

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

APPOINTMENT OF 11/001 The Town Clerk took the chair for this item
CHAIRMAN and requested proposals for the appointment
 of Chairman. In accordance with Standing
 Orders the current Vice-Chairman Mr. N
 Cushing was appointed unopposed to the
 position of Chairman for the Municipal Year
 2011/2012. The outgoing Chairman presented
 Mr. Cushing with the Chain of Office and he
 took the chair for the remainder of the
 meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 11/002 Upon a proposal from Mrs. Birkett and
VICE-CHAIRMAN seconded by Mr. Gimbert it was proposed that
 Mr. Beale be Vice-Chairman. Mr. Beale was
 appointed unopposed to the position of Vice-
 Chairman for the Municipal Year 2011/2012.

LEAD MEMBERS 11/003 After having been proposed and seconded it
 was *AGREED* that Mr. Harmer be Lead
 Member of Finance, Mr. Lace be Lead
 Member of Works, Mr. Jones be Lead
 Member of Housing and Mrs. Birkett be Lead
 Member of Recreation.

APPOINTMENT TO 11/004 It was *AGREED* that the following
OUTSIDE BODIES appointments to outside bodies be made:-

Peel Heritage Trust – Mr. R K Harmer with
Mr. Cushing as Chairman being an ex-officio
Member.

Manx National Heritage – Mr. D J Lacey

Western Civic Amenity Site – Mr. E C Beale

Western Pool Authority – Mr. E C Beale

Peel and Western District Housing – Mrs. C A Moughtin and Mr. R M Gimbert

Young Persons Representative – Mrs. J O'Halloran

Peel Chamber of Trade and Commerce – Mr. R M Gimbert

Regeneration Committee – Mr. R K Harmer and Mrs. J O'Halloran

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| MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD | 11/005 | The attendance record of Members for the year 2010/11 was <i>NOTED</i> . |
| MINUTES | 11/006 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th April 2011 were <i>APPROVED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 10/632 where the words in the penultimate sentence “should align with the end of Oak Road.” be deleted and that the following words be substituted “as proposed under the planning application for 32 new dwellings does not align with the end of Oak Road. It was Members view that a new planning application should be submitted.” |
| WEST QUAY | 11/007 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/617 and reported that a detailed response from Captain Best was still awaited with regard to the untidy area on West Quay. |
| SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST | 11/008 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/629 and indicated that the three zero rated properties were currently un-inhabitable. <i>NOTED</i> |
| BRIDGE STREET | 11/009 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/630 and referred to an email response from the Department of Infrastructure in which the Department supported the road closure in respect of the lower part of Bridge Street for the period 3 rd May to 3 rd July 2011 whilst demolition and construction work took place in respect of a new dwelling. Members were Letter sent |

unanimous in expressing their concern that the views of the Board had been ignored with regard to the period when the road closure would be operational. The Town Clerk also referred to a letter of objection from a Mrs. Balcazar of 13 Bridge Street, Peel who objected to this planning application and the road closure. Mrs. Birkett stated that the road closure could have taken place in September when the weather would still be reasonable and there would be enough light to undertake the work. It was *AGREED* that a letter of objection to the road closure be sent to the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure and copied to Mr. Crookall, MHK.

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| STREET TRADING LICENCE 11/010 | Reference was made back to Minute 10/631 and Members considered a business proposal from Mr. Gary Fitzpatrick of Isle of Man Cycle Hire relating to a request for a street trading licence to undertake a cycle hire business to be situated on Peel Promenade opposite the Bowling Green Café. Members were supportive of the business proposal and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a street trading licence be offered to Mr. Fitzpatrick. | Letter sent |
| PEEL ALLOTMENT 11/011 | Mr. Beale referred back to Minute 10/633 and indicated that he would contact the Allotment Committee to advise that there were a number of sheds constructed on the allotment site that were not in accordance with the planning conditions attached to the planning approval. Mr. Beale also indicated that the car park was now in use and that should ease the situation with regard to allotment users parking in Willow Close. | ECB |
| DISC PARKING 11/012 | Reference was made back to Minute 10/615 in which Mr. Barnes of the Department of Infrastructure had indicated that a response would be made within 28 days. It was <i>AGREED</i> to send a reminder to Mr. Barnes as the 28 day period had now elapsed and it was <i>AGREED</i> to hold the matter over for consideration to the next meeting. | Email sent |
| WI-FI ACCESS TOWN HALL – 11/013 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/636 and indicated that the Town Hall was now operational as a wi-fi hotspot. Mr. Gimbert indicated that investigation was | LB |

required over the cost of provision for the necessary software to enable a change in the password on a daily basis. It was *AGREED* that the Finance Officer investigate this matter prior to the next meeting.

