

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present	Mr. E C Beale (Chairman) Mr. N A Cushing Mrs. J O'Halloran Mr. A G Jones Mr. D J Lace Mrs. C A Moughtin
Apologies	Mr. R K Harmer Mr. I G Davison
Absent	Mr. A Kaighin
In attendance	Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

			Action
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/196	The Chairman welcomed Mr T M Crookall MHK and the press to the second meeting of August 2012.	
MINUTES	12/197	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT	12/198	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/169 and indicated that a letter of response had been received from Mr Gallagher, Director of Planning regarding the investigations into the planning enforcement issues granted under the previous planning approval.	

Mr Gallagher had apologised for the length of time it had taken to reach a conclusion but indicated that the Department had identified a number of options that may be available to the developer to enable it to complete its housing development in accordance with the Planning Approval. The Department was awaiting a formal response from the developer indicating how it intended to proceed.

With regard to the Commissioners formal complaint at the lack of communication from Miss Chance, Mr Gallagher indicated

that the matter had been investigated under its internal audit review procedures and found that there was no case to answer.

In conclusion the Department would take no further action in terms of a breach of planning control.

SEA FOOD SHELLS    12/199    The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/171 and indicated that some of the parties invited to meet with the Commissioners on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012 were unable to do so including Mr W P Caley and Mr C B Horne (Fish Processors) and Mr T Bryan-Brown of the Fish Producers Association. It was therefore *AGREED* to reschedule the meeting to a later date.    Rescheduled

The Town Clerk referred to the vacant date on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and it was *AGREED* to meet Mr Andrew Thornley of 2e2 who wished to discuss the possibility of providing Wifi on a cost neutral basis to the Commissioners in lower Peel.

PUBLIC BENCHES    12/200    The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/187 and indicated that an area of the pavement immediately adjacent to the gated entrance into Heathfield House could be suitable for the location of a public bench. Mr Lace advised that he would contact Mrs Rogers of Heathfield House to discuss the provision of a suitable bench to be placed at this location.    DJL

Arising therefrom the Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mr C Moore of 12 Beach Street, Peel who sought permission for a memorial bench in respect of the late Andrew Whewell. It was proposed that the memorial bench would be placed at a location on the riverbank adjacent to the Close Chairn properties. On the basis that the family purchased the bench it was *AGREED* to the request.

1 CUSHAG CLOSE    12/201    The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/192 and indicated that he had raised Mr Yellop's concerns with the Department of Highways officers at a recent meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group. It was noted that the Department would not

undertake vibration testing outside Mr Yellop's property but were prepared to relocate the speed cushion. *NOTED*. Arising therefrom Mr Cushing enquired as to whether the Department would seek to consult with the Commissioners over the proposed repositioning of the speed cushion.

WAR MEMORIAL 12/202

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/180 and indicated that a letter expressing the Commissioners concerns over alterations made to the area surrounding the War Memorial in St German's Cathedral grounds had been sent to Bishop Patterson. It was further *NOTED* that a similar letter of concern had also been sent to the Bishop by the Royal British Legion.

A response from the Bishop was currently awaited.

FLORAL DISPLAYS 12/203

Members *NOTED* receipt of a letter of praise from Mr & Mrs Quine of Peveril Avenue, Peel regarding the colourful display of flowers around the town, in particular outside the Town Hall. The Town Clerk indicated that the letter had been copied to the gardeners.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT 12/204

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

12/01121/B

Alterations and extension to the rear of dwelling 10 Stanley Road, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/01123/B

Erection of five dwellings (amendments to house types approved under PA10/00544/B), Plots C13, C16, C17, C24 and C26, Residential Development Field 311825, and part of Fields 315097, 311826, 311827 and 314444 between Derby Road/Poortown Road and QE2 High School and east of Reayrt ny Keylley.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

12/01044/B

Refurbishment of whole of Mill Road Yard, and the Fish Yard, Peel. This application had been adjourned from the previous meeting and Mr Cushing indicated that he had concerns over the sewage disposal proposals. It was *NOTED* that the Planning Committee insisted that any new building development required its foul sewage to be independently dealt with pending connection to the mains under the IRIS scheme. However, this Government application provided for the foul sewage to enter the existing foul sewage system. Mr Cushing was of the view that the same standards that apply to private developers should also apply to Government. On this basis it was *AGREED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
NOTIFIED

12/205

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

Appeal  
lodged

PA12/00762/B

Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings with integral garages to replace existing dwelling and garage 29 Albany Road, Peel. *APPROVED*.

