

BOARD MEETING

The MINUTES of the BOARD MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present	Mr. E C Beale (Chairman) 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
Apologies	Mr. N Cushing
In attendance	Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer) Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer) Mrs. C Horton (Librarian) Mr. R Baker (Curator)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/037	The Chairman welcomed fellow Commissioners, members of the press and public to the second meeting of May.	
MINUTES	12/038	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st May 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
LEAD MEMBER FOR PLANNING	12/039	The Chairman referred back to Minute 12/006 and informed Members that a response had now been received from Michael Gallagher Director of Planning and Building Control asking the Commissioners to confirm who their Lead Member for Planning would be. Mr Harmer proposed Mr Lace this was second by Mr Kaighin and <i>AGREED</i>	Letter Sent
WARD REPORT	LIBRARY 12/040	The Librarian informed Members that she was very pleased that the number of paid up members had shown an increase on last year's figures up to the end of March 2012. Mrs Horton reported that it was very unsettling for borrowers due to the situation with both the mobile and family library facing an uncertain future and some had joined the Ward Library as a result.	Letter Sent

The Librarian informed Members that she would like to thank one of the Board Members for donating to the library a computer. Unfortunately the computer was of a similar vintage and specification to the current main library computer so it would not be cost effective to transfer all the data over to the new computer. The computer was not capable of running the Heritage software that was required to computerise the libraries stock and book issuing system. Mrs Horton reported that a quote had been obtained for a new computer at the cost of £400.00. The Board *AGREED* that the donated computer be sold and the money put towards the cost of purchasing a new computer. It was further *AGREED* that Mrs Horton's son who maintained the Ward Library computers contact Skanco and other computer retailers on the Island to provide a quote for the new computer system.

Mrs Horton informed the Board that the new disc zone outside the library had been a popular decision with borrowers as it made parking a lot easier for visitors to the library. *NOTED*

The Librarian reported that if the family library were to close, which catered for mainly younger readers, the Commissioners might want to discuss updating the junior area in the Ward Library at a future Board meeting.

Mrs Horton informed Members that Mrs Anne Hardie; widow of James Kewley Ward's great grandson had been sorting through some family papers and had come across some original architect drawings and plans of the Ward Library from 1906 along with some colour tinted postcards of the Island which she had donated to the library. Mrs Horton reported that the lock was broken on the display cabinet in which she intended to display these items. The Technical Officer undertook to have the lock mended. The Board *AGREED* that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Hardie thanking her for her kind donation.

The Curator reported that 2011 had been a fantastic year for the Leece Museum with 5453 visitors visiting the museum. A good start had been made to 2012 with 118 visitors who gave feedback that had indicated that they were very happy with the service provided by the Leece Museum. *NOTED*

Mr Baker informed Members that a number of new acquisitions had been acquired by the Museum the including a 200 year old needlework sampler. This was in very poor condition with a broken back board and rust stains and faded embroidery. The Curator had contacted Chris Weeks, Conservator of Objects at Manx National Heritage who had restored the sampler. Mr Baker stated that he wished to thank Mr Weeks for all his hard work. *NOTED*

Mr Baker stated that he would like to thank the following people for donating objects. Aalish Hannan for donating her university thesis "Patriots of a different Brand Perception of internment during the Second World War". Thanks were also extended to Mr & Mrs Hannan for donating a wooden model of "HMS Bounty" made by Eddie Leece and to Mr Ray Manley for donating a large photo 24 x 20 inches of Peel Castle and boats in the bay taken in 1885 from the breakwater by G B Cowin of Ramsey. *NOTED*

Mr Baker reported that the Museum was shortly to get Monty Killey's scrapbooks which had recently been on display at Patrick Church. These books had proved the highlight of the exhibition. The Curator informed Members that other items donated were an 18 x 12 inch black and white painting of Peel Quay in a storm in the 1880's and 31 photographs mostly of Peel.

Mr Baker informed Members that the Trust had recently purchased a new voice recorder to enable Mr Baker to record interviews. *NOTED*

The Curator report that the Trust had recently finished an exhibition of the history of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man Freemasons for their 125th celebrations on the 24th March. The Leece Museum was taken to the “on your doorstep” Exhibition. This was a great success for the Leece Museum with several hotels asking for leaflets and a number of group visits had been arranged. Mr. Baker informed the Board that he has been busy giving talks and town walks on the history of Peel and had recently done one on smuggling on the Isle of Man. *NOTED*

Mr Kaighin enquired if the Leece Museum was run on a charitable trust. Mr Baker commented that the Museum was currently trying to obtain charitable status. Mr Kaighin informed Members that museums across had donation boxes for visitors to give a donation. Mr Baker reported that the Leece Museum did have a donation box but it was not in an accessible place as he was worried that someone may take the money. It was *AGREED* to look into locating the box in a more suitable location.

