

# GENERAL MEETING

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

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

In attendance        Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/435	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the first meeting of November.
MINUTES	11/436	The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS	11/437	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/407 and reported that the temporary permission granted to JCK to operate a recycling business at Lhergydhoo was valid from 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011 for one year. It was further noted that the site required restitution within a two year period of the licence period terminating.</p> <p>The Town Clerk indicated that a letter had been received that day from the Director of Highways regarding the enforcement of weight limits for vehicles on Church Street and Christian Street. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be considered in detail at the next meeting.</p>
PROMENADE SLIPWAY	11/438	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/409 and indicated that a verbal reminder had been made to the Harbour Keeper regarding the Commissioners request for a jet ski sign at the promenade slipway adjacent to the bottom of Bridge Street.
DOUGLAS STREET CAR PARK	11/439	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/410 and indicated that the Commissioners

request to consider the permanent scheme to establish a lay-by at the Douglas Street car park would be placed as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Group.  
*NOTED*

REGENERATION  
SCHEME

11/440

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/414 and indicated that he had been in contact with the Harbours Division and it was anticipated that the Marinas in Peel and Douglas would be considered for Wi-fi coverage by February 2012. *NOTED*

BONFIRE NIGHT

11/441

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/415 and indicated that as the Vikings of Mann did not have enough marshalls to supervise the torchlight procession it had been cancelled on health and safety grounds.

Mr. Harmer reported that arrangements had been made with the Clothworkers School to hold a lantern competition in which entrants would gather at the Cookies and Candy Shop on the Promenade and that they proceed along the beach to the bonfire where prizes would be awarded to the best lanterns.

Discussion ensued over the bonfire and firework display scheduled for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November and it was noted that the long range weather forecast may result in adverse weather conditions. The matter was discussed and it was *AGREED* as a contingency that a final decision be made during Saturday morning as to the event taking place. In the event of adverse weather it was *AGREED* to hold the firework display on Monday evening.

LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR'S VISIT

11/442

Reference was made back to Minute 11/426 and Members considered the proposed itinerary for the Lieutenant Governor's visit on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The Chairman indicated that the Clothworkers School had been approached and were happy to be included on the schedule and after discussion it was *AGREED* that the Castle, Devereau Kipper Yard, the Ward Library and Leece Museum be included also. The Town Clerk undertook to prepare a detailed itinerary.

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CHRISTIAN STREET  
CAR PARK

11/443

The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Manx Electricity Authority to provide

Email sent

additional electricity load at the sub-station to increase the power supply to St. Germans Cathedral. The request would entail a small section of the Commissioners car park at Christian Street being dug up for new cabling. After discussion it was *AGREED* to approve the request.

MILL ROAD STREET LIGHT	11/444	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/434 and indicated that the cost of repair to the street column light would be £684.00. It was <i>AGREED</i> to proceed with the repair.	TQ
ISLE OF MAN MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY	11/445	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 11/420 and indicated that he had given the request further consideration and suggested that the northern end of the promenade could be a possible location for the establishment of a model raised train track. The matter was discussed and Mr. Harmer suggested that the Society representatives be invited to meet with the Commissioners to discuss the matter further. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a meeting be arranged in December or January.	PGL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	11/446	Members noted receipt of an Order made by the Department of Infrastructure effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2011 which amended the designated roads upon which heavy vehicles may travel. The principal change was to prohibit articulated vehicles exceeding 38000kg but not exceeding 44000kg from being driven on any roads other than those referred to in schedule two of the Order. Members voiced concern at the stress and damage put onto the roads by heavy vehicles within the Town of Peel and commented that weight limits should be sensible and have regard to the possible damage caused to roads. Mrs. Birkett suggested that this was a matter that the Municipal Association might wish to discuss so that a joint local authority approach could be made. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Municipal Association together with Mr. Crookall, MHK seeking his support for a vehicle weight limit under 38000kg for HGV's.	PGL

Mrs Moughtin joined the meeting

WATER AND  
SEWERAGE  
AUTHORITY

11/447 Members noted that the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority would undertake a mains flushing exercise in the Peel area over the period 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011. *NOTED*

PLANNING  
APPLICATION FOR  
COMMENT

11/448 The following planning application was Letter sent considered as follows:-

PA 11/01475/B Erection of a two storey extension to dwelling and widen driveway, 3 Cushag Drive, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

Mr. Gimbert referred to the planning approval given to new housing estates and expressed concern that they were never left as originally approved but became subject to various extensions and amendments to individual dwellings. Mr. Gimbert said that the number of applications for extensions at the Ballawattleworth Estate over the years would have an impact particularly on parking. After discussion it was *AGREED* that Mr. Gimbert undertake a project to investigate the number of such applications for the Ballawattleworth Estate and their impact.

