

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 1st May 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

APPOINTMENT OF 12/001
CHAIRMAN

The Town Clerk took the chair for this item and requested proposals for the appointment of Chairman. In accordance with Standing Orders the current Deputy Chairman Mr. E Beale was appointed unopposed to the position of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2012/2013. The outgoing Chairman presented Mr. Beale with the Chain of Office and he took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 12/002
DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN

Upon a proposal from Mr. Beale and seconded by Mr. Cushing it was proposed that Mrs. O'Halloran be Deputy Chairman. Upon a proposal from Mr. Jones seconded by Mr. Lace it was proposed that Mrs. Moughtin be Vice-Chairman.

In accordance with Standing Orders 3(d) a ballot took place. The Town Clerk indicated that with five votes to four the Board favoured Mrs. Moughtin to be appointed Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

LEAD MEMBERS 12/003

After having been proposed and seconded it was *AGREED* that Mr. Harmer be Lead Member of Finance, Mr. Kaighin be Lead Member of Works, Mr. Jones be Lead Member of Housing and Mr. Davison be Lead Member of Recreation.

APPOINTMENT TO 12/004
OUTSIDE BODIES

It was *AGREED* that the following appointments to outside bodies be made:-

Peel Heritage Trust – Mrs. O’Halloran with Mr. Beale as Chairman being an ex-officio Member.

Peel and Western District Housing – Mrs. C A Moughtin and Mr. N Cushing

Western Civic Amenity Site – Mr. D Lace

Western Pool Authority – Mr. I Davison

Young Persons Representative – Mr. A Kaighin

Peel Chamber of Trade and Commerce – Mr. I Davison as Chairman and Mr. A Kaighin as Vice-Chairman

Regeneration Committee – Mr. R K Harmer and Mrs. J O’Halloran

Municipal Association – Mr. A Jones and Mr. D Lace

Western Traffic Management Group – Mr. D Lace

MEMBERS
ATTENDANCE
RECORD

12/005

The attendance record of Members for the year 2011/12 was *NOTED*.

MINUTES

12/006

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2012 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*. Arising therefrom Mr. Harmer indicated that Minute 11/793 regarding an amendment to the current Standing Orders was required to be adjourned after proposal to the ensuing meeting prior to approval or otherwise. Reference was made to the letter received from Mr. H Quayle, MHK regarding a request for local authorities to provide a contact point in respect of planning matters and it was *AGREED* that the proposed amendment to the Standing Order detailing the appointment of a Lead Member for Planning be held over pending further clarification from Mr. Quayle as to the terms of reference in respect of this appointment.

Members *AGREED* that the mistake in Standing Order 7(d) be amended to read

“accept as provided for in Standing Order 3(d), the method of voting shall be by show of hands”.

Members *AGREED* to this amendment to the Standing Orders.

PUBLIC SPACES	OPEN	12/007	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/772 and indicated that a revised plan had been received from Mr. Downey of Heritage Homes Limited. The Technical Officer had advised that one area of the plan was unacceptable in terms of on-going maintenance in respect of the grassed areas outside the private apartments. Subject to this being deleted the remainder of the proposed plan was deemed acceptable. Mr. Cushing indicated that he would wish to inspect the plan. <i>AGREED</i>	TQ/PGL
WI-FI PROVISION		12/008	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/774 and indicated that a date was required to meet with representatives of Sure to discuss Wi-Fi provision for parts of Peel. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> to suggest a meeting on 24 th May 2012 at 7.00p.m. Mr. Cushing referred to this particular item and indicated his wish to oversee its progress. <i>NOTED</i>	Date set
CIVIC SUNDAY		12/009	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/776 and indicated that the Civic Sunday Service date of 22 nd July 2012 was no longer possible. Arrangements had been made with the Methodist Chapel, Castletown Silver Band and the caterer for the Civic Sunday Service to take place on Sunday 15 th July 2012 at 11.00a.m. instead The Town Clerk indicated that he would advise other local authorities of the revised date with formal invitations to be issued nearer the date of the Service.	PGL
DERBY ROAD POST BOX		12/010	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/777 and stated that the Technical Officer had in fact contacted the Peel Post Office in	

advance of the work taking place to create the car park adjacent to the Town Hall which involved the removal of the post box. It was noted that the post box had been removed by post office staff prior to the contractor moving on site.