MULTI-STOREY
CAR PARK 11/014

Mr. Lace referred to Minute 10/637 and wished to congratulate Mr. Crookall for his efforts in promoting the possibility of a multi-storey care park for Peel.

Reference was made to Minute C10/451 regarding the Market Place car park held “In Committee” and after discussion it was been *AGREED* that this Minute be transferred to the public record.

“Reference was made back to Minute C10/423 and Members were appraised of a report from Mr. Crookall, MHK that the consultants had indicated two of the four main car parks were suitable for a multi-storey facility as they were situated on the level. However, a multi-storey car park was not recommended for the Douglas Street car park due to the incline of the ground. The Town Clerk indicated that a formal response had not been received from Mr. Crookall but that he had indicated that he would respond in writing in due course.”

Mr. Harmer indicated that a formal response from Mr. Crookall was required and that a reminder be sent accordingly.

PLAY GROUND 11/015
FACILITIES

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 10/638 and indicated that the West View play area appeared in need of attention and required to be made safe. The Town Clerk undertook to get the Technical Officer to investigate the safety aspect of this play area. TQ

PEEL HEADLANDS 11/016

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 10/639 and was of the view that safety in areas near to cliffs was down to the individual and that it would be inappropriate to consider fencing all cliff paths.

Arising therefrom Mrs. O’Halloran referred to the safety aspect of the skateboard park during remedial works. Mrs. Birkett as Lead Member for Recreation indicated that she

would take an active interest in the Commissioners playgrounds and that she favoured a rolling programme of improvements.

ROAD TRAFFIC 11/017
REGULATIONS ACT
1985

Members noted receipt of a draft copy of the Peel (Various Roads) (Reserved Parking Places) (Revocation) Order 2011 regarding a reserved parking space in Tynwald Close. Mr. Gimbert enquired as to the removal of spaces in the Westlands road and it was *AGREED* that the matter be clarified. PGL

The Town Clerk tabled a further Road Traffic Regulation Act Order number 276/11 relating to the temporary suspension of parking in a section of Circular Road from its junction with Stanley Road to its junction with Stanley Mount whilst gas valve fitting work took place. *NOTED*

CHRISTIAN STREET 11/018

Members noted receipt of a copy letter from Harmony Homes Limited addressed to Mr. Barnes of the Department of Infrastructure regarding concerns over the provision of parking outside 9 Christian Street, Peel. Mr. Ainsworth a director of the company objected to the provision of the parking bay which might encourage trade and service vehicles to park immediately in front of the property. In addition a second pole with a sign on had been positioned between the front doors of 9 Christian Street and it was deemed to be detrimental to the appearance and access to the property. Mr. Gimbert indicated that a significant amount of public consultation had been undertaken with regard to the Peel Traffic Management Plan and that in his view this first phase of the plan was working well. Mr. Gimbert suggested that a limit to category A vehicles only may help alleviate the concerns expressed by Mr. Ainsworth.

MEMORIAL SEAT 11/019

Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. Alison Cowin of Sea Peep, Poortown Road, Peel requesting a memorial seat on the headlands at the location of the proposed new telescope. Mr. Lace referred to the matter and stated that an earlier decision had been made for the sharing of benches with a number of plaques due to the significant requests made in this respect. Mr. Gimbert suggested that if Letter sent

an individual purchased a seat and plaque then it was inappropriate for additional plaques from third parties to be attached to such seats. A lengthy discussion ensued and whilst Members were of the view that where a bench provided by the Commissioners could be used on a multiple plaque basis it was not appropriate where the seat had been purchased by an individual. It was suggested that the promenade seats could be utilised for multiple plaques in this manner.

