

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 15th February 2011 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. D J Lace

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	10/498	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished to thank staff for all their hard work in refurbishing the Town Hall front entrance and boardroom.	
MINUTES	10/499	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st February 2011 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
ADVERTISING SIGNS	10/500	The Town Clerk referred to Minute 10/475 and reported that all advertising signage required a planning application with an attendant £88 planning fee. <i>NOTED</i>	
PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION	10/501	The Chairman referred back to Minute 10/479 and indicated that invitations had been forwarded to Members and their partners for the Peel Achievers reception to be held at the Golf Club on 24 th March 2011. Tickets would be available at £12 per head for members of the public interested in attending and that monies raised at the auction and through the raffle would be split between the Peel Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the Western Live at Home Charity.	
REGENERATION SCHEME	10/502	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 10/488 and indicated that at Mr. Crookall's last Western Regeneration Committee	PGL

meeting approval had been given for the Commissioners application to progress towards the detail design stage.

The Town Clerk also indicated that part of the improvement between the promenade and Michael Street via Orry Lane could be improved with a specific feature on the corner plot of Strand Street owned by the Commissioners to enhance the streetscape. It was *AGREED* that this area be utilised in this way.

The Town Clerk also indicated that the application for wi-fi coverage for lower Peel had been submitted. It was noted that a technical assessment of the application would be completed within the next month and a response as to possible financial assistance under the regeneration scheme offered thereafter.

MICHAEL STREET	10/503	The Chairman referred to Michael Street and indicated that it would be of benefit to provide an additional litter bin and bench seat outside the Manx Electricity Authority shop. It was <i>AGREED</i> to contact the Authority to ascertain whether it would agree to a bench and litter bin being located outside the shop.	PGL
BIG TIDY UP CHALLENGE	10/504	Members considered a letter from Mr. Macken, Waste Management Officer at Douglas Corporation in which it was indicated that the Corporation would co-ordinate a further “Big Tidy Up All Island Challenge” scheduled for 30 th September and 1 st October 2011. Members <i>AGREED</i> that it would be appropriate for the Town to take part in the challenge as in 2010.	Letter sent
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	10/505	Members noted receipt of a Road Traffic Order to prohibit vehicular through traffic in Strand Street during new gas supply works Members also noted an emergency notice made by the Department to create a one-way system and 10mph speed limit along the lane to the rear of Derby Road during the road re-surfacing works taking place on Derby Road. The Order was effective from 10 th February to 24 th February 2011.	

PA 10/1056/B ON APPEAL	10/506	Members noted receipt of the Appeals Inspector report and the subsequent decision of the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure which accepted the recommendation of the Inspector and allowed the Appeal for the erection of a conservatory to the front elevation of 12 Ramsey Road, Peel for Mr. Donald Humphries. <i>NOTED</i>	
PA 10/01123/C ON APPEAL and 10/01124/B ON APPEAL	10/507	Members noted receipt of documentation regarding the appeal by Heritage Homes Limited against the removal of condition 7 and variation of condition 9 of planning application PA 09/00521/B in respect of the residential development of 43 dwellings under construction adjacent to Reayrt ny Kelley, Peel and the amendment of drainage arrangements under the same application. It was noted that the appeal was scheduled to take place on 1 st March 2011 at 2.00p.m. and it was <i>AGREED</i> that Mrs. Birkett and the Town Clerk attend the hearing.	
PA 08/01260/B	10/508	<p>The Town Clerk referred to the Shoprite (Isle of Man) Limited planning application for alterations, erection of extension to store and amended car parking arrangements for the Shoprite Store in Derby Road, Peel.</p> <p>Mr. Gimbert declared an interest in this matter as employee of the company and took no part in the discussion.</p> <p>The Planning Officer had written to the Commissioners indicating that the application which had been given planning approval had now received additional information to satisfy the various conditions of the planning permission. The Planning Department sought comments from third parties on the additional information submitted and in that respect the Town Clerk referred to the overall plan indicating the car parking area. It was <i>AGREED</i> that comment be made to the Planners that the area should maintain as much parking provision as possible at the expense of landscaping areas within the footprint of the planning application.</p>	Letter sent