ST GERMANS 12/011
CATHEDRAL

Reference was made back to Minute 11/781 and it was *AGREED* that the Commissioners seek a meeting with Canon Godfrey and the Church Officials on 24th May 2012 at 8.00p.m. to discuss the Cathedral's future plans. It was accepted that the Commissioners needed to work with the Cathedral as it was an integral part of the Town. Date set

Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing referred to the email received from Mr. Moore regarding his opposition to the removal of pews from the Cathedral. *NOTED*

Mr. Jones referred to the works currently taking place within the Cathedral grounds and expressed his concern at the removal of the wall and steps surrounding the war memorial without any prior consultation with either the Royal British Legion or the Commissioners.

RAMSEY ROAD 12/012
DEVELOPMENT

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/783 and indicated that a press release had been issued to the local media following the previous meeting of the Board. It was noted that the matter had been raised on local radio namely Energy FM and had been published in the Manx Independent edition of 26th April. The article referred to Minister Cretney's disappointment that Peel Commissioners had issued a press release with regard to this issue of planning. Mr. Cretney had indicated that if the Commissioners felt they had robust evidence of serious irregularities relating to the development to provide that to his department. It was noted that this matter had already been referred to the Minister and the Planning Enforcement Officer and that an investigation was ongoing. It was, however, noted that this matter was outstanding since December 2011 and had still not been resolved whilst building work of the road connection continued.

Members voiced their dissatisfaction at Mr. Cretney's comment and indicated that there was evidence of previous communication with him and his Department.

Mr. Lace indicated that he had been advised by residents of a number of pot holes in Oak Road and that residents' complaints regarding this matter had been made. Mr. Harmer confirmed that the pot holes had not yet been filled in. It was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer investigate this issue.

The Town Clerk also reported, upon receipt of a letter from Mr. Caine of the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority which addressed the Commissioners serious concerns over the ability of the sewage infrastructure to cope with this additional development at McLeod's Field. It was noted that the Water and Sewerage Authority was progressing with investigations to determine whether there were cost effective means of improving the performance of the system for example by removing surface water infiltration. *NOTED*

PEVERIL ROAD 12/013

Members noted receipt of a further letter copied to the Commissioners but addressed to Mr. Pearson, Director of Highways from Mr. Quirk of 21 Peveril Road, Peel regarding his concerns over the state of the carriageway in front of his property on Peveril Road. Mr. Cushing expressed his sympathy with Mr. Quirk's position and Mr. Lace indicated that he would continue to press for a vehicle weight restriction in Peel and that he would raise this matter at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group.

Arising therefrom Mr. Kaighin suggested that patching repair work be considered outside Mr. Quirk's house. It was *AGREED* that this matter be raised with the Department accordingly.

JUBILEE ARRANGEMENTS 12/014

Mr. Harmer referred back to Minute 11/801 and updated Members on the current progress of the various events to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. To recap Mr. Harmer indicated that the Wild Flower Garden would be planted on Friday 4th May and that the establishment of a RKH

copse of trees was also under consideration. It was noted that the Clothworkers School would prepare a mural which would be on display at the Weatherglass Corner on Carnival Day. In addition Commissioners staff were making a suitable holder for a lighted beacon which would be lit on the headlands. A whole range of events were planned for the week leading up to Peel Carnival Day on 5th August 2012. This included a Queen of the Fleet, treasure hunt, cycle race and team sport event. The week would be promoted with a flyer/brochure which would be printed by Peel Heritage Trust.

