

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present                    Mr. N A Cushing (Chairman)  
                                  Mr. E C Beale  
                                  Mr. R M Gimbert  
                                  Mrs. J O'Halloran  
                                  Mr. A G Jones  
                                  Mr. D J Lace  
                                  Mrs. C A Moughtin

Apologies                Mrs. T M Birkett  
                                  Mr. R K Harmer

In attendance          Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)  
                                  Mrs. C Horton (Ward Librarian)  
                                  Mr. R Baker (Curator)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/569	The Chairman welcomed Mr. Crookall, MHK to the second meeting of January 2012.	
WARD LIBRARY REPORT	11/570	Mrs. Horton outlined her quarterly report for the Ward Library for the period October to December 2011. She indicated that December had been a busy month and the number of borrowers was higher than the previous year. Discussion ensued over the proposal to increase the annual adult fee from £8.50 to £9.00 and the rural adult annual fee from £9.50 to £10.00. It was <i>AGREED</i> to implement this increase from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012.	Librarian

Mrs. Horton indicated that one of the library computers required replacement and Mr. Beale indicated that he had a computer surplus to requirements which may be suitable for use at the library. *NOTED* In conclusion Mrs. Horton referred to a request from the Age Concern Charity which wished to sell a Keep Fit booklet at a cost of £2 from the Island's libraries. Members had no objection to a sell or return arrangement with Age Concern.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked Mrs. Horton for her report and indicated that the Ward Library was a great asset to the Town.

LEECE MUSEUM REPORT	11/571	<p>Mr. Baker presented the quarterly report for the Leece Museum for the period ending January 2012. It was noted that over 5,400 visitors had visited the Museum in the previous year. Mr. Baker outlined the recent new acquisitions and provided details of the forthcoming exhibitions to be held at the Museum. It was noted that Mr. Baker had made a request to the Manx Heritage Foundation for financial assistance to provide a mezzanine floor. Applications had also been made to the Lottery and the Department of Tourism. <i>NOTED</i></p> <p>Mrs. Horton and Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.15p.m.</p>
MINUTES	11/572	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i>.</p>
PA 10/01460/B ON APPEAL	11/573	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/545 and indicated that the Planning Committee had set up a local liaison committee which included Mr. Crookall, MHK, staff from the Planning Office and Mr. Cieran Downie of Heritage Homes Limited. It had been suggested that in Mr. Crookall's possible future absence a Member of the Commissioners could attend in his place. <i>NOTED</i></p>
TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	11/574	<p>Members noted a meeting with interested parties including Mr. Clarke of the Traditional Boat Festival Committee to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012.</p>
ELECTORAL REFORM BILL	11/575	<p>Consideration was given to a consultation document relating to an Electoral Reform Bill. Mr. Gimbert indicated that the Municipal Association was seeking feedback from local authorities on this matter and it was suggested that the Electoral Reform Bill and the boundary review currently being progressed</p> <p>PGL</p>

presented a degree of complication. It was suggested that they be considered separately. After discussion Members favoured consideration of the boundary review proposals first before the Electoral Reform Bill was considered. Members also sought proportionate representation across the Island. It was *AGREED* to forward these comments to the Clerk of Tynwald's Office.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 11/576 The Chairman referred back to Minute 11/552 and reported that he and the Town Clerk had attended a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Local Authority Pension Scheme the previous week. PGL

The Chairman indicated that the scheme had been in a deficit position for twenty one years and that the new proposals in which the pension was based on 1/60<sup>th</sup> instead of 1/80<sup>th</sup> would not move out of a deficit situation for a further seventeen years. The new scheme provided for increased employee contributions on a banded system and revision to the lump sum provision. The Chairman was concerned that provision was still envisaged for a defined benefit scheme for new members.

Mr. Gimbert voiced his concern at the lack of meaningful consultation with the scheme membership and that it should have been forwarded to employees prior to public consultation. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure with a request that the public consultation be suspended until such time as the scheme members had been consulted.

