

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in Westland Elderly Complex, Peel on Tuesday 1st February 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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| Present | Mr. R Harmer (Chairman) |
| | Mr. N Cushing |
| | Mr. E C Beale |
| | Mr. A Jones |
| | Mrs. C A Moughtin |
| | Mr. R M Gimbert |
| | Mrs. J O'Halloran |
| | Mr. D J Lace |
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| Apologies | Mrs. T M Birkett |
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| In attendance | Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk) |
| | Mrs. C Horton (Librarian) |
| | Mr. R Baker (Leece Museum Curator) |

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME | 10/469 | The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the first meeting of February. Mr. Harmer reported that he had attended the Clothworkers School to give a talk to pupils on the Regeneration Scheme and the work of the Commissioners. | |
| MINUTES | 10/470 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 th January 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . | |
| WARD
REPORT | LIBRARY 10/471 | Mrs. Horton presented her report for the quarter ending December 2010. Numbers of people using the library had increased over the previous year. Mrs. Horton indicated that two class's from the Clothworkers School had visited the library. Mrs. Horton referred to developments with the increased use of e-books. A significant number of changes were accruing and it was <i>AGREED</i> that it would be of benefit to await developments nationally before considering the future use of e-books. It was noted that numbers using the Ward Library were healthy unlike a number of libraries in the United Kingdom. | |
| LEECE
REPORT | MUSEUM 10/472 | Mr. Baker presented his report for the Leece Museum and indicated that numbers for 2010 totalled 5239 which was deemed a most | RB |

successful year. Mr. Baker reported that the Peel Heritage Trust had received a donation in memory of the late Eric Greggor and with the donation and an additional sum from the Trustees a painting had been purchased of Peel Fishing Boats by a John Windsor Kelly. During the period a number of exhibitions had taken place including a photographic display from the Southern Photographic Society. Mr. Baker indicated that the Museum had also acquired a high performance scanner and a laminator which would prove extremely useful.

The Curator referred to the National Exhibition of Museums to be organised by the BBC under the history of world project and indicated that he had been invited to London to attend the exhibition. The Board supported Mr. Baker's attendance at this exhibition which would take place on 14th March 2011 as it would boost Peel's reputation on a much wider scale. Mr. Baker indicated that the next meeting of the Museum Trust would take place on 22nd April 2011.

The Chairman indicated that he had recently inspected the upper level of the Ward Library and enquired as to whether the former flat could be given over to provide additional exhibition space for the Museum. Mr. Baker indicated that it would be more beneficial to seek grant assistance to provide a mezzanine floor within the Museum building. At this stage Mr. Baker needed to obtain estimated costings.

Mrs. Horton and Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.20p.m.

CHIROPODY
PROVISION IN PEEL

10/473

Members noted receipt of a letter of reply from the Honourable D M Anderson, MHK Minister for the Department of Health. Mr. Gimbert indicated his deep concern that whilst providing a new doctors surgery and health centre in Peel at the same time the Department was removing the chiropody service in Peel. It was Mr. Gimbert's view that provision of this service should have been re-evaluated and the Chairman indicated that it would be appropriate to send a further letter to the Department enquiring as to why the

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new medical centre could not be used to provide a chiropody base in Peel.

SEWAGE ISSUE – 10/474
REAYRT NY CRONK

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/444 and referred to a letter of response from Mr. McCauley, Director of Planning regarding the procedure between the Planning Authority and the Water and Sewerage Authority over new developments and in respect of which took precedence. *NOTED*

ADVERTISING 10/475
SIGNS

Mr. Jones referred to Minute 10/447 and indicated that in addition to any charge imposed by a local authority for replacement of advertising boards it appeared that the Planning Department also sought an £88 advertising fee for each request. Mr. Jones enquired as to the situation whereby a licence issued by a local authority may result in an advertising fee not being paid to the planners. It was *AGREED* that this matter be clarified with the Planning Department. PGL