JET SKI SIGN	12/015	The Town Clerk referred to Minute 11/779 and reported that Captain Best had indicated that he had taken receipt of the new jet ski restriction sign and that it would be erected shortly. <i>NOTED</i>	
QUAYSIDE POWER POINTS	12/016	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 11/782 and reported that Captain Best had placed a works order in March for the repair/replacement of the electrical power points on the Quay and that he would progress this matter with some urgency.	
MICHAEL STREET	12/017	Reference was made back to Minute 11/780 regarding the display of bunting in Michael Street and comments had been made by residents over the excessive noise made by the bunting in windy conditions. Members sympathised with residents and it was suggested that the bunting only be put up on the occasion of special events. Reference was also made to bunting being placed on the promenade and it was felt that with the anticipated higher winds this could cause more of a problem. After a proposal from Mr. Lace seconded by Mrs. Moughtin it was <i>AGREED</i> that the bunting be removed and that the Town Clerk investigate the cost implications of the bunting being erected on the special occasions such as Peel In Motion Day and Peel Carnival Day.	PGL/TQ
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	12/018	Reference was made back to Minute 11/798 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that one of the approved Municipal Association representatives attend the Annual General Meeting of the	

Association to be held on 24th May 2012. It was noted that this would clash with the agreed meeting of the Commissioners hence the reason that one Member only would attend. Mr. Jones indicated that he would liaise with Mr. Lace over which Member would attend.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

12/019

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

12/00518/B

Installation of window to replace existing garage doors and door to side elevation, Cair Vie, Belle Vue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/00530/C

Additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodation 1 Charles Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/00537/C

Creation of vehicular access and hard-standing to side of dwelling, 1 Willow Close, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/00550/B

Installation of a steel flue, Peel Sailing and Cruising Club, The Rocket House, Crown Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/00568/B

Erection of garden shed, 1 Campion Crescent Rearyt Ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/00570/B

Environmental improvements including new road, parking facilities, enhanced paving surfaces, upgraded boundary fencing and improvements to communal areas, Kerroo Coar, Glenfaba, Roxwell Terrace, North View, St. Germans Place, Heathfield Drive, West View and Boilley Spittal, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

12/020

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

PA 12/00129/B Replace existing garage door with a window 15 Maple Avenue, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. Liam Reynolds. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00339/B Extensions to side and rear elevations and widening of existing vehicular access onto highway, Myrneen 31 Albany Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Russell Phillips. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00400/D Placement, erection and/or display of adverts in accordance with planning, The Food Park, Fish Yard, Mill Road, Peel for the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00403/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling, 7 Queens Drive, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. P Comber. *APPROVED*

LOCAL
AUTHORITY
HOUSING

12/021

Members noted receipt of a letter of response from the Honourable Chris Robertshaw, MHK Minister for Social Care regarding the Commissioners wish to continue administering the social housing in Peel. Mr. Robertshaw had referred to the Public Consultation of the Housing Review and would not commit himself prior to the Consultation being completed.

BAPTISM ON THE
BEACH

12/022

Members considered a request from the Reverend Canon Robinson of the Diocese of Sodor and Mann regarding a proposal to hold a baptism on Peel Beach on 27th May 2012. Members had no objection and *AGREED* to the proposal.

Letter sent

CITIZENS
SERVICE

ADVICE

12/023

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Secretary/Treasury of the Manx Citizens Advice Service which indicated the closure of the Derby Lodge Citizens Advice Office in Peel. Members noted this with regret and wished to record their thanks to those involved in providing the Citizens Advice Service in Peel over many years.

Letter sent

IRIS SCHEME

12/024

Mr. Lace indicated his desire that the Board organise a site visit to the IRIS scheme in the Parish of Patrick. After discussion Mr. Lace

DJL

stated that he was happy to arrange a date for a visit to the sewer infrastructure in Patrick for those Members that were interested in attending. Mr. Cushing indicated that as there was no time scale or what was to be provided in Peel in terms of the IRIS scheme he was concerned that there should be no expense on the rate payers of Peel. Mr. Jones suggested that the visit could be beneficial and could assist in future negotiations with the Water and Sewerage Authority. This was supported by Mr. Kaighin who commented that it would be of benefit to gain as much knowledge on the subject as possible. It was noted that a visit would be arranged by Mr Lacey in due course.