PA 10/00544/B ON  
APPEAL

11/449 The Town Clerk indicated that a letter had been received from the Planning Appeals Administrator dated 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in which a substantive procedural point had been raised in relation to the planning appeal in respect of the residential development of 101 dwellings on land adjacent to Reayrt ny Keylley by Heritage Homes Limited.

The relative point concerned the lawful ability or appropriateness of the Planning Division to approve revised plans in relation to plots B3 to B10 in the manner envisaged by the appointed person outwith the planning process and without any consultation with interested persons. As a result the Council had decided in the interests of fairness and natural justice to circulate the revised plans to interested parties with an invitation to make written representation by 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011. It was *AGREED* that Members consider the letter and that a response be formulated at the next Board meeting.

PLANNING DECISION NOTIFIED	11/450	<p>The following planning decision had been notified by the Planning Committee:-</p> <p>PA 11/01267/B Erection of a two storey office extension, Mill House, Mill Road, Peel for Total Oil (IOM) Limited. <i>APPROVED</i></p>	
TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	11/451	<p>Members noted receipt of a copy letter sent by Mr. Clarke, Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Festival to Minister David Cretney, MHK at the Department of Infrastructure concerning the issue of payment of harbour dues for visiting boats to the festival. The Town Clerk tabled a letter of response from the Minister to Mr. Clarke dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011. in which the Minister indicated that the two main reasons to remove assistance for harbour dues was the change to the tax sharing agreement between the United Kingdom and the Isle of Man which had placed a heavy financial burden on the Island and the need to optimise income to offset the £6.3 million cost that had been invested in improving Peel Harbour. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
GERMAN PARISH CIVIC SERVICE	11/452	<p>Members noted an invitation to attend the German Parish Commissioners Civic Sunday Service to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 11.00a.m. at St. Johns Methodist Church. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman indicated that they would attend the Service.</p>	Letter sent
STREET TRADERS LICENCE	11/453	<p>Members noted receipt of a letter of response from Mr. Gawne, MHK, Minister for Infrastructure dated 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011 regarding the refusal to grant permission to Mr. Knighton to operate a mobile fish unit from the Quay. Mr. Gawne indicated that the area on East Quay was a valuable parking and working area that the Department would not wish to see compromised by other regular and frequent use. In conclusion the Minister indicated that the Harbours Division would wish to consider the matter in more detail before determining its policy with respect to the siting and numbers of mobile retailing catering units on quaysides. The views of the Commissioners were sought regarding the number of such units and whether they had a positive or adverse impact on other businesses. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk respond by indicating that the two fish</p>	PGL

based mobile units would not adversely impact other traders in the Town.

Mr. Gimbert indicated that the Peel Chamber of Trade had no particular view on the issue. The Chairman requested Mr. Gimbert to seek the Chamber's approval for a letter of support for Mr. Knighton as the Department's objections seemed to be on the basis of protecting existing trade within the town whereas the Board considered it a unique offering and unlikely to have a significant impact on existing traders.

