

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 7th February 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mrs. T M Birkett

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	11/599	The Chairman welcomed Mr. Crookall, MHK and the Press to the meeting. He wished to pass on his thanks to all involved in the recent visit of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to Peel. The Chairman indicated that he had received a personal letter of thanks from the Lieutenant Governor in respect of his official visit to Peel.	
MINUTES	11/600	The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 th January 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
PLANNING LIAISON COMMITTEE	11/601	Reference was made back to Minute 11/573 and it was noted that the establishment of a Local Liaison Committee in respect of the Heritage Homes development had met for the first time on 9 th January 2012. It was noted that the Committee would publish its Minutes on its website. Arising therefrom it was <i>AGREED</i> that a copy of the Commissioners letter of objection to the Heritage Homes planning application be forwarded to the Committee.	
LOCAL AUTHORITY LIAISON	11/602	The Town Clerk referred back Minute 11/577 and indicated that Mr. Ronan, MHK was pleased to meet with the	PGL

Commissioners on 27th February 2012 at 7.00p.m. It was *AGREED* to confirm this date with Mr. Ronan to discuss a range of subject including the future of local authorities.

RATES	11/603	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/582 and reported that Mr. Crookall had indicated that the review of debt collection procedures was currently with the Chief Secretary's Office. <i>NOTED</i>	
REARYT NY CRONK PLAY AREA	11/604	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/583 and requested that this matter be held over to the next meeting on 21 st February 2012 to consider. <i>AGREED</i>	
RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT	11/605	Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/584 and suggested that the establishment of the new footpath on the Ramsey Road as part of the McLeod's Field development and roundabout installation be conveyed to the Department of Infrastructure from the Commissioners for future ongoing maintenance. Mr. Gimbert also indicated that he had concerns over the main sewerage provision for this development which was scheduled to extend into Oak Road and then onto the Derby Road sewer. The Chairman indicated that he had spoken to the Project Director of JCK Limited regarding the sewerage issue and reported that it was intended that 100 metres of the current 150mm pipe within Ballawattleworth would be replaced with a 300mm pipe. This had been discussed by the Water and Sewerage Authority in 2007 although the current drawings had not been approved.	PGL
LHERGYDHOO SANDPIT	11/606	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/586 and reported that the planning approval for the sandpit required the recycle	

Arising therefrom Mr. Gimbert suggested that the Commissioners seek a meeting with the Minister for Infrastructure Mr. D Cretney, MHK to discuss these issues together with planning enforcement and planning infrastructure changes. It was suggested that Mr. Crookall, MHK also attend such meeting if arranged.

operations to cease in July 2012. Thereafter the restoration of the site had to be completed by July 2014. *NOTED*

ABANDONED
VEHICLES

11/607

Reference was made back to Minute 11/596 and it was reported that the camper van left on the promenade had subsequently been moved. A general discussion ensued over the classification of an abandoned vehicle and Mr. Jones reported that any vehicles should be in a roadworthy condition. If it was deemed not to be in such condition then arrangements could be made for it to be inspected by a Department of Infrastructure Vehicle Examiner.

The Chairman indicated that a strategy over abandoned vehicles could be considered once the current car parking survey results were known.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
PENSION SCHEME

11/608

Mr. Jones declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

Email
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Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/576 and enquired as to whether any response had been received with regard to the Commissioners concerns over the lack of consultation with the current scheme members. The Town Clerk reported that no such response had been made to his email and it was *AGREED* that a reminder be sent to the Department of Infrastructure with a repeated request that the consultation process be deferred pending consultation with the individual scheme members.

COMMISSIONERS
SURGERY

11/609

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/581 and reported that the litter bin opposite the Town Hall had been moved after being relocated by Mr. Gimbert. It was suggested that the bin be bolted to the ground and it was *AGREED* that this be undertaken in due course.

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CAPITAL PROCEDURES
ADVERTISING

11/610

Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/592 and enquired as to whether the requirement for Central Government to limit advertising with the Employers Federation also applied to Local Authorities. The Town Clerk undertook to look into this matter.

COMMUNICATIONS 11/611 Mr. Gimbert referred back to Minute 11/597 PGL
 COMMISSION LEASE regarding the rental income from the radio station and mast on Peel Hill leased to the Communications Commission. The Town Clerk indicated that the lease provided for regular rent reviews and the rent had been last reviewed in 2010. It was however noted that the lease did not provide for rental income based on the number of dishes attached to the mast. It was *AGREED* that this matter be discussed as part of the next rent review negotiations.