Mr Harmer informed the Commissioners that he would like to thank the Librarian and the Curator for all their hard work. The Board *AGREED* that Mrs Horton and Mr Baker would attend the July Board meeting to present their next quarterly report.

Mr Baker and Mrs Horton left the meeting.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES	12/042	The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/007 and reported that all the areas on the plan were acceptable in the terms of on-going maintenance in respect of grassed areas, except for one area of grass outside the private apartments at Ballawattleworth. In his opinion Peel Town Commissioners should not be cutting the grass. Mr Quayle stated that it should be up to the apartment management committee to make their own arrangements or the grass area needed to be conveyed to each apartment. Mrs O’Halloran informed	TQ
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the Board that the grassed area needed to go to the individual who bought the apartment. The Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer contact Heritage Homes and inform them that the Commissioners were not prepared to maintain the grassed areas outside the apartments at Ballawattleworth.

RAMSEY ROAD
DEVELOPMENT

12/043 The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/012 and informed the Board that he had received an email informing him that the work was due to be carried out to fill in the pot holes in Oak Road on Wednesday 23rd May 2012. *NOTED*

MICHAEL STREET

12/044 The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/017 reported that outdoor staff had taken down the bunting in Michael Street. Mr Quayle informed Members that the bunting was in very poor condition as it was thread bare. The Technical Officer reported that to put up and take down the bunting for special events would cost in the region of £200 for the staff time. Mr Harmer reported that he knew that there were people who were looking into making cloth bunting. Mrs O'Halloran informed the Board that she thought that this was a very good idea as a number of complaints had been received from Michael Street residents regarding the noise made by the bunting. Mr Kaighin reported that Michael Street was a wind tunnel and the Board should look into putting up flags instead of the bunting. Mr Davison suggested that the Christmas tree holders in Michael Street should be able to be utilised as flag holders. Members *AGREED* that the Technical Officer obtain costings as to how much it would cost to erect flags in Michael Street. TQ

IRIS SCHEME

12/045 Mr Lace referred back to Minute 12/024 and informed Members that the plan for a sewage scheme had been drawn up for Kirk Michael and it may be possible to extend this scheme to Peel. Mr Lace suggested inviting representatives from the Water & Sewerage Authority to meet with the Commissioners to explain both the plans for sewage infrastructure for both Letter Sent

Kirk Michael and Patrick. Mr Lace informed Members that it was vital that Commissioners took action as the water quality in Peel was extremely poor. Mrs O'Halloran reported that she had originally opposed the scheme for Peel as she was not in favour of having an open sewage plant for Peel especially since the new food park had been established in Mill Road. Mrs Moughtin informed members that they needed to ask someone from the Department to meet with the Board and the Commissioners should not let the matter drop until a suitable solution had been obtained for an IRIS Scheme in Peel.

Mr Davison queried where the end of the present sewage pipe was located. The Technical Officer reported that the pipe had been checked and it was ascertained that it was impossible to extend the sewage outlet any further. Mr Davison indicated Members that this was where the problem was occurring. Mr Kaighin informed Members that they should not back down and allow the Department to install an open sewage plant. Mr Lace reported that both sewage plants in Kirk Michael and Patrick were closed plants. The Board *AGREED* to invite representatives from the Water and Sewerage Authority to a meeting to discuss the plans for the IRIS Schemes in Patrick and Kirk Michael.

DOG FOULING

12/046 Mr Jones referred back to Minute 12/025 and reported that a further letter had been sent to Mr Cretney, the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure in response to his letter regarding a co-ordinated approach from Central Government over dog fouling in general. The Finance Officer reported that to date a response had not been received from Mr Cretney. Mr Jones informed Members that he would raise the issue at the next meeting of the Municipal Association and try to raise the profile of Local Authorities and Government having a co-ordinated approach to deal with the issue of people allowing their dog to foul in public places. *NOTED* AJ

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENT FOR 12/047 The following planning applications were considered as follows:- Letter Sent

12/00592/B
Installation of replacement front door, 5 Market Place, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

12/00628/C
Change of Use of ground floor of dwelling as a recording studio, The Old Bakery, 4 Factory Lane, Peel. The Board *AGREED* to request more information as to how the noise levels will be controlled in order to avoid disturbing neighbouring properties before they make their recommendation on whether to recommend approval or not.