With regard to the viewing area being developed at the headlands it was *AGREED* that the private bench seats be permitted with just one plaque on each. It was further *AGREED* that the seats should all be of the same style and construction.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

11/020

The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

PA 11/00497/B Installation of replacement entrance door and window, 36/38 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00515/B Erection of a conservatory (retrospective) 10 Ballagyr Park, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PA 11/00529/D Installation of signage, 7-8 Market Place, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

11/021

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

PA 11/00252/C Additional use of residential apartment as self catering holiday accommodation, Apartment 3, Captain Cannon's House, 7 Michael Street, Peel for Mr. John Richard Tarrant. *APPROVED*

PA 11/00306/B First floor extension to building, Centenary Hall, Atholl Street, Peel for Mr. Ernie Leece. *APPROVED*

PA 10/01460/B Creation of temporary construction compound and storage area to facilitate residential development proposed under PA 10/00544 adjacent to Rearyt ny

Keylley and Reayrt ny Cronk Estate, Peel.
REFUSED

PA 11/00309/B Replacement of existing garage door with a window and erection of a garage extension to dwelling, 34 Ballellis, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Miss Lucy McDowell and Mr. Barry Thompson.
REFUSED

PA 10/219/A ON 11/022
APPEAL

Members noted receipt of the report of the Planning Inspector with regard to the Appeal for the approval in principle for the erection of a dwelling on land between Cliffe Cottage and Greystones, Battery Road, Peel. The Minister had concurred with the Inspector's conclusions and accepted the recommendation that the Appeal should be dismissed and that the Planning Committee's decision to approve the application be confirmed. Mr. Harmer expressed his disappointment that the Commissioners objection to this application had been ignored.

INTERNATIONAL 11/023
FOLK DANCE
FESTIVAL

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Manx Folk Dance Society dated 18th April 2011 in which a festival would take place on the Island from 12th – 17th August 2011. The festival was in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Manx Folk Dance Society and it was noted that a number of visiting dance groups would come to the Island and that a performance would take place in Peel outside the House of Manannan on the 15th August 2011.

TYNWALD 11/024
CEREMONY

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Clerk of Tynwald's Office inviting the Chairman to the Tynwald court to be held at St. Johns on 5th July 2011. The Chairman indicated that he would attend with his wife.

Letter sent

BUSKING LICENCE 11/025

Consideration was given to a letter from a Mr. Norman Locke of 46 Derby Road, Peel in which he sought a busking licence to play music in Michael Street and on the promenade on a regular weekly basis. Mr. Locke would play guitar music including country and western songs, gospel songs and some modern popular music. In addition Mr. Locke wished to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and distribute leaflets. After discussion

Letter sent

Members were opposed to the handing out of leaflets. In conclusion the Board *AGREED* to advise Mr. Locke that they would be prepared to consider an application for such a licence provided leaflets were not issued and preaching was not undertaken to members of the public.

METAL DETECTING 11/026
– PEEL BEACH

Consideration was given to an email request from a Mr. Andrew Falconer who wished to carry out metal detecting on Peel Beach. Members *AGREED* to the request.

Email sent

WAR MEMORIALS 11/027
COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Mr. A J Earnshaw, MHK Chairman of the Government Preservation of War Memorials Committee in which the Committee expressed its appreciation of the maintenance undertaken in respect of the war memorial site on Peel Hill. *NOTED*

MRS. MARGERY 11/028
FARGHER

The Town Clerk read out a letter of thanks from Mrs. Margery Fargher following the presentation of a bouquet of flowers on the occasion of her meeting the Queen to receive Maundy money. *NOTED*

CHURCH STREET 11/029
PARKING
RESTRICTIONS

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Woodhouse of 23 Mona Street, Peel and a further enquiry from Mr. Steve Fitzgerald of 31 Stanley Terrace regarding a request that the reserved parking bays provided in the Derby Road car park for Church Street residents be extended to P Permit holders. It was also noted that an email had been received from Mrs. Sperring of Albany House, Albany Road regarding the use of these reserved spaces.

Letters sent

The matter was discussed at length and the proposal to provide additional alternative parking for the Church Street residents was to ensure that they were not disadvantaged with the change in the parking regime in Church Street following the implementation of the Peel Traffic Management Plan. Mr. Gimbert however, suggested that whilst residents of Church Street should not be disadvantaged the current arrangement limiting parking in the reserved spaces to the Church Street residents gave them an advantage over P Permit holders. It was noted that Church

Street restriction applied between 8.30a.m. and 5.30p.m. Monday to Friday. In discussion Mr. Jones indicated that enforcement could be difficult if the parking hours were extensive. At this stage it was *AGREED* that a holding letter be issued to Mr. & Mrs. Woodhouse and Mr. Fitzgerald pending the matter being investigated further and discussions held with the Department of Infrastructure.