DOUGLAS STREET 10/476
CAR PARK

The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/449 and indicated that in terms of the provision of a permanent loading bay for commercial vehicles at the bottom end of the Douglas Street car park the Board would have to give formal approval to the Department of Infrastructure for the transfer of the land prior to any scheme being undertaken. Mr. Gimbert expressed concern at the possible loss of up to eight parking spaces if the land was transferred to the Department for a layby and also expressed concern at the need to publicise the matter more widely. After discussion Members noted that the loading bay had proved reasonably successful with suppliers to the Michael Street shops and it was *AGREED* to seek approval to transfer the land to the Department of Infrastructure on the basis that a permanent layby would be created. It was also *AGREED* that if at any point in the future the layby was no longer required then the land would revert to the Commissioners. With Mr. Gimbert registering his opposition the remainder of the Board approved the proposed transfer subject to necessary approvals. PGL

STREET LIGHTING 10/477

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/451 and indicated that the Manx TQ

Electricity Authority had requested a fee in the region of £200 to change the switching mechanism so that the lights would switch off at 1.30a.m. and come back on at 5.30a.m. during the winter period. *AGREED*

MICHAEL STREET	10/478	Reference was made back to Minute 10/452 and Mr. Jones indicated that he had been made aware of a problem whereby vehicles were accessing Michael Street during the closure period from the side roads. It was <i>AGREED</i> the issue be raised with the Department of Infrastructure and the Police accordingly.	PGL
PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION	10/479	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/457 and indicated that the Peel Achievers reception had now been arranged for 24 th March 2011 at Peel Golf Club. The Chairman indicated that all Commissioners and their partners were invited and he also reported that a number of other parties were interested in attending. It was his intention to make the occasion a charity based event and celebration of all that was best in Peel. The Chairman indicated that arrangements were being made for a band to provide music and Mr. Lace stated that he also had been approached by a person who was prepared to run a disco free of charge for any charity based event. <i>NOTED</i>	
MANX HARRIERS	10/480	Members noted receipt of the details for the Easter Festival of Athletics which would take place between 22 nd and 24 th April 2011. Members had no opposition to the proposed running of the Peel Hill Race taking place on Saturday 23 rd April 2011. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the portable toilet block be provided at the start and end of the event on East Quay near the House of Manannan.	Letter sent
ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL	10/481	Members noted receipt of a letter from St. Germans Cathedral regarding a procession to take place on Palm Sunday, 17 th April 2011. It was noted that the Police had been contacted and Members had no objection to the procession taking place along the route indicated.	Letter sent
MALEW CIVIC SUNDAY SERVICE	10/482	Members noted receipt of an invitation to the Malew Civic Service to take place on 6 th	Letter sent

March 2011 at 3.00p.m. at the Abbey Church, Ballasalla. The Chairman indicated that he would be able to attend.

PLAY AREA	10/483	The Chairman indicated that the new play area to be constructed within the grounds of the Clothworkers School would take place over the half term period. <i>NOTED</i>	
CONSULTATION ON LARGE VEHICLES PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS	10/484	Members considered a consultation document received from the Department of Infrastructure regarding parking of large vehicles in residential areas. It appeared the Department was seeking public opinion on possible new legislation to control this issue and it was agreed that the Chairman and Town Clerk complete the questionnaire attached to the back of the consultation document for onward transmission to the Department by the deadline date of 18 th February 2011.	Email reply
IRIS SCHEME	10/485	Members noted the response from the Director of Drainage following concerns over comments made by a consultant at AECOMM regarding sewage issues on bathing beaches. <i>NOTED</i>	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	10/486	The following planning applications were considered as follows:- 11/00023/GB Creation of landscaping scheme including the erection of an electricity sub station, replica keeill and hermits cell, and bus shelter layby (in association with 11.00024/C), St. Germans Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 11/00024/CON Registered Building Consent for creation of landscaping scheme including the erection of an electricity sub station, replica keeill and hermit's cell, and bus shelter layby (RB No 204 in association with 11/00023 GB), St. German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 11/00029/B Installation of replacement front door, 1 Mona Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	Letter sent

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

10/487

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

PA 10/01855/B Erection of a boiler house extension with associated flues and hardstanding fuel delivery area, QE11 High School, Douglas Road, Peel. *APPROVED*