LOCAL AUTHORITY LIAISON 11/577 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/556 and advised that contact from Mr. Ronan, MHK was awaited with regard to a possible meeting date. *NOTED*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S VISIT 11/578 The Town Clerk outlined final details for the visit of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Mr Adam Wood, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. *NOTED*

WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE	11/579	Mr. Beale referred back to Minute 11/564 and reported that the Site Committee had discussed Mrs. Moughtin's concerns over the use reserved stickers being placed on items. After due consideration the Committee had agreed to continue with the practice of using such stickers on saved items but with the proviso that such items could only be held in reserve for a twenty four hour period. <i>NOTED</i>	
CLOVER AVENUE	11/580	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/567 and reported that the possible provision of traffic calming measures on Clover Avenue would be discussed at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2012.	PGL
COMMISSIONERS SURGERY	11/581	The Chairman referred back to Minute 11/568 and indicated that with the increased publicity of the surgery some six members of the public had attended with various issues and concerns.	
RATES	11/582	Reference was made back to Minute 11/535 and it was noted that a response from Mr. Crookall, MHK regarding his possible support in raising in Tynwald the review of debt collection procedures had not been received. However it was noted that a meeting was to be held with Mr. Crookall on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2012 at which time this matter could be discussed.	
REAYRT NY CRONK PLAY AREA	11/583	Reference was made back to Minute 11/560 and the Chairman stated that the suggestion from Heritage Homes Limited to relocate the proposed playing area to Reayrt ny Keylley would not be in compliance with the planning approval for this estate development. As a result Members were of the view that a play area should be provided at the agreed location within the Reayrt ny Cronk development. The Town Clerk indicated that the Planning Development Officer had requested the Commissioners to submit its proposals for the play area and it was <i>AGREED</i> that suitable play equipment be priced up by the Technical Officer and	PGL/TQ

Town Clerk prior to further consideration and submission to the Planning Department.

RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT 11/584 PGL/TQ

The Chairman referred back to Minute 11/561 and indicated that the developer had undertaken certain road works relating to the pavement at the roundabout on land owned by the Commissioners. This was without Commissioners approval and was not in accord with the planning approval granted. The Chairman queried whether the developer had permission under a section 8 agreement with the Water and Sewerage Authority to dig up the road and it was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated accordingly.

SEWAGE 11/585

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 11/539 and stated that the issue of sewage provision for the Town of Peel was not off his agenda and he would pursue the issue as he deemed appropriate. Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert indicated that he had spoken to the Director of the Water and Sewerage Authority and that whilst the improvement in technology enabled sewer treatment works to be covered it would not extend to the major site required for Peel which was deemed too large to enable coverage.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985 11/586

Members noted receipt of two road traffic Orders relating to the creation of a reserved parking place opposite 9 Westlands, Peel and a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on Ballaquane Road, Peveril Avenue and Close Quane, Peel. Arising therefrom reference was made to the Lhergydhoo Sandpit and its intended closure. It was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk check when the sandpit site would be closed permanently.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR COMMENT 11/587

Members considered the following amended planning application:- Letter sent  
  
PA 11/01627/B Erection of a conservatory and installation of replacement windows and doors to dwelling, 41 Douglas Street, Peel. (Amended plans received).  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING DECISIONS 11/588  
NOTIFIED

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

PA 11/01668/B Installation of replacement shop front, side and rear door, blocking up existing side elevation windows and door, 8 Atholl Place, Peel for Clear Pharmacy Limited. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01660/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling, 48 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mr. Eric Teare. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01654/B Installation of replacement windows and front door, 36A Market Street, Peel for Mrs. Ruth Walker. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01650/B Installation of a dormer window and roof light to dwelling, 4 Lyndale Avenue, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bridson. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01694/B Installation of replacement windows and door to front elevation (retrospective), 2 Station Road, Peel for Mr. Nick Hurt. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01582/B Refurbishment works and erection of extension to shops and conversion of existing loft to create an additional apartment 3, 3A and 5 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. Adam Murfitt. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01539/B Alterations, erection of extension to dwelling and creation of a pedestrian access, 6 Cronk Reayrt, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lace. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01581/B Roofing works to and extension of existing garage, The Mount, Mount Morrison, Peel for Mr. John Kerruish. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01616/B Alterations and extension to dwelling, 18 Bridge Street, Peel for Mr. Nigel Heaton. *APPROVED.*