DOG FOULING	12/025	Mr. Jones referred to the response from Mr. Cretney the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure regarding a co-ordinated approach from Central Government over dog fouling in general. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Jones liaise with the Town Clerk over a suitable response to the Minister's letter and Mr. Jones was of the view that Central Government co-ordination over this emotive subject was needed. He referred to new legislation in the UK regarding dog fouling which may be suitable for the Isle of Man.	Letter sent
MANX NATIONAL HERITAGE	12/026	Consideration was given to a letter from the Director of Manx National Heritage regarding the High Court decision on the John Donald Collister bequest. The Manx Museum and National Trust was now seeking views to the manner in which Mr. Collister's bequest should be used and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be held over to the next meeting of the Board.	
REGULATION OF CARE BILL	12/027	After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be held over to the next meeting for consideration.	
GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY MEETING	12/028	The Town Clerk referred to the Government community meetings hosted at different locations around the Island. The next event would take place at Peel Centenary Centre on 26 th June 2012 and provide an opportunity for residents to engage with Ministers on matter of national importance. It was noted that the Chief Minister had re-appointed the scope of	

Government Committee and this particular matter would be raised at the community meeting.

WESTERN LOCAL 12/029
AUTHORITIES
MEETING

The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from Mr. R Ronan, M.H.K., Member with responsibility for local authorities regarding a meeting to be held in the Philip Christian Centre on 18th May 2012 at 1.30p.m.

Email sent

Mrs. Moughtin indicated that with a 1.30p.m. start time she would be unable to attend due to work commitments. Mr. Cushing also indicated that he would have to tender his apologies on similar grounds. After discussion it was noted that Mr. Jones, Mr. Lace, Mr. Kaighin and Mr. Davison and the Chairman would make effort to attend the meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to advise the Department of Infrastructure and Mr. Ronan accordingly.

STREET TRADERS 12/030
LICENCE

The Town Clerk referred to a previous decision of the Board to refuse a street traders licence to Mr. Harris who wished to operate a fast food mobile unit in Peel. Mr. Harris indicated that he would be providing freshly made crepes and waffles and was of the view that this type of service would not compete with established retail outlets in the Town. After further discussion the Board confirmed that it would not permit a street trading licence as requested.

Email sent

MEMORIAL 12/031
PLAQUE

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Emma Sweetman from the Farmhouse, Knockaloe Farm, Patrick in which she wished to place a memorial plaque on one of the promenade bench seats near to the Creg Malin. *AGREED*

Letter sent

MANX GAS 12/032

The Town Clerk referred to a proposal from Manx Gas to install a new district governor at Queens Drive, Peel in preparation for sector conversions. A plan and photograph of the location on the approach to the Queens Drive roundabout was noted. The Town Clerk confirmed that he understood the land to be owned by the Department of Infrastructure It was *AGREED* to consent to the gas box unit with a request that steps be taken to camouflage the unit with suitable planting.

TQ

PEEL BEACH 12/033 Mr. Lace referred to the shower unit on Peel Beach and requested that staff brush back the sand from the adjacent slip. *AGREED* PGL

Mr. Lace also referred to the concrete slab upon which the deckchair housing unit was contained and it was *AGREED* that it be moved. Arising therefrom Mr. Harmer referred to the hire of deck chairs and the Town Clerk indicated that he would check with Mrs. Brew as to whether she was prepared to provide this service for the forthcoming season.

ALBANY ROAD 12/034 Mr. Kaighin referred to concerns he had received over pedestrians crossing Albany Road on the zebra crossing. He indicated that there was a danger to old age pensioners with fast moving traffic in this area. Mr. Kaighin suggested that this zebra crossing be changed to a pelican crossing and it was *AGREED* that a request be made accordingly to the Western Traffic Management Group. PGL

Mr. Kaighin also referred to Heathfield Drive and suggested that on grounds of safety it would be of benefit for a zebra crossing to be placed on Heathfield Drive to assist young person's moving from the West View play area to the lower part of Town. It was *AGREED* that this matter also be referred to the Western Traffic Management meeting.

ST PATRICKS ISLE 12/035 Mr. Kaighin referred to the path surrounding Peel Castle and enquired as to the responsibility for maintenance thereof. Mr. Lace indicated that he would raise the issue at his last meeting of Manx National Heritage scheduled for 3rd May 2012. DJL

ROYAL VISIT 12/036 Mr. Cushing expressed his thanks to all those involved in last week's royal visit by their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and Camilla. He indicated that it was an honour to welcome them to Peel and that the Carnival Princess Kirsty Walsh would remember the occasion for a long time to come.

Mrs. O'Halloran left the meeting at 8.30p.m.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.30p.m.