ALL ISLAND DEPOT STRATEGY PROJECT	11/454	Members considered an email from Mr. Haynes, Project Manager for the Island Depot Strategy of the Chief Secretary's Office which sought input into a Government initiative into centralised maintenance depot/workshop facilities around the Island. The Government intended to create purpose built maintenance depots in the North, South and centre of the Island to service the needs not only of the Department of Infrastructure but potentially the whole of Government including local authorities. On the assumption that the central depot would be based at Crosby the Board were of the view that the expected increase in fuel costs and loss of time in travelling to and from a depot outside of the Town would be prohibitive. Members suggested that this appeared to be moved to bring about local authority reform by the back door and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that it did not support the project and did not wish to take part in the study.	Email sent
CAMPER VANS	11/455	The Town Clerk read out a letter from Mr. John Elliott of Ballawattleworth Estate in which he raised concerns over the long term parking of campervans on the Ballawattleworth Estate. Mr. Elliott had suggested that the Commissioners initiative to encourage campervan owners to utilise the campsite over the winter period was to be applauded. Mr. Elliott felt, as a rate payer, that the parking of such vehicles on the roads and streets of the Town was inappropriate and that such vehicles should be parked on either private land or at the campsite. Members noted Mr. Elliott's concerns which were shared by the Commissioners. It was further	PGL

noted that legislative change was in the offing to control the parking of larger vehicles on the highway. It was confirmed that when the new legalisation was in place the Commissioners would be prepared to take appropriate action.

ISLE OF MAN OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING	11/456	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading to attend a Money Management Awareness course. <i>NOTED</i>	
NATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE	11/457	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from the Chief Minister for the Commissioners to attend the National Service of Remembrance at St. Johns on Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November at 3.00p.m. As the Commissioners would be attending the Service to be held at St. Germans Cathedral on the same day and same time it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Chief Ministers Office that Members would be unable to attend.	Letter sent
MANX GAS	11/458	The Town Clerk referred to a request from Manx Gas to site a small gas kiosk on land at the gable end of the Commissioners Derby Road properties opposite the Clothworkers school. It was noted that the kiosk was required to progress the provision of natural gas into the Derby Road area and the kiosk would be of rigid plastic frame construction measuring 1200mm wide x 500mm deep and 1200mm tall. The Town Clerk indicated that the proposed location had been identified as an area for new seating and planting under the anticipated capital improvement programme for the Commissioners housing stock. As a result it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise Manx Gas that the proposed location was not suitable or favoured by the Commissioners.	Email sent
PROMENADE BUILD- OUTS	11/459	Mr. Lace referred to the Highway Divisions build-outs on Peel promenade and indicated that after rain a pool of water tended to appear by the build-outs. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Committee to discuss a possible solution.	

MILL ROAD PARKING	11/460	Mr. Lace also referred to concerns over the extent of heavy goods vehicles parking in Mill Road. Due to increased parking the road became a single lane and gave rise to safety concerns.	
DERBY ROAD	11/461	Mr. Gimbert referred to the section of Derby Road near to the campsite which also resulted in pooling water after heavy rain. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be raised with the Department accordingly.	
WINTER ROAD CLEARANCE	11/462	Consideration was given to a request from the Department of Infrastructure for local authorities to assist in the clearance of the main roads following periods of snow and ice during the forthcoming winter period. It was noted that the Department had a number of grit spreaders available and it was <i>AGREED</i> to request six that could be used by the Commissioners staff to assist the Department in keeping the streets of Peel clear of snow and ice. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer co-ordinate with the Ellerslie Depot accordingly.	TQ
PLAY EQUIPMENT	11/463	Reference was made to Douglas Corporation undertaking its own risk assessment and maintenance of play equipment and it was suggested that costs could be saved if the Commissioners were able to make use of the service provided by Douglas Corporation. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be investigated further.	PGL
DISABLED TOILETS	11/464	Mr. Beale referred to the access to disabled toilets with the radar keys. It was noted that these keys were held by disabled users and it was suggested that a supply be obtained for use from appropriate shops in the centre of Town. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be investigated further to ascertain if such keys were available and shops prepared to hold them. Were this to proceed then a suitable notice would have to be placed next to the Market Place disabled toilet giving directions to the appropriate shop premises that had radar keys available.	PGL



BEACH CLEAN

11/465

Mr. Harmer indicated that it was intended to hold a further beach clean exercise on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 10.00a.m. *NOTED*

MICHAEL STREET  
ROAD CLOSURE

11/466

Concern was voiced at the number of cars that were breaching the road closure requirements in Michael Street particularly on a Saturday. It was *AGREED* that the matter be raised with the Police to monitor and take action where appropriate.

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This part of the meeting ended at 8.05p.m.