PA 11/01692/B Demolition of a single storey shed (Unit Z) and conversion of an old pump house (Unit Y) to provide office accommodation with associated parking, Old Pump House, the Fish Yard, Mill Road, Peel for the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture. *APPROVED*.

PA 11/01691/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, Marina Cottage, 17-18 Shore Road, Peel for Mr. Tony Faragher. *REFUSED*.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH 11/589  
ACTION GROUP

Mr. Gimbert as Lead Member for Planning referred to a complaint received from the Ballawattleworth Action Group. The Chairman declared an interest in this item and left the meeting. PGL

Mr. Gimbert read out the letter from Mrs. Breadner, Secretary to the Action Group regarding the 32 house development at McLeod's field Ramsey Road, Peel. It was alleged that correspondence from the Commissioners had indicated the roundabout was on Commissioners land. It was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated and reported back to the Board in due course.

Mr. Gimbert indicated that other issues relating to grass cutting of public areas of land by the Commissioners had also been raised by the Group and the issue over deeds of conveyance in respect of such areas was raised. It was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated and reported back to the Board in due course.

FLAG DAY

11/590

Members considered a request from the St. Johns Ambulance Charity for permission to hold a flag day collection in Peel on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012. *AGREED*

Letter sent

EASTER ATHLETICS  
FESTIVAL

11/591

Consideration was given to a request from the Easter Festival Organising Committee of the Manx Harriers regarding the Peel Hill Race scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Members had no objection to the request and *AGREED* that the

Letter sent

provision of the Commissioners portalo facility be provided on the Quay near to the House of Manannan. *AGREED*

CAPITAL PROCEDURES ADVERTISING	11/592	Members noted receipt of a letter from the Capital Projects Coordinator at the Treasury regarding a decision to advertise schemes with the Employers Federation under the Manx Accredited Construction Contractors List. This would entail savings as newspaper advertising would forthwith cease. <i>NOTED</i>	
WILD ANIMALS (RESTRICTION ON IMPORTATION) ACT 1980	11/593	Members considered a consultation document issued by the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture regarding amended restrictions on the importation of wild animals. <i>NOTED</i>	
MALEW CIVIC SERVICE	11/594	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from the Chairman of Malew Parish Commissioners, Mrs. Crellin, to attend her Civic Sunday Service on 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 3:00p.m. at Malew Church. The Chairman indicated that he would attend this service.	Letter sent
RECREATIONAL AREA – MARINE PARADE	11/595	The Town Clerk referred to the commencement of improvement works to the former swimming pool site at the end of Marine Parade. It was disappointing to note that the construction of a wall to improve the site had subsequently been demolished by vandals on 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2012. The matter had been reported to the Police and it was noted that the wall would be rebuilt in due course.	
ABANDONED VEHICLES	11/596	Mr. Gimbert referred to a camper van parked on the Promenade with flat tyres. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Warden be requested to ascertain ownership of the vehicle with a view to it being moved.	PGL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION LEASE	11/597	Mr. Gimbert referred to the radio station and mast on Peel Hill leased to the Communications Commission and requested details on the revenue stream paid to the Commissioners by the Communications Commission in respect of this lease facility. The Town Clerk undertook to provide the information to	PGL



Mr. Gimbert.

WEST QUAY

11/598

The Chairman referred to the storage area on West Quay used by fishermen to deposit items of fishing gear. The Town Clerk indicated that the Harbours Division were in the process of arranging hire of a skip to tidy up the area.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.15p.m.