

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4th September 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

			Action
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/221	The Chairman welcomed Mr. T M Crookall, MHK to the first meeting of September.	
MINUTES	12/222	The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st August 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 12/216 where the reference to the year 2005 was deleted and the year 2000 substituted.	
RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT	12/223	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/198 and indicated that at the previous Board meeting reference had been made to the investigations carried out by the Planning Division into the Commissioners formal complaint regarding the lack of communication from Miss Chance and indicated that subsequent to the statement that the matter had been investigated and that there was no case to answer a further letter had been received dated 24 th August 2012 from the Director of Planning, Mr. Gallagher. Mr. Gallagher had indicated that he would update the Commissioners on the progress of the complaint when he was in a position to do so which was contrary to the previous letter sent by Mr. Gallagher dated 21 st August. It was <i>AGREED</i> to seek clarification on this point.	Letter sent
WAR MEMORIAL	12/224	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/202 and advised that a response had been received that day from the Right Reverend Robert Paterson, Bishop of Sodor and Man.	Letter sent

Members noted the contents of the Bishop's letter in which the Dean of St. German's Cathedral had offered his apology for the alterations undertaken on the war memorial. The Bishop continued that in his opinion the changes were for the better as the war memorial had become unsightly and a future liability. Mr. Jones countered this point and indicated that the war memorial would only have necessitated minor repairs and was certainly not an eyesore. Mr. Jones stated that the memorial wall had been built by public subscription and enquired as to what remedy the church proposed to rectify the situation as it did not belong to the Cathedral.

Mr. Cushing suggested that consideration be given to providing an alternative site for the war memorial. However, Mr. Lace felt that was inappropriate and it should remain within the Cathedral grounds. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that many alterations were taking place at the Cathedral and the Planning Division appeared not to consider the Commissioners views. Mrs. Moughtin stated that she felt the Bishops letter was not sufficient in terms of an apology.

In conclusion the Board remained deeply disappointed and concerned at the actions taken by the Dean of St. Germans Cathedral.

PEEL ACHIEVERS RECEPTION	12/225	Reference was made back to Minute 12/209 and discussion ensued on arrangements for the Peel Achievers reception to be held on the evening of Friday 12 th October 2012 at Peel Golf Club. Members <i>AGREED</i> proposed recipients of the evening together with the guest list and musical entertainment. Mr Harmer indicated that he would contact Dave McLean regarding live music. The Town Clerk undertook to make the necessary arrangements.	PGL
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT LIAISON GROUP	12/226	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/213 and read out the contents of an email from Mr. Derek Sewell the Network Planning Manager for the Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division. Members noted with concern that the Department had reversed its decision to create a one-way system in Glenfaba Road and Patrick Street consequent	

upon fifteen responses from nearby residents. The Department proposed to assess the traffic at the North View/Patrick Street junction and the Patrick Street/Heathfield Drive junction. It would also look to provide traffic build out calming on Patrick Street, West View and Ballaterson Road.

Members referred to the original consultation when it was proposed that a one way system be provided at Glenfaba Road and Patrick Street and it was felt that this was an integral part of the overall plan. Members noted that Mr. Sewell had not addressed this particular point in his email response.

<p>QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 HIGH SCHOOL</p>	<p>12/227</p>	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/215 and reported that Mr. Crookall, MHK had not as yet responded to the request that a boundary extension be applied for to bring the Queen Elizabeth 11 High School within the Town boundary. The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Crookall wished to meet with the Commissioners on 26th September 2012 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this meeting take place and also to invite the Police.</p>	<p>Arranged</p>
<p>SOLWAY HARVESTER</p>	<p>12/228</p>	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/216 and indicated that a recent press article issued by the Harbours Division had confirmed that the Solway Harvester would be removed from Douglas Harbour in early 2013. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
<p>VANDALISM</p>	<p>12/229</p>	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/220 and indicated that further vandalism had occurred with the removal of the brass Commissioners sign from outside the front door of the Town Hall. In addition the skateboard ramps had been damaged. Mr. Lace also advised that the focus adjuster on the promenade telescope had been damaged and required repair.</p>	<p>PGL</p>

The Chairman suggested that a public meeting may be of benefit to address the issues of vandalism around the Town. Mr. Cushing indicated that a requisition meeting to discuss the budget process may be of value as residents could then have input as to what the rates could be expended on. Mr. Davison reported upon gangs of youths congregating at various locations around the Town and he was

concerned at the lack of Police foot patrols. He had spoken to Chief Inspector Paul Cubbon and been advised that there was no reason why foot patrols should not take place within the Town. It was *AGREED* that a request be made to Inspector Campbell to consider the issue of Police foot patrols during evening when the incidents of vandalism appeared to occur.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS

12/230

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

PA 12/01137/B Installation of traffic barrier part of land of 35 Oak Road and highway north of Willow Close and entrance to Willow Close, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel as this application had been submitted by Mr. Cushing the Board *AGREED* that he not take part in its consideration.