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	10/509	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee :- PA 10/01795/B Installation of patio doors to replace existing rear elevation window, 6 Lyndale Avenue, Peel for Mr. Alan Patrick Bailey. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 10/01792/B Installation of replacement windows, 6 Lyndale Avenue, for Mr. Alan Patrick Bailey. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 11/00008/C Additional use of residential property as self catering tourist accommodation, 28 Bridge Street, Peel for Mr. Richard Stuart Bulford Cooper. <i>APPROVED</i>	Letter sent
HOUSING ACTS 1955 to 1990	10/510	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Environmental Health Officer in respect of remedial works required at 2 Church Lane, Peel.	
BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE	10/511	Members gave consideration to a letter from the Chief Secretary's Office seeking input into the report to be undertaken by the Boundary Review Committee. Mr. Gimbert indicated that with the significant expansion of the Town that Peel warranted two MHK's to work of behalf of the electorate. A previous proposal that Peel be linked into a joint constituency with Glenfaba was opposed by Mr. Gimbert and other Members. Members <i>AGREED</i> that the size of the population should be the sole guide to constituency size and in that respect Peel warranted two MHK's. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a response be forwarded to the Chief Secretary's Office accordingly.	PGL
MICHAEL CIVIC SUNDAY	10/512	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Chairman of Michael Commissioners indicating that it would hold it's annual Civic Sunday Service on 20 th March 2011 at 10.30a.m. at Michael Parish Church. The Chairman indicated that he would attend the Service.	Letter sent
PEEL BEACH MISSION	10/513	The Town Clerk referred to a request from Mr. Clarkson of the Peel Beach Mission which sought approval to hold it's usual daily meetings on the beach from 30 th July	Email sent

to 13th August 2011. *AGREED* The Board also *AGREED* to support the sand modelling contest as in previous years.

SNOW CODE	10/514	<p>The Town Clerk tabled a Snow Code and covering letter from the Department of Infrastructure relating to the removal of snow and minimisation of disruption across the Island. It was noted that the Department was preparing a leaflet and was encouraging residents to take proactive steps in preparing themselves and help their neighbours during prolonged period of snow. It was noted that salt/grit would be available free of charge to the public at the four Civic Amenity Sites and that the Department would also liaise with the Department of Education and the bus company to focus on the provision of a basic bus service during disruption. It was noted that the Department would also allowed local authorities to stockpile salt for spreading around their respective areas. The Town Clerk indicated that a supply could be held at the Commissioners depot. <i>AGREED</i> Comment was made that the area immediately in front of the Town Hall leading down to Atholl Place and Atholl Place itself required particular attention when snow and ice prevailed. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to work with the Department to assist in removing snow and ice during prolonged periods of disruption.</p>	
MARKET PLACE AND ATHOLL PLACE DISC PARKING	10/515	<p>Consideration was given to a proposal from Mr Cushing, seconded by Mr Gimbert to revise the thirty minute disc parking order to one hour on the Market Place. Following consideration Members <i>AGREED</i> that the Market Place should be restricted to one hour's parking under the disc parking scheme and not thirty minutes. It was <i>AGREED</i> to request the Department of Infrastructure to amend the proposed Order accordingly.</p>	Request made
BALLAWATTLEWORTH ESTATE	10/516	<p>Mr. Cushing requested that a further letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure enquiring as to when the traffic calming measures for the Ballawattleworth Estate would be completed. <i>AGREED</i></p>	Letter sent
DOMAIN NAMES	10/517	<p>Mr. Cushing referred to the Commissioners</p>	PGL

domain name and indicated that there were two in operation it was *AGREED* to ascertain the cost of the second domain name and its purpose.