PA 10/01545/B Creation of doorway in the rear boundary wall 14 Orry Lane, Peel for Mrs. Sara Alexandra Souther. *APPROVED*

REGENERATION
SCHEME

10/488

The Chairman updated Members on the current position regarding the Government Regeneration Scheme. With regard to small applications under £10,000 it was noted that an advert seeking painters and decorators to register their interest to undertake a painting scheme for the frontages of certain shops in Michael Street was shortly due to be published. PGL

Mr. Gimbert referred to the provision of wi-fi in Peel and indicated that three quotes had been obtained and that an application form had been completed for submission to the Regeneration Committee. Mr. Gimbert indicated that under the project wi-fi coverage would extend from the lower end of Albany Road to the beach groyne encompassing East Quay and Michael Street. This was under phase one of a wider scheme and was priced at £9,105. Mr. Gimbert indicated that there would be ongoing annual costs of £1,200 which he sought approval for from the Commissioners. It was anticipated that as the project become self funding these costs would ultimately be covered. Members supported submission of the applications accordingly.

The Chairman referred to the last meeting of the Regeneration Committee when it had been suggested that buskers be encouraged to Peel to play music. It was *AGREED* that a suitable press notice be issued requesting interested parties to contact the Town Hall.

CRUSE
BEREAVEMENT

10/489

Members noted receipt of a letter from Cruse Bereavement Care which intended to hold a Letter sent

CARE

memory walk along the former railway line from Peel to St. Johns ending at the Arboretum. The proposed date for the walk was 17th July 2011 and it was estimated there would be a minimum of one hundred walkers. Members had no objection to the event commencing from Peel.

ROAD TRAFFIC 10/490
REGULATION ACT
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The Town Clerk referred to the issue of an emergency notice closing a section of Derby Drive in Peel between the 2nd February and 5th February 2011 to enable mains gas works to be undertaken. *NOTED* Mr. Gimbert referred to the further closure of Derby Road scheduled from 7th February and indicated that it would be difficult if the two schemes overlapped. *NOTED*

TOWN RATE 10/491

Mrs. O'Halloran referred to comments she had received from a rate payer complaining about the increase in rates for the financial year 2011/2012. The Chairman indicated that the increase was under 1% and that it would be inappropriate to significantly utilise reserves without having regard to a town rate increase. *NOTED*

KERROO COAR 10/492
PAVEMENTS

Mr. Lace referred to complaints he had received regarding the poor condition of the pavements at Kerroo Coar. It was *AGREED* that the matter be referred to the Department of Infrastructure for remedial work. TQ

MOUNT MURRAY 10/493
TRAFFIC MIRROR

The Town Clerk updated Members on the position regarding the Department's installation of a traffic mirror at the junction of the Mount Murray road. The work had still not been completed due to Highway staff working on repairing potholes. It was to be hoped that the mirror would be erected shortly.

FENELLA BEACH 10/494
CAR PARK

Mr. Lace referred to the parking shortage within Peel and reiterated his proposal that the issue could be addressed by blasting the section of Peel Hill at the end of Fenella Beach to enable extension of the car park. In his opinion this would be a cheap option compared to the provision of a multi-storey facility in the Town. The Chairman indicated

that this suggestion would be discussed when the Commissioners met with the Department of Infrastructure to discuss parking in Peel.

MICHAEL STREET 10/495 The Chairman referred to the provision of litter bins in Michael Street and suggested that additional bins may be of benefit. It was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated and costed out. PGL/TQ

PEEL TRAFFIC 10/496 The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Barnes of the Department of Infrastructure wished to meet with the Commissioners to run through the traffic signage prepared for Peel. It was *AGREED* to meet with Mr. Barnes at the next Board meeting on 15th February 2011 at 8.30p.m. MANAGEMENT PLAN

MEMORIAL TREE 10/497 Mr. Lace requested that the outdoor staff who had undertook work on the memorial site on Peel Hill be thanked for their efforts. *AGREED* PGL
PLANTING SITE –
PEEL HILL

This part of the meeting ended at 7.55p.m.