Members discussed the application at length and comment was made that Oak Road was always intended to be linked to the Ramsey Road. Whilst some sympathy was voiced in respect of Oak Road residents it was also indicated that other streets in Peel had to endure heavy traffic. Traffic calming had been installed in Oak Road which would assist in slowing through traffic down. It was noted that irrespective of whether this planning application received approval or not the traffic barrier could only be erected with the Department of Infrastructure approval as it would be sited on the public road. On a point of order Mr. Cushing corrected the factual mistakes made by each Member. In conclusion it was *AGREED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

PA 12/01138/B Erection of a terrace of three dwellings with parking and a new vehicular access onto Ramsey Road, land adjacent to Carnaween, Battery Road, Peel. It was noted that this planning applications provided for a new junction which would be within 70 metres of the existing Battery Road junction leading onto a main road. Concerns were also voiced over the impact on wildlife in this area. It was also noted that the provision of new properties was outside the strategic plan limit on property development within the Town. It was *AGREED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

		PA 12/01183/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation of dwelling, 21 Mona Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i>	
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	12/231	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:- PA 12/00990/C Additional use of sandwich shop as a café (retrospective) 12 Douglas Street, Peel for The Crust Limited. <i>APPROVED</i> PA 12/00969/B Installation of replacement windows, door and roof lights, 3 Queen Street, Peel for Melissa Read. <i>APPROVED.</i> PA 12/00987/B Erection of an extension to dwelling, 1 Cowley Terrace, Peel for Mrs. Fenella McMullen. <i>APPROVED.</i> PA 12/00998/B Roofing works to existing conservatory, 11 Maple Avenue, Ballawattleworth Estate, peel for Mr. Craig Marr. <i>APPROVED.</i>	
PA 12/00809/B ON APPEAL	12/232	Members noted receipt of confirmation from the Planning Appeals Office that the Appeal submitted by the Commissioners in respect of the application by Stuart Blackley Construction Limited for the erection of an industrial vehicle storage/workshop unit at Close Chairn, Peel had been withdrawn.	
LAXEY CIVIC SERVICE	12/233	Members noted receipt of an invitation to Laxey Village Commissioners Civic Sunday Service to be held on 23 rd September 2012 at 11.00a.m. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.	Invite accepted
MR A KAIGHIN	12/234	Members noted receipt of the written resignation of Mr. Aaron Kaighin as a Commissioner. The Town Clerk had replied to accept the resignation. It was noted that a press advert for nominations to fill the vacant Commissioners position would be issued that week with nominations to be received by 13 th September and a by-election to be held on 18 th October 2012 if	

required.

SOCIAL POLICY DEBATE	12/235	Members gave preliminary consideration to the consultation document regarding social policy and agreed that they respond individually to the online questionnaire.	
SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT REPORT	12/236	<p>The Town Clerk referred to the consultation document issued by the Council of Ministers. Part of the document related to proposals of local government reform with centrally administered functions being transferred to larger local authorities. The Town Clerk indicated that he had prepared a draft paper on the matter and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this issue be discussed at the policy meeting to be held on Saturday 22nd September 2012.</p> <p>It was further <i>AGREED</i> that preliminary consideration be given to suggested budget items at this meeting and Members were requested to give this matter detailed consideration prior to the meeting date.</p>	
POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL	12/237	Mr. Cushing declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion. Consideration was given to a consultation document issued by the Department of Economic Development which looked to provide new legislation in which the main duty of the Post Office was extended beyond the conveyance of letters. Comment was made that private firms were doing work in this area of new technology and that the Post Office should remain with its current core function.	Letter sent
ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT	12/238	Consideration was given to a consultation document issued by the Council of Ministers which proposed the introduction of Armed Forces Community Covenant. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be deferred to the next meeting for more detailed consideration.	
PEEL CARNIVAL	12/239	The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks received from the Chairman of Peel Carnival Committee with regard to the assistance given by the Commissioners to the running of this year's carnival. <i>NOTED</i>	
COMMISSIONERS SURGERY	12/240	It was <i>AGREED</i> that the next Commissioners surgery be held on Saturday 15 th September 2012 between 10.00a.m and 12 noon.	

