

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies                Mrs. T M Birkett

In attendance            Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/526	The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and remarked upon the recent death of Mr. Harrison Quirk, a former Peel Town Commissioner and Chairman. Mr. Quirk had served as the youngest Chairman of the Commissioners at the age of thirty three and was also a founding member of Peel Heritage Trust. One minute silence was observed.	
MINUTES	10/527	The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2011 subject to a minor amendment to Minute 10/508 where the reference to Mr. Cushing was deleted were confirmed as a true record of proceedings.	
REGENERATION SCHEME – WI-FI	10/528	Mr. Gimbert updated Members on the current position regarding the regeneration application for wi-fi provision in lower Peel. Mr. Gimbert had recently met with the Regeneration Manager Mrs. McCauley and also with Mr. Gary Shilling of Wi-Manx. He indicated that initial costs could be off-set from internet advertising income and it was his view that such income generated could result in a cost neutral position for the Commissioners in respect of provision of wi-fi in Peel. It was noted that Mr. Gimbert would attend the next meeting of the Regeneration Committee to expand upon the application. In conclusion Mr. Gimbert indicated that positive feedback had been received over the proposal for wi-fi	RMG

provision in Peel. Upon enquiry from Mrs. Moughtin it was noted that both East Quay and West Quay would be covered with wi-fi access.

MICHAEL STREET 10/529 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/503 PGL and reported that he was awaiting a response from the Manx Electricity Authority regarding the possible provision of a bench seat and litter bin outside the Authority Showroom in Michael Street. Mr. Lace suggested that any such seat could be secured to the pavement on a permanent basis.

PA10/01123/C AND 10/530 Mr. Cushing referred back to Minute 10/507 and PA10/01124/B ON indicated that he had attended the Heritage Homes Limited Appeal for removal of condition 7 and variation of condition 9 of planning application PA 09/00521/B in respect of the residential development of forty three dwelling adjacent to Reayrt Ny Keylley with the Town Clerk and Technical Officer.

The Inspector, Mr. Self, had taken evidence from the parties present with regard to the Appeal hearing. Mr. Cushing reported that the point had been made in respect of the new computer model which supported the revised disposal arrangements for treated effluent into the main sewer had never been tested or been subject to peer review. A claim from Mr. Wade of the Water and Sewerage Authority that the Commissioners had been invited to inspect the computer model had been challenged and it was noted that this claim was currently being investigated by the Town Clerk and Technical Officer. The Commissioners views over the building of properties up to the limit indicated in the Island Strategic Plan for the West of the Island had also been made to the Inspector. It was noted that the Inspector's opinion on the Appeal was awaited.

SNOW CODE 10/531 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/514 TQ and confirmed that a supply of salt/grit could be maintained at the Commissioners Mill Road depot for use around the Town in the event of adverse weather/snow conditions.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace suggested that one or two small grit spreaders be purchased. It was *AGREED* to investigate the cost thereof. In addition Mr. Lace indicated that chains be

purchased for use on employees footwear to prevent slipping. *AGREED*

MARKET PLACE DISC 10/532 Discussion ensued over the Commissioners Letter  
PARKING further request to the Department of sent  
Infrastructure to amend the thirty minute disc  
parking order to one hour on the Market Place.

Mrs. Bowie of City Butchers, Douglas Street, presented the Chairman with a petition signed by a substantial number of people requesting the Commissioners to amend the disc parking times in the Market Place and Atholl Place to two hours. In addition that a second level of parking be investigated for the Douglas Street/Market Place car park. The Chairman accepted the petition and indicated that a copy would be forwarded to the Department of Infrastructure accordingly.

The Chairman read out a copy letter received from Mr. Birchenough of 8 Market Street, Peel which had been sent to the Isle of Man Examiner regarding his concerns over the lack of consultation and the Commissioners request to the Department of Infrastructure for half hour parking under the disc zone. Mr. Harmer stated that the Commissioners had no current plans to introduce pay and display as suggested in Mr. Birchenough's letter. Mrs. Moughtin stated that whilst spaces were available during the week a more serious problem regarding non availability of parking spaces in the Douglas Street/Market Place car park occurred over the weekend period when it was taken up with parking of larger vans/commercial vehicles in addition to residents and shoppers cars. It was *AGREED* that the letter be copied to the Department of Infrastructure.

DOMAIN NAMES 10/533 The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/517 PGL  
and it was noted that the cost of the two domain names would be available at the next Board meeting.