FENELLA TERRACE	10/518	Mr. Jones referred to a complaint he had received regarding parking of vehicles by residents at Fenella Terrace. With regard to the creation of a lay-by at the rear of the Terrace it was <i>AGREED</i> that consideration be given to painting in white lines with each available space being earmarked for the particular property it was adjacent to so that tenants could retain an individual parking space. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to tenants accordingly.	PGL/TQ
STREET LIGHTING	10/519	Mr. Gimbert referred to a trial run held on Ramsey for LED street lighting. It was his proposal that such a light be considered for Ballaterson Crescent which was currently poorly lit. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate the matter and ascertain the cost of a triple head LED light for this location.	PGL
SEWAGE SPILL – REAYRT NY KEYLLEY ROUNDAABOUT	10/520	Mr. Gimbert referred to the recent spillage of sewage from the drain next to the roundabout at the entrance with Rearyt Ny Keylley. It had been indicated by the Water and Sewerage Authority that this was due to a blockage. Mr. Gimbert queried this claim and suggested that it could be due to extreme pressure on the system. Mr. Gimbert referred to a list of questions that he wished to be addressed to Doctor Styles the Public Analyst and the Water and Sewerage Authority. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the questions be put to Doctor Styles and the Authority accordingly.	PGL
DOUGLAS STREET LAY-BY	10/521	Mrs. O’Halloran referred to an occasion when the Isle of Man Fat Stock lorry blocked the lower end of Douglas Street whilst making a delivery to the butchers shop. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the company requesting that it directs it’s drivers to make use of the commercial lay-by provided in Douglas Street to ensure minimum delays to traffic.	PGL
DOG FOULING	10/522	Reference was made to the on-going problem of dog fouling around the Town	Town Warden

and it was *AGREED* that the Town Warden provide a report in due course with any “hot spots” defined accordingly. The issue of dog fouling was one of public awareness and it was *AGREED* that the Town Warden be tasked with continued efforts to reduce the dog fouling problem in the Town.

NEW GYM – BALLAWATTLEWORTH ESTATE	10/523	The Chairman enquired as to the current position regarding the planning approval for the new gym at Ballawattleworth Estate. It was <i>AGREED</i> to enquire of Mr. Marshall what the current position was in this respect.	PGL
MANX GAS	10/524	The Chairman welcomed Mr. A Baglow and Mr. P Blackmore, Project Team for Manx Gas and Mr. J Holt of the Manx Electricity Authority to discuss the Island wide gas conversion project.	Link requested

Mr. Baglow indicated that the Project Team would commence work with surveys being undertaken prior to conversion. In this respect survey work would commence in Ramsey then continue in the south of the Island before reaching Peel and finishing at Ballaugh and Kirk Michael. It was noted that this would take the remainder of the year and was noted that the actual conversion work would follow from February 2012 and be completed by December 2012.

Mr. Baglow stated that lessons had been learned from the gas conversion project undertaken in Douglas in 2003 and that there would be a dedicated customer helpline with the company providing replacement items of equipment particularly cookers as most existing cookers would not convert easily to natural gas. Replacements would be on a like for like or better basis. In addition the project would entail a leakage survey prior to and post conversion work. Comment was made regarding the necessary road closure orders and appropriate notice required and that this would follow the requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1985. At the request of the Members it was *AGREED* that a link be provided to the Commissioners peelonline website for the conversion project with its attendant

timetable and dates.

Messrs Baglow, Blackmore and Holt left the meeting at 8.20pm.

PEEL TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT PLAN

10/525 The Chairman welcomed Mr. Barnes of the Department of Infrastructure to the meeting to discuss the new traffic signage that would be required under the traffic management plan. Mr. Barnes tabled plans of the signs and indicated that the four roads leading into Peel would have the standard brown sign which would have the “Welcome to Peel” message in English and Manx with the Town’s main attractions listed. Mr. Barnes sought approval for these new signs to be situated at the current locations enjoyed by the Commissioners own “Welcome to Peel” signs. Members wished to retain these signs at an agreed alternative location as they currently referred to Peel winning the best town competition for the past three years.

Mr. Barnes advised that the Department would liaise with the Police over the new one-way routes for the lower part of Derby Road and Christian Street and indicated that the order for the signage would be made forthwith. It was anticipated that the new routes would become effective towards the end of March or early April.

Reference was made to the No Entry signs on the side roads leading into Michael Street namely at Factory Lane and Orry Lane which could be missed by drivers and Mr. Barnes reported that he would inspect them with a view to making the signage more prominent.

Mr. Barnes left the meeting at 8.45p.m.
This part of the meeting ended at 8:45pm