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED 12/048 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Department:-

PA 12/00464/B Erection of a two storey office extension (amendment to PA 11/01267/B) Mill House, Mill Road, Peel for Ellan Vannin Fuels Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00246/B Installation of external staircase, erection of raised replacement roof and alterations, Flat 1 5 Michael Street, Peel for Mr & Mrs M Wells. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00325/B Erection of a portal building extension to existing changing rooms/clubhouse to provide an indoor community sports facility, Peel Football Club, Douglas Road, Peel for The Tommy Clucas Memorial Fund. *APPROVED*

PA 11/01549/B APPEAL ON 12/049 The Board *NOTED* an appeal in respect of planning application PA 11/01549/B for the erection of fence on top of existing boundary wall (retrospective) 8 Ballaquane Park, Peel for Mr & Mrs R Wilson. *NOTED*

PEEL CLUB FOOTBALL 12/050 Mr. Harmer reported that he wished to congratulate Peel Football Club on raising the funds through the Tommy Clucas Memorial Fund to build an extension to their clubhouse which would provide an

indoor community sports facility. *NOTED*

LOWER DOUGLAS – 12/051
MASTER PLAN

The Board noted a letter that from Michael Gallagher, Director of Planning and Building Control regarding the Consultation on the Lower Douglas Master Plan including draft interim planning guidance for key town centre sites in Douglas. The aim of the consultation paper was to provide guidance to developers and the public alike on the Department of Infrastructures vision for the key gateway area to the Island and Douglas pending the preparation of the area plan for the East. Members *AGREED* that they did not have any comment to make regarding the Douglas Master Plan.

PEEL BOWLS CLUB 12/052

Members *NOTED* the various dates that Peel Sunset Bowling Club were holding their competitions. The Board *AGREED* that the Chairman would present the cup to the winners of each of the competitions. It was further *AGREED* that the Chairman present the Peel Town Cup to the winner of the Town's major golf competition.

EJB

REGULATION OF 12/053
CARE BILL

Members discussed the Regulation of Care Bill consultation received from Sam McCauley, Policy and Legislation Manager which had been sent on behalf of the Hon. Chris Robertshaw, MHK, Minister for Social Care. The aim of the draft Bill was to consolidate and update the regulation of care services and social care workers on the Isle of Man. Mr Kaighin informed the Board that he was concerned that child minding and child day care for children between 8-15 years of age will be required to have a limited registration which would mean minimum checks were undertaken. This meant that services would not be inspected. Mr Kaighin stated that all care workers should be registered and undergoes regular inspections. Mr. Harmer agreed with Mr Kaighin's views.

Letter Sent

Members *AGREED* that health care professionals for example Chiropractors needed to have professional qualifications and be required to register with the relevant professional body. The Finance

Officer undertook to write to the Department and inform them of the Commissioners views.

MANX NATIONAL 12/054 Letter Sent
HERITAGE

The Board considered a letter that had been received from Manx National Heritage informing Members that earlier this year Manx National Heritage received confirmation from the High Court that the Manx Museum and National Trust was to receive a significant bequest from the late Mr John Donald Collister, a former resident of Colby who died in 2007. The Manx Museum and National Trust were now seeking views as to the manner in which Mr. Collister's bequest should be used.

Mr Lace informed Members that Mr Collister would have preferred the money to be spent in the south of the Island where he lived. Mr Lace suggested that the funds could be used to provide a hall and a play area for local residents and children. Mrs. Moughtin suggested that the donation could be used to create another Manx National Heritage site in the area Mr Collister resided in. Mr Kaighin commented that a mobile display should be created which could be moved to different areas of the Island. Another area Mr Kaighin stated that he would like to see some of the money spent on promoting the Manx Language. Members *AGREED* that the bequest would be best spent in the area where Mr. Collister was resided. The Finance Officer undertook to inform Manx National Heritage of the Commissioners view's as to how the donation should be spent.

RATE OBJECTIONS 12/055

The Board *NOTED* a letter from the Government Valuer, Finance Division of various rating objections namely:-

- Miss G A Parsons, 25 Raad Bridjeen, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel
- Mr Hardman and Miss Bartley, 29 Raad Bridjeen, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel.
- Mrs W Imbraguglio, 9 Raad Bridjeen, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel.