PEEL BEACH MISSION	12/241	The Town Clerk referred to a response he had received from Mr. Michael Clarkson inviting him to a small ceremony in recognition of what would be his 50 th anniversary of running beach missions in Peel in 2013. Mrs. Moughtin suggested that an event could be arranged on 2 nd August 2013 at 7.00p.m provisionally involving some form of entertainment/games with the children on Peel Beach with the adults then retiring to the Sailing Club. for a small ceremony to mark Mr. Clarkson's achievement.	PGL
BIG TIDY UP CAMPAIGN	12/242	The Town Clerk referred to an email from Mr. Macken of Douglas Corporation in which he intended to co-ordinate the Big Tidy Up Campaign for 2012. This year's event would take place on Friday September 29 th and it was <i>AGREED</i> that enquiries be made as to whether the schools in Peel would become involved.	PGL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	12/243	<p>The Town Clerk referred to an order revoking a reserved parking space at Westlands.</p> <p>It was also noted that two temporary prohibition orders on the restriction of traffic had been made whilst road repair works were undertaken. The first restriction involved that part of East Quay from Crown Street to the Weatherglass Corner and from the Weatherglass Corner along the promenade to the junction with Crown Street and would take place between 8th October and 19th October 2012 or until resurfacing works were completed whichever was the earlier.</p> <p>The second prohibition of traffic order related to that section of Douglas Street from its junction with Michael Street to that part of Tynwald Road with its junction to Lyndale Avenue. Resurfacing works was scheduled between 24th September and 5th October 2012 or until resurfacing works were completed whichever was the earlier.</p> <p>Mrs. O'Halloran joined the meeting at 9.05pm.</p>	
SWIMMING POOL	12/244	Mr. Davison enquired as to whether the outdoor staff would assist in weed spraying at the swimming pool. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this be undertaken.	PGL

BMX TRACK	12/245	Mr. Cushing reported that an offer to upgrade and improve the BMX track on the headlands field had been made by Mr. Cain of Kirk Michael. On the basis that the Commissioners provide a mini digger and a wagon load of fine grit then Mr. Cain would ensure that the improvement works were undertaken sometime during October or November 2012. <i>AGREED</i>	TQ
IRIS SCHEME	12/246	Mr. Cushing indicated that the Kirk Michael sewerage improvements had now been completed and indicated that he had received information that the Water and Sewerage Authority may have some unspent finances that could be directed towards work in Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> to enquire whether this was feasible.	PGL
ARMY CADETS	12/247	Mr. Cushing advised that the Army Cadets were looking to establish a meeting place in Peel and had enquired as to whether there were any premises available. The Commissioners suggested that contact be made with the group that operated the Fisherman's Shelter on East Quay. Mr. Lace referred to an approach he had received from the Committee Members running the Fisherman's Shelter which only enjoyed an annual lease from the Harbours Division. The Committee was seeking the Commissioners support for a longer term lease and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Department in support with copies to Peel Heritage Trust and Mr. Crookall, MHK.	Letter sent
WEST VIEW	12/248	Mr. Jones referred to a report he had had overgrown shrubs in West View. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Warden be asked to investigate with a view to the shrubbery being cut back from the pavement.	PGL
COACH PARKING	12/249	Comment was made over the House of Manannan overspill car park being used by fish workers due to the improvement works taking place in the fish yard. As a result the coaches visiting Peel were no longer able to park at this location and were possibly looking to avoid Peel. Mr. Davison indicated that the location within the fish yard where shells had been stored had now been disposed of and the fish	

workers were now being directed to park their vehicles at this location which would free up the overspill car park for coaches. *NOTED*

PEEL TOWN
CENTRE PARKING
STUDY

12/250

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute C12/155 and reported that Mr. Crookall, MHK has still not responded in writing to the Commissioners concerns as to his non-contribution to the study and his non-attendance at the special Board meeting held on 9th August 2012 when the draft study was discussed.

This part of the meeting ended at 9.15.pm.