Mrs Moughtin referred to PA12/00762/B relating to the approval granted to Simon James Walter Marshall for the replacement of the existing dwelling at 29 Albany Road with two semi-detached dwellings. The Board was of the view that the removal of the existing property was detrimental to the streetscape and it was *AGREED* to submit an appeal in respect of this approval.

PA12/00592/B

Installation of replacement front door, 5 Market Place, Peel. *APPROVED*.

PA12/00980/B

Erection of a dwelling with conservatory/sun room to rear (amendment to dwelling approved under PA 10/00544/B) Plot B4 Reayrt ny Cronk, Poortown Road, Peel *APPROVED*..

PA12/00417/CON

Registered Building consent for the removal of pews (Registered Building Nos. 204 St German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel *APPROVED*..

PA12/00955/B

Erection of a first floor extension over existing garage and sun lounge extension to replace existing conservatory 5 Ballagyr Park, Peel *APPROVED*.

PA12/00809/B ON APPEAL	12/206	The Town Clerk indicated that a letter had been received from Mr Stuart Blackley which indicated that he did not intend to use the road to the rear of the Close Chairn properties for access to his proposed new vehicle storage/workshop premises. On the basis that Mr Blackley would gain access and egress via the former railway line in front of the Total Oil Depot it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners withdraw their appeal.	Completed
PA12/00570/B ON APPEAL	12/207	Members noted receipt of an appeal by Dr Redfearn of St Germans Place, Peel to the planning application on behalf of Peel Town Commissioners for environmental improvements to various properties at Kerroo Coar, Glenfaba Road, Roxwell Terrace, North View, St Germans Place, Heathfield Drive, West View and Boilley Spittal. The Town Clerk indicated that the scheme architect Mr Ashley Pettit had been in contact with Dr Redfearn to try and resolve his concerns regarding the turning circle at the end of St Germans Place which had prompted his appeal. <i>NOTED</i> .	
NOVEMBER FIREWORK DISPLAY	12/208	Consideration was given to the quotations received by Galaxy Fireworks and Pains Fireworks for the provision of a firework display on 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2012. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that the quote provided by Pains Fireworks be accepted. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a display lasting approximately 15 minutes would be the preferred option. Mrs Moughtin wished to register her objection to this decision.	Completed

PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION	12/209	Discussion ensued over the arrangements for a Peel Achievers Evening. The Town Clerk advised that the event would take place on the evening of Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 at Peel Golf Club at 7.30pm. It was <i>NOTED</i> that the various category winners of the Peel In Bloom Competition would be invited to receive their awards during the evening together with the recipient of the E T A Kelly shield. Members were requested to give consideration to the proposed guest list and format for the evening including the provision of some musical entertainment.	
MAUGHOLD CIVIC SERVICE	12/210	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from Maughold Parish Commissioners to attend their Civic Service on Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 3.00pm at Kirk Maughold Church. The Chairman indicated that he would be pleased to attend the service. The Town Clerk undertook to advise the Clerk accordingly.	Letter sent
PEEL BEACH MOTO-CROSS	12/211	Consideration was given to a request from Ramsey Motorcycle Club to run a beach moto-cross event in Peel on Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7.15pm. It was <i>AGREED</i> to permit the event and provide a contribution to the club towards its organisation of this annual event.	Letter sent
VALUATION LIST	12/212	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of the completed Second Supplemental Valuation List for 2012.	
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT LIASION GROUP	12/213	The Town Clerk indicated that the Chairman, Mr Lace and himself had attended the latest meeting of the Western Traffic Management Liaison Group on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2012. Of particular concern was the decision of the Department of Infrastructure to reverse its decision to make Patrick Street and Glenfaba Road one way. It had been stated that additional consultation had taken place with affected residents and the feed-back received was in opposition to the proposal. As a result the Department had agreed to reverse its decision which was noted with disappointment and concern by the Board.	Letter sent

Members indicated that significant consultation had taken place over a lengthy period to improve the traffic situation in Peel and this Phase Two of the plan would no longer take place. Mr Cushing indicated that as Phase Two of a three phase plan had been deleted what would take place with regard to the other phases of the overall plan. In conclusion it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Mr Derek Sewell of the Department of Infrastructure enquiring as to the likely impact of this reversal in terms of the traffic management plan for Peel.