POST BOX	12/056	<p>The Board considered a request from Mrs Denman, 2 Bluebell Close, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel who had telephoned the Post Office twice and written to them with a request have a post box located at the entrance to Rearyt ny Keylley Estate. So far Mrs Denman reported that she had not received a response from the Post Office so she was writing to the Commissioners to request if they were able to help by contacting the Post Office. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that Mr Lace contact the Post Office on the Commissioners behalf and express their support for a post box to be located at Rearyt ny Keylley.</p>	DJL
CAR PARK	12/057	<p>The Finance Officer reported that a letter had been received from Elizabeth Corrin, Race Secretary to the Manx Telecom Parish Walk informing Members that it had come to the Committee's attention that there were new additional parking spaces at the side of the Town Hall. The Committee were concerned that these would be used by the public on the day of the walk as the Committee had a road closure between 12.30p.m. and 5.30p.m. Mrs Corrin informed the Commissioners that they were willing to put up signs prior to the event advising people not to park there.</p> <p>Mrs Corrin requested if the car park would be closed off during the duration of the event on Saturday 23rd June 2012. The Technical Officer informed Members that the best solution would be for the Commissioners portaloos to be located in the car park for the walkers to use and the car park to be closed off to vehicles for the day. <i>AGREED</i></p>	Letter Sent
RAMSEY TOWN BAND	12/058	<p>The Finance Officer informed Members that a letter had been received from Jenny Nutter, Engagement Secretary to Ramsey Town Band enquiring if it would be of interest to the Commissioners for the band to hold a concert in Peel one Sunday afternoon. The Board <i>AGREED</i> they were in favour of the idea in principle. The Finance Officer undertook to write to Mrs Nutter and ask her to supply further details</p>	Letter Sent

as to how the band proposed to stage the concert.

ST JOHNS SCHOOL	12/059	The Finance Officer reported that a letter had been received from Lindsey Clark, Nursery Teacher at St. Johns School requesting if it would be possible for the school to bring the nursery class to Peel promenade for a cycling session of two hours on Thursday 21 st June 2012. The Finance Officer informed Members that Mrs Clark had told her the school would be undertaking the necessary risk assessments for the event. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter Sent
SHOPRITE	12/060	The Finance Officer reported that the Town Clerk had handed the Technical Officer the plans of the street lights that Shoprite wished to erect in the Commissioners part of the car park. The Commissioners <i>AGREED</i> they were in favour of the lights being erected as long as they did not have to maintain them and have to pay the running costs. The Finance Officer undertook to ascertain with Shoprite as to whether they were meeting all the costs of the lights.	Letter Sent
PEEL BEACH CROSS	12/061	Mr Davison reported that he had received a letter from Mr Watterson, Organising Secretary of Ramsey Motor Cycle Club informing them that they would be able to run a beach cross at Peel in TT Week. Therefore he wished to request the permission of the Commissioners to promote an event on Thursday evening of race week, 7 th June 2012. Mr. Watterson was also requesting use of the Creg Malin car park for a paddock. Mrs Moughtin informed Members that it was nice to see that the event was being staged again in Peel as last year it had to be cancelled. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to Mr Watterson's request and further <i>AGREED</i> to give Ramsey Motor Cycle Club a donation towards staging the event as they had in previous years.	Letter Sent
MRS. O'HALLORAN	12/062	Mrs O'Halloran informed the Board that she wished to withdraw her resignation as she had decided to stay on as a Commissioner and serve the people of	

Peel. *NOTED*

COMMUNITY SPIRIT 12/063 Mr Jones reported that one member of the Commissioners staff had recently celebrated his 60th birthday and he was very impressed by the way members of the community had rallied round and held a birthday party for him. Mr Jones commented that the people concerned had shown real community spirit. *NOTED*

REGENERATION OF PEEL 12/064 Mr Harmer reported that the painting of shop fronts in Michael Street was still being progressed by the Regeneration Committee. *NOTED* TQ

Arising therefrom Mr Harmer requested if it would be possible to have one of Vic Bates maps erected by the Marina to provide information and directions to visitors to the Town. *AGREED* The Technical Officer undertook to have a map located in the area before TT fortnight.

Mr Harmer enquired if it would be possible to have the weeds removed from around the Town Hall and the sand removed from the promenade. The Technical Officer undertook to have both the weeds and sand removed.

RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT 12/065 The Chairman informed Members that Miss Chance, Planning Enforcement Officer from the Department of Infrastructure had now acknowledged the fact that work being undertaken regarding the road connection did not correspond with the plans. Miss Chance had stated that the developer would either have to conform to the original plans or put in retrospective planning for the works that had taken place. *NOTED*

ECB

COMMISSIONERS SURGERIES 12/066 The Chairman reported that he had received some feedback from the recent Commissioners surgery which had taken place on 12th May 2012. The Chairman informed Members that he would compile the information so that it could be

discussed at the next Board meeting on
5th June 2012.

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