GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16th August 2011 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. N A Cushing (Chairman)

Mr. E C Beale Mrs T M Birkett Mr. A G Jones Mr. D J Lace Mrs. J O'Halloran Mr. R M Gimbert Mr. R Harmer Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S 11/277 The Chairman welcomed the Press and public WELCOME to the meeting and wished to express his thanks

to the meeting and wished to express his thanks to all those involved in organising and running

Peel Carnival Day.

MINUTES 11/278 The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August

2011 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED* subject to an amendment to Minute 11/267 where the word "seal" was deleted and the

word "eel" substituted.

SEAGULLS 11/279 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute

11/239 and indicated that written advice had been received from Doctor Selman of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture regarding licence provisions under the Wildlife Act to deal with seagull problems.

Doctor Selman had indicated that a general licence was available which included dealing with herring gulls and the great black backed gull but not the common gull which despite its name was very rare on the Isle of Man. Advice was also given over gull proofing properties to prevent them from nesting on rooftops in the future. In conclusion Doctor Selman had indicated that there were legal means already available for appropriate action where a problem existed. The Town Clerk undertook to copy the advice to Members.

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SEAWEED ON THE 11/280 BEACH

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/243 and indicated that a larger tractor was hired from J D Faulkner Limited to enable the beach to be properly harrowed. It was noted that J D Faulkner Limited would be purchasing new harrows in due course and had offered a loan of a set of harrows for a trial run. NOTED

MOBILE FISH UNIT 11/281 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/262 and indicated that he was still awaiting a response from Captain Best as to the request from Mr. Knighton for permission to site his mobile fish unit on the Quay area. The Town Clerk indicated that he would make further contact with the Department.

18 BRIDGE STREET 11/282

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute Letter sent 11/264 and reported that the Environmental Health Officer, in company with the Technical Officer, had inspected 18 Bridge Street. A subsequent meeting had been held with the Town Clerk when it was reported by the Environmental Health Officer that the property did not pose a danger to the general public. It was AGREED that a letter be sent to Mr. Heaton the owner indicating the need for the property to be improved in terms of its appearance.

Arising therefrom the Town Clerk reported that a further road closure order extension had been made by the Department of Infrastructure which would result in Bridge Street remaining closed for the property repair works up until the 2nd September 2011. *NOTED*

HOUSE OF 11/283 **MANANNAN**

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/266 and reported that the broken portion of the pavement kerb had subsequently been repaired by the Department of Infrastructure. **NOTED**

TRADITIONAL 11/284 **BOAT FESTIVAL**

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/273 and indicated that a letter had been sent to the Harbours Division seeking a reduction in mooring fees for visiting boat owners during the festival. Mrs. O'Halloran felt that this would be of great benefit and would encourage additional boat owners to visit Peel during the festival period in future years if the mooring fees were reduced. The Town Clerk indicated

that a response was awaited.

PLAY AREAS 11/285 Reference was made back to Minute 11/236 and it was noted that two responses had been received from tenants at Reayrt Aalin regarding improvements to the playground. It was AGREED that Mr Gimbert liaise with the Town Clerk over the facebook contributors with the intention of extending an invitation to a representative group to a future meeting to discuss this issue. After discussion it was AGREED that the meeting be held on 31st August 2011 at 7.45p.m.

Arising therefrom Mrs. Birkett referred to the judging of the Commissioners garden competition and it was noted that Mr. Watson of Watson's Nurseries had made his selection of category winners. It was AGREED that a presentation be arranged for 31st August 2011 at 7.00p.m.

11/286 BALLAQUANE ROAD

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 11/241 and requested that the proposal to consider possible provision of a hardstanding parking area on the headlands field be attributed to himself.

OUAYSIDE 11/287 PARKING

Mrs. Moughtin referred to the loss of up to eight car parking spaces as a result of boat owners leaving trailers at the Quayside. It was her wish that the spaces designated for car parking were used as such and not by boat owners leaving trailers in the much needed parking spaces.

MARKET STREET 11/288 **FLATS**

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/260 and enquired as to the current position regarding the replacement of the metal railings outside the upper level of the Market Street flats. The Town Clerk indicated that the Technical Officer had the matter in hand and that the railings had been measured up. It was AGREED that the replacement railings be galvanised to avoid future rusting.