BALLAWATTLEWORTH 11/612 The Chairman left the meeting for this item. PGL
 ACTION GROUP Reference was made back to Minute 11/589 and the Town Clerk indicated that there was a set of plans held at the Town Hall with regard to the various area of land maintained by the Commissioners and would be copied Mr. Gimbert and Mr. Beale for consideration prior to further discussion.

Arising therefrom it was noted that no progress had been made with Heritage Homes Limited over the conveyance of the public open space in Ballawattleworth and it was *AGREED* that the matter be pursued with the conveyancing advocate.

PLANNING 11/613 The following planning applications were Letter
 APPLICATIONS FOR considered at follows:- sent
 COMMENT

12/00040/B
 Installation of replacement windows, 34 Glenfaba Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/00055/B
 Creation of parking area and vehicular access, West Mount, Rheast Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/00092/B
 Erection of a dwelling with additional garage window to side elevation (amendment to dwelling approved under PA 10/00544/B Plot B30 Rearyt ny Cronk, Poortown Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 12/00104/B

Conversion of attic space into an apartment, Gales Fayre, Christian Street, Peel. The Commissioners indicated the need for an alternative emergency escape route. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

FLAG DAYS	11/614	<p>Consideration was given to a request from the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation which sought approval to collect outside the Shoprite Store on 22nd June 2012. <i>AGREED</i></p> <p>Consideration was given to a request from the Manx Stroke Foundation to hold a flag day on 4th August 2012. <i>AGREED</i></p>	Letters sent
ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL	11/615	<p>Members noted receipt of a letter from Miss Garrett, Personal Assistant to the Dean of St. Germans Cathedral regarding plans for a procession on Palm Sunday (1st April 2012). It was noted that the Police had been advised and the Board had no objection to the procession which would take in the route from the Castle via Castle Street, Michael Street and Atholl Street to the Cathedral. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
CCTV	11/616	<p>Members considered a letter and enclosures from Mr. A Croll of 38 Harcroft Avenue, Douglas regarding his personal concerns over the intrusive aspect of CCTV cameras in public places. Members discussed the letter at length and the Board whilst having some sympathy with his particular views nevertheless felt that in terms of crime prevention and detection the use of CCTV camera was supported. Members felt that the regime for controlling authorised users and the provisions of the Data Protection Act were suitable safeguards to ensure the use of CCTV was not abused.</p> <p>It was noted that the Commissioners had discussed with the Police the provision of two additional cameras for the next financial year and this matter had been agreed by the Board. In conclusion the Members felt that CCTV in Peel was fair and reasonable and not excessive. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a suitable response be sent to</p>	Letter sent

Mr. Croll.

ROAD TRANSPORT REGULATIONS 2012	11/617	Members considered a government consultation document from the Department of Infrastructure regarding amendments under the Road Transport Regulations 2012. The Commissioners had no comment to make.
SELF EMPLOYED NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	11/618	Members considered a government consultation document on self employed national insurance contributions Mrs. Moughtin indicated that her husband had paid Class 2 and Class 4 contributions for a number of years and was interested to know where the money for Class 4 contributions went. It was suggested that for individuals to pay the contribution up front without knowing what earnings were to be made in that year was a retrograde step. Members favoured the monthly payments system as being more appropriate to individuals.
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT	11/619	The Town Clerk referred to a draft amendment Order in respect of Ballaquane Road, Peveril Avenue and Close Quane in which the vehicle weight limit of 7.5 tonnes would not apply to public service vehicles requiring access to Ballaquane Road. <i>NOTED</i>
MANX MUSEUM AND NATIONAL TRUST	11/620	The Town Clerk read out a letter from Mr. G R M Moore, Chairman of the Manx Museum and National Trust dated 1 st February 2012. Following approval in Tynwald the Manx Museum and National Trust (Amendment) Act 2011 had changed the structure and appointment process to the Trust. As a result the appointment of the Peel Town Commissioners nominee (Mr. Lace) would cease in late Spring 2012. Thereafter new Trust appointments would be made under a revised recruitment process which would be on an individual basis. The Chairman wished to thank Mr. Lace for his long service on the Trust body and it was indicated that the Board would support Mr. Lace if he decided to apply on an individual basis for appointment as a Trustee under the new arrangements.

CIVIC SUNDAY SERVICES

11/621

The Town Clerk indicated that Port Erin Commissioners would hold its Civic Sunday Service on 25th March 2012 at St. Columbus Roman Catholic Church, Port Erin at 3.00p.m. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Mr. Beale and Mr. Gimbert indicated that they would attend the service.