RATING  
OBJECTIONS

12/214

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners in respect of 6 and 26 Corran Pirragh, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel. In both cases the Appeal Commissioners had refused the request for a reduction in rates due to the remoteness of the properties to the new housing estate being built.

QUEEN  
ELIZABETH II  
HIGH SCHOOL

12/215

Mr Lace referred to the Queen Elizabeth II High School which currently sat in the Parish of German and right on the boundary with the town of Peel. As Mr Crookall MHK was now Minister for the Department of Education he enquired whether it was an opportune time to make a further request to amend the Peel boundary to bring the school within the Town Boundary. The Town Clerk undertook to write to Mr Crookall enquiring as to whether he supported such a proposal.

Letter sent

SOLWAY  
HARVESTER

12/216

Mr Lace referred to his concern that despite the tragic loss of the Solway Harvester many years previously the wreck of the vessel was still berthed in Douglas Harbour. Mr Lace enquired as to how much longer it would be left at this location and indicated that during his tenure as Chairman in 2000 he had organised a book of condolence to the relatives of the lost fishermen. It was his view that after this lengthy period the vessel should be removed from the harbour and sunk at sea. Mr Cushing supported Mr Lace's view and it was *AGREED* that a

letter be addressed to Mr Cretney MHK regarding the Commissioners concerns over this matter.

SHOPRITE STORES 12/217 Letter sent  
IN PEEL

Mrs Moughtin referred to the recent completion of the refurbishment of the Michael Street Shoprite store and the current significant investment in the Derby Road Store. In Mrs Moughtins' view significant investment in Peel had been undertaken by the parent company, Isle of Man Investments plc, and it was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Managing Director Mr Nicholson with the Commissioners congratulations on their improvements to the shopping experience offered by the company.

PRISONERS 12/218 PGL

Mr Cushing referred to previous discussions over the possible employment of prison labour on Commissioners projects. The matter had stalled due to a requirement that the prisoners be paid at an hourly rate. Mr Cushing had recently attended a meeting of the Manx Transport Trust at which it had transpired that prison labour could be utilised for charitable organisations at no cost. It was suggested that improvements could be undertaken within the town if the Commissioners made an approach via a local charity. It was *AGREED* that the matter be investigated further.

HERITAGE HOMES 12/219 Letter sent  
LIMITED

Mr Cushing referred to the recent email sent by Mr Cowin in objection to the apparent breaches of planning conditions by Heritage Homes Limited. It appeared that planning conditions were not being adhered to in reference to the lighting of fires on the site. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Heritage Homes Limited requesting that they strictly follow planning conditions in terms of their work on this development site.

Arising therefrom Mr Cushing referred to the letter received from Mr Gallagher Director of Planning and discussed earlier in the meeting. He indicated that the reference to the Police decision not to take any further action in the McLeod's Field



development planning application and which in respect of which no response had been received by him. He advised that the Ballawattleworth Action Group had recently submitted a planning application to place a traffic barrier across the end of Oak Road leading into the McLeod's Field Development. It was *NOTED* that the planning application would be considered upon receipt from the Planning Department in due course.

VANDALISM

12/220

The Town Clerk listed the various locations at which vandalism had occurred on Commissioners property including St Peter's Church Yard and the Campsite. Members were concerned at the costs both in terms of labour and actual cost to repair the damage committed. It was felt that the youths responsible were obtaining alcohol as a number of empty cans and broken wine bottles had been found on a regular basis at the end of the Promenade. It was requested that the press report the matter and the Commissioners concerns, Mr Jones indicated that if any member of the public had information regarding incidents of vandalism to report it to the Police.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.35p.m.