MARKET STREET 11/289 Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/269 Issue raised concerning a resident's concerns over the parking of vehicles immediately in front of the property 1A Market Street. It was AGREED that the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Liaison

Group scheduled for the 17th August 2011.

ROAD TRAFFIC 11/290 REGULATIONS ACT 1985

Members noted receipt of a number of orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 and the Highways Act 1986 as follows:-

A prohibition on vehicular use of Michael Street between the hours of 11.00a.m. and 1.30p.m. Monday to Friday and 10.00a.m. to 4.30p.m. on Saturdays.

A number of orders regarding a road closure in respect of the Peel Viking Longboat Races scheduled for 20th August 2011.

The revocation of a reserved parking place on Shore Road, Peel opposite its junction with Beach Street.

REAYRT NY 11/291 KEYLLEY ESTATE

Members noted receipt of a letter and accompanying map from the Department of Infrastructure which indicated that the Department had decided to adopt the estate roads and footpaths for future maintenance by the Department. *NOTED*

Arising therefrom the Chairman queried whether the Department had adopted Clover Avenue as a cul-de-sac or a through road.

PLANNING 11/292 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT

The following planning applications were Letter sent considered as follows:-

PA 11/01076/B Construction of single storey sun-lounge extension to rear of dwelling, 11 Imman Stronnag, Reayrt Ny Cronk, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA11/01084/B Replace concrete pantiles on roof with traditional slate, 28 Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA11/01046/B Installation of timber front door to replace current timber front door and installation of uPVC sliding sash window to replace existing window to front ground floor, 36 Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APROVAL*

PA11/01055/B Proposed change of use of existing ground floor education room to coffee bar by the inclusion of new servery counters

and furniture, House of Manannan Heritage Centre, East Quay, Peel. Members discussed this application in detail and were unanimous in expressing concern at the possible loss of trade to the various other cafe outlets in the Town. Concern was also voiced over the loss of the ground floor educational facility. *RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL*

PA11/00924/B Amended plans for an extension to side and rear elevations of dwelling, 34 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED 11/293

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

PA 11/00873/B Replace existing garage door with a window, 8 Oak Road, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. Ronald Gunning. *APPROVED*

PA 11/00883/B Single storey extension to rear elevation, 6 Lake Lane, Peel for Ruth Willis. *APPROVED*

PA 11/00515/B Erection of a conservatory (retrospective), 10 Ballagyr Park, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. I A McLean. *REFUSED*

PA 10/00544/B ON 11/294 APPEAL Members noted receipt of a letter of clarification signed by Mr. W Greenhow, Chief Secretary regarding the Appeal by Heritage Homes Limited for a residential development of 101 dwellings adjacent to Derby Road and Reayrt ny Keylley. Arising therefrom Mr. Jones indicated that it appeared the planning system was too complex and that there was a need for simplification including a clear demarcation of responsibilities.

Arising therefrom reference was made to paragraph 120 in the Inspectors report which required clarification on planning policy as opposed to only being noted. It was indicated that under the Town and Country Planning Act all development plans were needed and that a policy statement on its own without an area plan was inadequate.

The Chairman referred to the application and in

particular plots 3 to 10 in which the height of
the properties were to be reduced from two
levels to single storey. This would require to
be put out to public consultation of which the
Commissioners would be party to the
consultation process.

CIVIC SUNDAY 11/295

The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks from the Castletown Metropolitan Silver Band following the Commissioners small donation to band funds following their attendance at the Peel Civic Sunday Service. *NOTED*

PEEL CAMPSITE 11/296

Consideration was given to a letter from G.E. Letter sent Whites of Balthane Industrial Estate, Ballasalla which supplied the Islands newsagents with newspapers both local and national. The company wished to sell newspapers direct to campsite occupants during the Manx Grand Prix period. After consideration and noting that there were a sufficient number of newspapers outlets within the Town it was *AGREED TO REFUSE* the request.

SUPPLEMENTAL 11/297 VALUATION LIST The second supplement valuation list for 2011 was tabled and *NOTED*.

DISABILITY 11/298 AWARENESS WEEK Members noted receipt of a letter from the Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled dated 8th August 2011 which indicated that a Disability Awareness Week was to be held from 31st October to 5th November 2011. The foundation wished to fly a flag from the Town Hall in support of the week and this was *AGREED* by Members.