Letter sent

The Town Clerk also indicated that Onchan District Commissioners had given advance notice of their Civic Sunday Service scheduled for 29th July 2012 at 3.00p.m.
NOTED

OFF SHORE WIND FARMS

11/622

The Town Clerk referred to an information letter and brochure from Centrica Energy regarding the rights it had been awarded to develop off-shore wind farms within the Irish Sea zone. To keep the general public updated on this matter a number of public information days had been arranged. It was noted that these information days would take place at Ramsey Town Hall on 21st February, Port St. Mary on 22nd February and Douglas Strand Shopping Centre on 23rd February.

Members discussed the issue and Mr. Lace stated that in his opinion wind turbines were an eyesore. Mr. Gimbert indicated that with discussions currently taking place for the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company to move its main operational route from Douglas to Liverpool the proposed wind farm would impact upon the Douglas to Liverpool route. Mrs. O'Halloran stated that in her opinion wind farms were not efficient and indicated that wave energy technology should be developed as being more suitable to the Isle of Man.

CRUISE LINER VISITS

11/623

The Town Clerk tabled a schedule of visits to the Island by various cruise liners in 2012 which was noted. Mr. Gimbert referred to the docking of cruise liners in Peel when weather conditions prevented berthing in Douglas Bay. It was suggested that the visitors that embarked from Peel fully appreciated and enjoyed the Town and it that effort be made to ensure visitors were able to make the most of Peel rather than being coached out of the Town to other

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locations. It was *AGREED* that a suitable letter be sent to the Department of Economic Development.

The Town Clerk referred to an initiative from Isle of Man Tourism entitled “On Your Doorstep” exhibition which would take place between 11.00a.m. and 4.00p.m. on 24th March 2012 at the Villa Marina.
NOTED

BRIDGE STREET	11/624	Mrs. Moughtin referred to the refurbishment of a property in Bridge Street which had entailed closure of the road for many months. With the approach of the 2012 season it was <i>AGREED</i> to request the Department of Infrastructure to ensure the scaffolding was removed and the road opened up.	PGL
HEADLANDS VANDALISM	11/625	Mrs. O’Halloran referred to an incident of vandalism to a dog control sign on the headlands. She suggested that the signs be covered with anti-vandal paint. However this was not possible as it could give rise to third party claims for possible accidental damage should a member of the public brush against such a signpost.	
OVERGROWN BOUNDARY HEDGES	11/626	Reference was made to a complaint regarding overgrown hedges on the upper section of Derby Road. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be discussed in detail at the next meeting with regard to steps that might taken under the Trees and High Hedges Act.	
DOG FOULING	11/627	Mr. Beale referred to the ongoing issue of dog fouling around the Town and enquired as to patrol movements of the Town Warden. It was noted that certain areas of Derby Road and Atholl Place together with Ballaterson Estate and North View attracted a degree of dog fouling and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Warden monitor these areas.	PGL
HGV VEHICLES IN PEEL	11/628	Mr. Jones referred to heavy goods vehicles using Church Street and Albany Road now that Ballaquane Road prohibited vehicles over 7.5 tonnes. Mr. Jones was concerned to be seen that the Commissioners did not	

favour one area of the Town against another in terms of heavy goods vehicles restrictions and in this respect he referred particularly to Oak Road.

With the number of HGV vehicles using Peel the Chairman indicated that there was a need for a Peel by-pass and expressed his disappointment that Members had chosen not to support his motions seeking a discussion about a properly designed by-pass for Peel. The Chairman referred to the current housing development at McLeod's field with the proposed linking of the Ramsey Road to the Poortown Road subject to investigation by Planning Enforcement. The Chairman referred to a previous statement from Mr. Crookall, MHK that a 7.5 tonne limit would also apply to Oak Road in the event that it became a through road.

In conclusion Mr. Jones indicated the need for the Commissioners to be fully aware of other residents views in this respect.

BALLAQUANE
ROUNDAABOUT

11/629

Mr. Lace referred to the Ballaquane roundabout and voiced his concerns at the lack of a traffic mirror for pedestrians looking to cross Ballaquane Road in the vicinity of the roundabout. It was noted that a pedestrian mirror had been ordered by the Department of Infrastructure and was scheduled to be installed shortly. *NOTED*

COMMISSIONERS
SURGERY

11/630

The Chairman advised that the next Commissioners surgery would take place on Saturday 11th February 2012 between 10.00a.m. and 12 noon. It was *AGREED* that the surgery be advertised accordingly.

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