PATRICK STREET 11/030

Mr. Lace referred to the building works taking place in Patrick Street and expressed his concern at the length of time that a portion of the road had been fenced off for the site works at the property. It was *AGREED* that the Department of Infrastructure be requested to investigate how much longer the fencing would remain in the road. TQ

PROMENADE FLAG POLES 11/031

Mr. Lace referred to the replacement railings installed on the promenade by the Department of Infrastructure and commented upon the Department's requirement that no flag poles be attached to the railings. Mr. Lace enquired whether holes could be drilled in the pavement to allow the flag poles to be inserted without touching the railings or the new wall. It was *AGREED* to contact the Department so that some consideration could be given to the placement of the flag poles as in previous years. In this respect the Town Clerk suggested that if the Department were minded to allow the flag poles to be inserted then consideration should be given to providing new plastic flag poles.

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace wished to thank Mr. Crookall for his efforts in persuading the Department of Infrastructure to leave the steps from the beach to the promenade in the vicinity of the Creg Malin in place. *NOTED*

CLOSE CHAIRN PROPERTIES 11/032

Mr. Lace referred to the practice of dog owners allowing their dogs off the leash along the pathway in front of the Close Chairn properties. Fouling took place and it was suggested that the matter be investigated with a view to signage being erected requesting dog owner to keep their dogs on a leash until past the Close Chairn houses. PGL/TQ

JET SKIES IN PEEL BAY 11/033

Mr. Gimbert referred to the Harbour Division's regulations limiting the area where jet skies could operate in Peel Bay. It appeared that the signage on site did not accord with the change in the regulations as shown on the Department's website. Mr Gimbert reported that the Department had indicated that it would amend its website to comply with the revised regulations limiting jet ski use from a point on the breakwater to the cliff face at the northern end of the promenade. It was also *AGREED* to request the Department to put a similar sign on the slipway at the bottom of Bridge Street.

SHIP ANCHOR MILL ROAD - 11/034

Mr. Gimbert enquired as to whether a request could be made to the Harbours Division to have the ships anchor on display at the end of Mill Road repainted. *AGREED*

Letter sent

OAK ROAD LITTER BIN - 11/035

Upon enquiry the Town Clerk indicated that the Technical Officer was in the process of arranging a litter bin at the end of Oak Road.

TQ and letter sent

Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert enquired whether the public areas of the new housing estates had yet been conveyed to the Commissioners by Heritage Homes Limited. The Town Clerk indicated that a Deed of Conveyance was still awaited and it was *AGREED* that a reminder be sent to the company.

BICYCLE RACKS 11/036

Mrs. Birkett referred to the placement of the new bicycle racks at various locations and reported that the rack on the Creg Malin car park had been located in a disabled parking space. The Town Clerk agreed to investigate the matter with a view to providing an additional parking space for disabled use immediately alongside.

PGL/TQ

HEADLANDS FOOTBALL PITCH 11/037

Mr. Harmer referred to the football pitch on the headlands field and enquired whether it could be marked out and nets provided. It was *AGREED* that the matter be progressed.

TQ

BEACH HARROWING 11/038

Upon enquiry from Mr. Harmer the Town Clerk confirmed that beach harrowing would take place shortly for the forthcoming summer season.

Arsing therefrom the Town Clerk also confirmed that Mrs. Brew from the Promenade Kiosk had requested written confirmation of public liability insurance coverage prior to hiring out the deck chairs acquired by the Commissioners. *NOTED*

WESTERN TRAFFIC 11/039
MANAGEMENT
GROUP

Mr. Lace referred to his attendance at meetings of the Western Traffic Management Group and expressed his concern at the failure of the Department of Infrastructure to erect a traffic mirror on the junction at the Mount Murray back road despite assurances that this would be done. This work had been promised by the Department a number of months ago and it was *AGREED* that a reminder be sent to Mr. Barnes of the Department.

Email sent

GOVERNMENT 11/040
CONSULTATION

The Chairman referred to the latest Government consultation on the Town and Country Planning Act which had a deadline date for responses of 20th May 2011. It was *AGREED* that it be emailed to Members prior to the next meeting so that a response could be formulated and forwarded to the Department by the deadline date.

PGL

This part of the meeting ended at 8.25p.m.