MEMORIAL SITE – 11/299 PEEL HILL Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr. Duff a member of the Government Memorial Committee in which he wished to thank the Commissioners and its staff for the work undertaken in maintaining in good order the garden of remembrance on Peel Hill. *NOTED*

BEACH 11/300 MOTOCROSS Consideration was given to a request from Mr. John Watterson of the Ramsey Motorcycle Club in which he sough permission to run a beach motocross on Peel beach during the evening of Thursday 1st September 2011 during the Manx Grand Prix Race Week. *AGREED*

Approval

given

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Dentith to sell toys during the Viking Longboat

STREET TRADERS 11/301 LICENCE Races on 20th August 2011. After consideration it was *AGREED TO REFUSE* the request.

PUBLIC 11/302 CONVENIENCES

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Quine of Peveril Avenue, Peel in which she indicated that recent friends who had visited them over the previous fortnight were full of praise for the cleanliness and condition of the public toilets in Peel. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Simpson be congratulated accordingly.

MULTI-STOREY 11/303 CAR PARK

The Town Clerk referred to the previous discussions over the Top Deck proposal for a multi-storey car park. To progress to phase two would require a CAD drawing and in addition a level survey. Mr. Jones indicated that this would have a cost implication in terms of providing the necessary base information to Top Deck and he queried the benefit when closer liaison with the Department of Infrastructure should be pursued. Chairman indicated that the Board had previously agreed to explore the options with Top Deck on the basis that it would involve zero expenditure. As a result of this item not being included in this year's budget it was suggested to defer any further contact with Top Deck Limited.

WEST VIEW 11/304

Water and Sewerage Authority in respect of which the Authority had obtained a road closure order for the section of West View from its junction with Douglas Street to its junction with Heathfield Drive. The road closure order was for the period 5th to 7th September 2011 for the purpose of enabling new tarmac to be laid following mains pipe line works. On inspecting the plan it was noted that a number of one-way traffic systems would have to be reversed and would also include the making of Boilley Spittal a two way road with a section abutting West View being designated as a turning circle. Members expressed concern at the likely disruption to the Town whilst this work took place and in the first instance it was AGREED to raise the matter at the Western Traffic Management Liaison

The Town Clerk tabled a map submitted by the Issue raised

PEEL HILL

11/305

Mr. Lace enquired further as to when the briars would be cut from the bottom of Peel Hill

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abutting the Quayside pavement. The Town Clerk undertook to refer the matter to the Technical Officer for progression of the maintenance work with the Department of Infrastructure.

PEEL GROYNE 11/306

Mr. Gimbert referred to maintenance works undertaken by the Harbours Division on Peel groyne in which the groyne had been treated with various chemicals. As a result some members of the public had received chemical burns and he enquired as to why the groyne had not been cordoned off on health and safety grounds. It was *AGREED* that a letter of enquiry be sent to Captain Brew regarding this matter.

STREET LIGHTING 11/307

Mr. Gimbert requesting that consideration be given at the next budget meeting to proposed street lighting schemes with particular regard to Ballaterson Crescent. *AGREED*

MANX 11/308 ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – SUB STATION The Town Clerk referred to the replacement of a sub-station at the rear of the Christian Street car park by the Manx Electricity Authority and indicated that the work was almost completed apart from the installation of new gates to protect the sub-station. *NOTED*

MICHAEL STREET 11/309

Mr. Beale referred to his concerns over youths cycling down Michael Street the wrong way. This also applied to the one-way system in Christian Street and suggested that an accident was waiting to happen. The issue also extended to residents using disability scooters and it was *AGREED* that the matter be referred to the Police and the schools

FENELLA BEACH 11/310

Mr. Harmer reported that a beach clean at Fenella Beach would take place on 20th August 2011. *NOTED*

MR T M CROOKALL 11/311

The Chairman referred to a recent Manx Radio Mandate programme in which Mr. Crookall, MHK was being interviewed and had referred to Peel Town Commissioner Minutes from 1999 which made reference to the Oak Road by-pass.

The Chairman indicated that the public meeting had not taken place with Heritage Homes and that the private meeting made no reference to a ring-road through the middle of the estate. *NOTED*

This part of the meeting ended at 8.00p.m.