STREET LIGHTING 10/534 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/519 PGL  
and reported that the Technical Officer was scheduled to meet a representative of Luminaires Limited to explore the possible provision of LED street lighting at a meeting scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011. *NOTED*

- SEWAGE SPILL – 10/535 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/520 and indicated that an email had been sent to Mr. Winstanley, Director of Drainage at the Water and Sewerage Authority with a number of questions concerning the recent sewage spillage near to the Derby Road roundabout and that a reply was still awaited.
- REAYRT NY KEYLLEY  
ROUNDAABOUT
- ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 10/536 Members noted receipt of a draft Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act creating a reserved parking space in Tynwald Close, Peel to serve a property at Westlands. *NOTED* Request issued
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- Members also noted a draft Order under the Act which revoked the existing restriction on waiting outside the Ward Library, Castle Street and replaced it with disc parking. It was noted that the disc parking provision could only be successful if it was properly enforced. It was *AGREED* that both the Ward Librarian and Town Warden be requested to refer breaches of the Order to the Police for appropriate action.
- WESTERN TRAFFIC 10/537 The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Lace, Mr. Beale and the Town Clerk had attended the recent meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- MANAGEMENT  
GROUP
- The meeting had discussed the first phase of the Traffic Management plan regarding the one way systems in Derby Road and Christian Street and in that respect the Town Clerk indicated that eleven reserved parking bays would be created in the Derby Road car park for use of Church Street resident vehicle owners.
- The Town Clerk tabled a plan from the Highways Section of the Department which proposed to increase the provision of double yellow lines in the vicinity of the West View/Heathfield Drive crossroads. It appeared that vehicles were parking up to the junction and creating a traffic hazard. Members had no objection to the proposal from the Department.
- The Town Clerk also referred to a second plan which intended to create a small area of double yellow lines at the rear of 2 Market Place in Lake Lane. In addition a bollard would be installed to ensure access up and down Lake Lane. *NOTED*

Mr. Lace reported that he had raised the issue regarding pedestrian safety on the Ramsey Road near to the JCK Quarry. Mr. Lace intended to raise the issue with the relevant property owner as to the possible provision of a small area of land to create a pavement for pedestrians at this dangerous location.

The Town Clerk also reported that the traffic calming signage in Ballawattleworth Estate was shortly due to be completed. Mr. Cushing indicated that additional signs on all the roads in the estate would be required and that a speed limit sign also needed replacement. *NOTED*

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS  
COMMENT

FOR

10/538

The following planning applications were considered for comment as follows:-

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11/00147/B

Alterations and erection of extensions to dwelling, 18 Bridge Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

11/00166/B

Installation of a light tunnel, 2 Rheast Bridson, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

11/00190/C

Additional use of existing residential apartment as tourist accommodation, Apartment 1 Castlevue Apartments, 5 Marine Parade, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

11/00194/B

Erection of an extension to dwelling, 8a Crown Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

11/00196/C

Change of use from Medical Centre to a Police Station, Peel Medical Centre, Derby Road, Peel. Mr. Gimbert indicated that one of the plans attached to the application indicated that the area to the rear of the former medical centre which was subject to an exchange of land between Shoprite Limited and the Commissioners had been included as part of the proposed development for a new Police Station. Mr. Gimbert also indicated that the proposal for CCTV coverage at the front of the building and facing the properties on Derby Road could be of concern to residents living opposite. After

discussion it was *AGREED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL* for the application subject to the comment that the rear of the site was not part of the proposal and that the Police CCTV cameras should only point to the immediate car parking area and not be directed to the Derby Road properties opposite.

PLANNING DECISIONS 10/539  
NOTIFIED

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

PA 10/01813/B Alterations and extension to rear elevation, Albany House, 9 Albany Road, Peel for Mrs. Nikki Sperring. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00219/A ON 10/540  
APPEAL

Members noted receipt of notification that an Appeal against approval for approval in principle for erection of a dwelling, land between Cliffe Cottage and Greystones, Battery Road, Peel had been received. Members *AGREED* to make no comment on the Appeal which was due to be heard on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

PEEL CIVIC SUNDAY 10/541

Consideration was given to the proposed date for Peel Civic Sunday 2011. After discussion it was *AGREED* to hold the Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Arising therefrom Mr. Jones indicated that the previous Sunday service at the Cathedral had no communion service included as a result of there being an Ecumenical Service. It was therefore *AGREED* that as a precedent had been set to request that Canon Godfrey hold the Civic Service at 11.00a.m. and not 10.30a.m.

