GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 19th April 2011 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R Harmer (Chairman)

Mr. E C Beale Mrs. T M Birkett Mr. N Cushing Mrs. J O'Halloran Mr. A Jones

Mrs. C A Moughtin Mr. R M Gimbert

Apologies Mr. D J Lace

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Mrs C Horton (Ward Librarian)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

10/611

The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and presented a bouquet of flowers and card to Mrs. Margery Faragher on being selected to meet Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday to receive her Maunday money. In addition the Chairman also wished to extend the Commissioners congratulations to Karen Elliott who had won her fifth Cleveland Medal at this years Guild.

The Chairman indicated that this was his last meeting as Chairman of the Commissioners and he wished to state that it had been an honour and privilege to serve as Chairman. He wished to thank the Town Clerk and his staff for all their hard work and indicated that his highlight of the year had been the recent Peel Achievers reception when Zoe Lambie was recognised for her success in the 2010 Special Olympics held in Poland.

MINUTES 10/612 The

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2011 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

ISLE OF MAN 10/613 STRATEGIC PLAN The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/593 and reported that the possible future development "near to the Town centre" by Heritage Homes Limited related to the continuing housing development at Reayrt ny Cronk.

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OAK ROAD 10/614

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/596 and indicated that a response from the Department of Infrastructure over the proposed relocation of the bus stop was awaited.

DISC PARKING 10/615

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/599 and confirmed that a letter of acknowledgement had been received from the Department of Infrastructure dated 8th April 2011 concerning resident views on disc parking at the Market Place. A detailed response would be received from Mr. Barnes of the Department within twenty eight days. *NOTED*

PA 10/00455/B ON 10/616 APPEAL Members noted a copy of a letter sent to the Planning Appeal Administrator citing the grounds on which the Commissioners objected to the Heritage Homes Limited appeal for the residential development of 101 dwellings at Reayrt ny Cronk.

WEST QUAY 10/617

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/613 and indicated that an acknowledgement had been received from the Harbours Division regarding the Commissioners concerns over the amount of untidy fishing nets and debris on West Quay. The matter would receive a full response from Captain Best in due course. *NOTED*

DOG CONTROL 10/618 BYELAWS Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/612 and it was confirmed that the signs prohibiting access onto the beach for the summer season (April to September) had been amended and were now on display. *NOTED*

Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that dog owners were still taking their dogs onto the beach particularly in the early morning. It was *AGREED* that this issue be targeted by the Town Warden.

REGENERATION 10/619 SCHEME - WI-FI Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 10/590 and confirmed that the Commissioners had agreed to finance the first year operating costs for the wi-fi scheme.

ROAD TRAFFIC 10/620 REGULATION ACT 1985

Members noted receipt of an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 prohibiting through traffic on a temporary basis in Castle Street from 18th April 2011 until 21st April 2011 whilst construction works took place.

PEEL ALLOTMENT 10/621

Members considered a concern received from Mr. Ingrey of 16 Ballagyr Park, Peel regarding the increased usage of Ballagyr Lane by vehicles travelling to and from the allotment site. Mr. Ingrey was concerned that this popular route for walkers and cyclists could create a safety issue. The matter was discussed and Members were of the view that traffic using the lane would not be travelling at high speeds and that there was no material issue over safety in the Commissioners opinion.

PLANNING 10/622 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT

Consideration was given to a planning Letter sent application as follows:-

PA 11/00452/B Extension to dwelling, 8 Ballaquane Park, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

Pa 11/00196/C Change of Use from Medical Centre to a Police Station, Peel Medical Centre, Derby Road, Peel. Application withdrawn. *NOTED*

PLANNING 10/623 DECISION NOTIFIED

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

PA 11/00190/C Additional use of existing residential apartment as tourism accommodation, Apartment 1, Castle View Apartments, 5 Marine Parade, Peel for Reverend Clive Brian Burgess. *APPROVED*

PA 10/1475/B ON 10/624 APPEAL

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Appeals Inspector in respect of the Appeal for the installation of replacement windows (retrospective), 5 Market Place, Peel by Colefax Limited. The Minister had accepted the Inspectors recommendation that the Appeal by dismissed. The Minister had directed that the windows be removed and replaced by windows which complied with a previous approval granted under Planning Application 10/00844/B. *NOTED*

WARD LIBRARY – 10/625 ANNUAL STATISTICIAL

Mrs. Horton the Ward Librarian presented her annual statistical report for the library for the period April 2010 to March 2011. Mrs.

REPORT

Horton indicated that the membership figure for the end of March 2011 had shown a decrease. However the last renewal of membership had shown that the position was not as bad as reported.

Mrs. Horton indicated that the issue of books in total for the year continued to show an upward trend.

It was also noted that the outdoor staff had cleared the untidy garden area to the side of the library and it had now been paved with stones and looked much more attractive. The Librarian wished to thank Mr. Parsons for his work in this respect.

Discussion ensued over the age of the computers and it was *AGREED* that the Librarian obtain prices for replacement computers for the following financial year 2012/2013. At the Librarian's request it was also *AGREED* that the library together with Leece Museum and the Campsite be promoted more heavily in the next edition of the Commissioners newsletter scheduled for July/August 2011.

Mrs. Horton left the meeting

BUILDING 10/626 CONTROL ACT 1991 Members noted receipt of a letter issued on behalf of the Environmental Health Division to the Secretary of Michael Street Management Company Limited following a recent incident when a pane of glass had fallen from a first floor window at 20/22 Michael Street, Peel and struck a pedestrian. The company had been given twenty one days to respond to the request for remedial work to be undertaken. *NOTED*

ROLLS ROYCE 10/627 ENTHUSIASTS CLUB Members concerned a request from the Secretary to the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club in which a rally would be held on 15th May 2011 with a number of Rolls Royces being parked at the former swimming pool site, Marine Parade, Peel from 2.15p.m. to 2.45p.m. Members had no objection to the rally.

