	10/462	Members noted receipt of the third supplemental valuation list dated 3 rd December 2010. <i>NOTED</i>
RAMSEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB	10/463	The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks from Mr. John Watterson, Secretary to the Ramsey Motorcycle Club with regard to the Commissioners assistance in respect of the sand races on Peel beach during the TT and Manx Grand Prix fortnights. Upon enquiry from Mrs. Moughtin the Town Clerk confirmed that the club would be looking to stage similar events this year on Tuesday 7 th June and Thursday 1 st September 2011.
ADVENTURE RACE AT PEEL	10/464	The Chairman referred to a request for the staging of an Isle of Man adventure race at Peel this summer similar to the race held in 2010. Members had no objection to the adventure race so sought subject to appropriate public liability insurance cover.
SHOPRITE STORE – DERBY ROAD	10/465	Mr. Gimbert referred to work to be undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure on Derby Road and requested permission for a seven week

period for a site cabin to be located on the grassed area at the rear of the Commissioners car park. *AGREED*

MULTI-STOREY
CAR PARK

10/466

Mr. Gimbert referred to information he had obtained on a website entitled “doubleyourparking.com” in which the company was able to provide multi-storey car parking in a kit form at an approximate cost of £9,000 per space. Mr. Gimbert indicated that it was a three phase scheme with the first two phases being provided at no cost. This related to initial google maps site investigation and establishment of ground levels. The company was able to provide a costed proposal suitable for submission for planning approval at no cost with the provision of the car park payable on the third stage only. Mr. Gimbert sought the Boards permission at this stage to progress the matter with the first two phases only being provided at no cost to the Commissioners. He also suggested that information obtained could be shared with the Department of Infrastructure.

RMG

Mrs. Moughtin indicated that she was opposed to the proposal and favoured the Commissioners awaiting the investigations to be carried out by the Department of Infrastructure who were shortly to receive a visit from a UK company to look into the proposal for a multi-storey car park in Peel. The Chairman indicated that there was a need to discuss the matter in detail and that a thorough review of the Town’s parking provision was a prerequisite. Members were not supportive of Mr. Gimbert’s proposal. However it was *AGREED* that the information regarding this company be passed to Mr. Crookall and the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr. Gimbert sought clarification as to where the proposed multi-storey car park would be sited if the Department of Infrastructure’s plans were followed. The Chairman indicated that this could be clarified at the meeting to be arranged in due course.

CAPITAL HOUSING
PROGRAMME

10/467

The Town Clerk referred to the loan overdraft agreement to be entered into with the Isle of Man Bank in the sum of £928,986.00 in respect of the current housing improvement schemes currently being progressed including the consultants fees and re-roofing schemes for Close Chairn.

APPROVED

CREEK INN

10/468

The Town Clerk referred to the current licence arrangement with the proprietor of the Creek Inn with regard to the placement of tables and chairs outside the Creek Inn public house. The Creek Inn was currently seeking an amendment to its public house licence which was due to be heard at a Licensing Court on 13th January 2011. It was noted that the issue concerning the adherence to the terms and conditions of the Commissioners licence may be raised with particular regard to the requirement that the tables and chairs be removed at the end of each day's business. Due to the bench tables and chairs being of a heavy construction this was not practical and the Creek Inn sought an amendment to the current licence to allow the tables and chairs to be left in situ during the summer season. After discussion it was *AGREED* that such an amendment be approved accordingly.

The meeting ended at 8.25p.m.