PATRICK PARISH 10/542  
CIVIC SERVICE

Members noted receipt of an invitation to attend the Patrick Parish Civic Service on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 10.30a.m. The Chairman and Mr. Gimbert indicated that they would attend the Service. Mr. Cushing and Mr. Jones stated that they would check their diaries to see if they were able to attend also.

Letter sent

MANX TELECOM 10/543  
RALLY

Consideration was given to a request from Manx Auto Sport Limited to hold the Manx Telecom Rally finishing ceremony on Peel Promenade outside the Peel Sailing Club premises. It was noted that the ceremony would take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011 from approximately 3.00p.m. The organisers intended to seek a road closure for East Quay from its junction with

Letter sent

Crown Street and from the Weatherglass Corner along the Promenade to its junction with Crown Street. Members had no objection to the finishing ceremony taking place in Peel and it was *AGREED* to advise the organisers accordingly.

STREET LICENCE	TRADERS	10/544	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Tim Knighton of 12 Douglas Street, Peel who operated The Crust Sandwich Shop in Douglas Street for a street trading licence to operate a small catering trailer on the harbour tongue adjacent to the Weatherglass Corner. Mr. Knighton intended to sell freshly caught fish together with crab and shellfish. Members discussed the request and having regard to the fish shop in Mill Road and the trading licence issued the previous year to Mr. Barrow to sell similar products it was <i>AGREED TO REFUSE</i> the request.	Letter sent
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Mr. Gimbert referred to Mr. Knighton's letter and indicated that whilst the Board had refused the request it should make it clear that the widely publicised "Big Fish Fight" should be supported. This campaign was opposed to fish quotas which resulted in vast quantities of fish being destroyed. Members *AGREED* that it would support the campaign.

FLAG DAY		10/545	Consideration was given to a request from St. John Ambulance to hold a flag day collection in Peel on 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2011. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
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It was also noted that in 2010 the flag day collection had raised the sum of £211.61.

SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST		10/546	Members noted receipt of the first supplemental valuation list for 2011.	
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PEEL GOLF CLUB		10/547	The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks from the Secretary to Peel Golf Club with regard to the Commissioners donation to the Peel Town Cup prize fund.	
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WESTERN SWIMMING POOL		10/548	The Chairman referred to a letter signed by a number of Members of the Aqua Fit classes at the Western Swimming Pool. The members complained about the 25% increase in charges and the fact that no notice had been given. Mr. Beale, Chairman of the Western Swimming Pool Board, indicated that he would refer to the matter	
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“In Committee”.

COMMISSIONERS NEWSLETTER	10/549	Members were requested to submit items of news to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the next edition of the Peel Commissioners newsletter.	
PEEL CENTRE	MEDICAL 10/550	Mr. Jones referred to the new medical centre in the grounds of the Corrin Home. It appeared that a number of users were parking their cars in Westlands road as opposed to using the car park provided. It was <i>AGREED</i> to refer the issue to the Department of Infrastructure for consideration and possible action.	Email sent
		Arising therefrom Mr. Lace referred to the Derby Road rear lane in which he had received complaints over speeding vehicles. The Town Clerk indicated that a 10mph speed limit and one way system had been implemented. In addition speed restriction bumps had been built into the lane to prevent speeding traffic. Mr. Gimbert indicated that the road was part of the highway although some property owners may have title to part of the road. The problem of speeding vehicles had been referred to the Department of Infrastructure and it was anticipated that some improvements would be carried out.	
SKATEBOARD PARK	10/551	Mr. Gimbert reported that the ramps on the skateboard park needed attention and repair. The Town Clerk indicated that the matter had been referred to the Technical Officer for necessary repairs.	TQ
REGENERATION SCHEME	10/552	Upon enquiry from the Chairman the Town Clerk indicated that three tender prices had been received for the re-painting of certain shop frontages in Michael Street. It was noted that the Commissioners would jet clean and power wash the guttering prior to the re-painting scheme.	
BALLATESSAN MEADOW	10/553	Mr. Cushing referred to reports over dog fouling in Ballatessan Meadow. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Warden be requested to target this area. The Town Clerk also indicated that the Town Warden had spent a significant period of time on the Ballawattleworth Estate following claims of dog fouling. It appeared that the level of fouling in the estate could be mostly attributed to cats as opposed to dogs.	Email sent

This part of the meeting ended at 7.45pm