ISLE OF MAN 10/628 YOUTH TOUR Members noted receipt of a letter from the Event Co-ordinator indicating that a cycle race would take place over the period 30th April to 1st May in the West of the Island which would include part of Peel. NOTED

SUPPLEMENTAL 10/629 VALUATION LIST

Members noted receipt of the first PGL supplemental valuation list dated 1st April Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert referred to three properties that had been zero rated and requested that enquiries be made as to why these properties had been rated as such.

BRIDGE STREET 10/630

The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had PGL received from Carlton Homes Limited which indicated that it intended to seek a road closure order in respect of the lower part of Bridge Street from the junction with Duke Street to the promenade for the period 3rd May to 3rd July 2011 whilst demolition and construction work took place in respect of a new dwelling. Members discussed the letter and expressed concern at the proposed closure of this road during the main part of the summer season. It was agreed that the Commissioners concerns be conveyed to the Highways Division of the Department of Infrastructure indicating the Commissioners objection to any such application and that any such works should be deferred until the end of the summer season.

STREET TRADERS 10/631 LICENCE

Consideration was given to a request from Letter sent Mr. Gary Fitzpatrick of Isle of Man Cycle Hire who wished to operate a cycle hire business from an appropriate location in Peel over the weekend period during the summer season. Mr. Fitzpatrick originally intended to seek the location of his business in Douglas but due to lack of progress was now prepared to consider setting up in Peel. Members were in support of a new business being established subject to a suitable location being identified by Mr. Fitzpatrick. In conclusion the Board AGREED in principle to Mr. Fitzpatrick being offered a street trading licence subject to him obtaining a suitable location for his cycle hire business.

RAMSEY ROAD 10/632 **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Letter sent Blackburn Construction Services Limited regarding its plans to develop the site behind the Loades Factory. The revised site layout

plan indicated that the access road into the development site would involve a realignment to the end of Oak Road within the Ballawattleworth Estate. Mr. Cushing indicated that the development work should comply with the previously approved planning application and that the new road should align with the end of Oak Road. The Town Clerk also indicated that work would commence with the visibility splays from Reayrt Aalin onto the new roundabout to be constructed to the entrance to the estate. NOTED

WILLOW CLOSE 10/633

Mr. Cushing indicated that residents from ECB Willow Close had expressed concern at the Willow Close car park being used by allotment tenants. Mr. Beale reported that the allotment car park would be available for use within the next two to three weeks and the problem should ease thereafter. Arising therefrom reference was also made to a requirement that the allotment sheds should be no more than a maximum 10ft by 6ft. constructed of the same wood material and be brown in colour. It appeared that one such shed was made of plastic which was against planning approval conditions. Mr. Beale undertook to investigate the matter further.

MUNICIPAL 10/634 ASSOCIATION

Mr. Gimbert reported that a meeting had been arranged by the Municipal Association with Mr. Cregeen, MHK and that if any Member had a specific question that they wished to put to Mr. Cregeen then they could contact either Mr. Jones or Mr. Gimbert accordingly.

DOG CONTROL 10/635 **BYELAWS**

Mr. Gimbert referred to the new estates and TO that there was no specific reference within the existing dog control byelaws to dog fouling. It was AGREED that a sign be placed at the Rearyt ny Keylley recreational area indicating that dogs were not permitted as there appeared to be a problem of dog fouling at this location.

TOURIST 10/636 **ACCOMMODATION**

Mr. Gimbert referred to the need to increase internet access to tourist accommodation in Peel and suggested that the Town Hall area be developed as a wireless hotspot to encourage businesses to make use of such a facility. Mr. Gimbert suggested that a twenty four hour

pass arrangement could be incorporated for the Town Hall area. *NOTED*

MULTI STOREY 10/637 CAR PARK

The Town Clerk confirmed that no response had been received from Mr. Crookall, MHK regarding the consultant's inspection of the existing car parking areas in Peel for possible development as a multi-storey facility.

PLAYGROUND 10/638 FACILITIES

Mr. Gimbert indicated that a facebook site had been established by some residents in Peel requesting better play areas and improved facilities within the Town especially for younger children. Some 380 interested parties had signed up to the facebook site and it was noted that any improvement in such facilities would need to be budgeted for in the usual manner.

PEEL HEADLANDS 10/639

Mrs. O'Halloran reported upon a recent incident when a youth had slipped on the headlands cliff and had luckily been stopped from falling onto the cliff below. Whilst the issue of safety was discussed and it was generally felt that it would be impossible to properly protect all the headland cliff areas.

MUNICIPAL YEAR 10/640

Mrs. Moughtin indicated that with the end of the municipal year approaching she wished to express her personal thanks to Mr. Harmer during his year as Chairman in which he had controlled the Board meetings in a positive manner with character and fortitude. These remarks were endorsed by other Members.

RNLI PEEL 10/641 STATION The Town Clerk read out a letter of thanks from the Treasurer to the Peel Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in respect of the recent donation of £468.00 which had been raised at the recent Peel Achievers reception. *NOTED*

MEMORIAL SEAT 10/642

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. & Mrs. Cannon, Rose Cottage, Derby Road who wished to provide a memorial seat for Alex Williamson, recently deceased on the middle path of Peel Hill near to the memorial tree planting site. Members *AGREED* to a seat and that the Technical Officer liaise with Mr. & Mrs. Cannon over the exact location.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.45p.m.