

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance         Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/315	The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the second meeting of October. The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Watson of Watsons Nursery had rung to convey his thanks to the Commissioners with regard to the recent Peel Achievers evening on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2012.	
MINUTES	12/316	The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
WAR MEMORIAL	12/317	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/294 and indicated that Bishop Paterson had suggested the benefit of a meeting with interested parties to discuss the current situation. It was <i>AGREED</i> to arrange a meeting for 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2012 at 7.00p.m.	Done
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN	12/318	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/295 and reported that he had spoken to Mr. Sewell of the Department of Infrastructure who indicated that some sixty letters had been issued to residents affected by the proposed change to a one way system in Glenfaba Road and Patrick Street. Twenty five per cent had responded all of which opposed the proposal. Mr. Harmer stated that a lack of consistency had been shown by the Department. It was noted that a lengthy period of consultation had taken place originally and it was Mr. Lace's view	Letter sent

that the Department should at least experiment with the one way system for a trial period. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that as a resident of Patrick Street she had not received a Department of Infrastructure letter and was aware of other residents being content with the proposed one way system. It was noted that other streets had been made one way in recent years with opposition evident in the first place but subsequently accepted by the public. It was *AGREED* that a further letter be sent to the Department.

FORMER MEDICAL 12/319  
CENTRE

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/296 and indicated that both he and the Chairman had met with Mr. Andrew Thomas of Isle of Man Enterprises plc to discuss the purchase by Shoprite of the former medical centre and their future plans.

It was noted that Shoprite had negotiated a purchase from the Government and intended to seek permission to demolish the building to create a larger car park. It was further noted that negotiations would then have commenced with the Commissioners over a further land swap which would result in the Commissioners owning the lower section of the car park adjacent to Derby Drive.

The Town Clerk advised that as a result of the temporary Preservation Order being placed on the building Shoprite's plans had stalled. It was suggested that if the Commissioners supported the removal of the Preservation Order not only would additional overnight parking be available to residents of the Town but Shoprite would gift the sandstone from the demolished surgery to the Commissioners for use elsewhere. The Town Clerk confirmed that the temporary Preservation Order would run to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

The matter was discussed by the Board and Members indicated that the old part of the building had architectural merit whilst the more recent pebble dashed section was of less value. Mr. Harmer indicated his opposition to the extension of the car park and felt that the Town would benefit from

alternative use of the building such as office/commercial occupation. Mr. Davison indicated that he had an interest in the site and was awaiting contact from the Deputy Director of Health over this matter. In his opinion it should have been placed on the open market.

In conclusion the Board confirmed its previous decision to support the temporary Preservation Order.

HOUSING REVIEW  
CONSULTATION  
RESPONSE  
REPORT

12/320

Mr. Jones referred back to Minute 12/297 and reiterated that in his opinion the Department of Social Care intended to take back all local authority housing and administer it centrally.

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The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Clerk to Onchan District Commissioners which indicated their concerns at the Department's intentions and sought to hold a meeting with all the housing authority Chairmen and Clerks to discuss the best way to oppose the Departments aims.

It was *AGREED* that the Chairman and Town Clerk together with the Clerk to Peel and Western District Housing Committee attend any meeting arranged by Onchan District Commissioners.

PA 12/01274/B  
ST. GERMANS  
CATHEDRAL

12/321

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/301 and indicated that Mr. Loundes of Manx Telecom had offered to meet with the Commissioners following their recommendation to the Planning Committee to oppose the application for telecommunication equipment in the bell tower at St. Germans Cathedral.

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Mr. Harmer suggested that a public meeting would be of value and it was *AGREED* that arrangements be made for a public meeting in the Corrin Hall with an invitation extended to Manx Telecom and the Cathedral representatives to discuss the matter.

CHRISTMAS  
ARRANGEMENTS

12/322

Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 12/306 and indicated that he had discussed the possibility of the lead actors in this year's

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Christmas pantomime, which was Jack and the Beanstalk, being given the honour of switching on the Christmas lights. *AGREED* It was further noted that two tickets for the pantomime would also be offered as a prize for the Christmas lantern competition which the Commissioners organised in partnership with the House of Manannan.

FIRE  
PRECAUTIONS  
(FLATS)  
REGULATIONS

12/323

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/309 and indicated that he had discussed the consultation document with the Technical Officer.

It was noted that the proposals had been promoted by the Fire Service and would entail a requirement for sprinkler systems in new build flats and those being subject to major refurbishment. There were other proposals for regular inspections to test fire alarm systems and it was noted that these proposals would impact upon private landlords. The Commissioners flats already complied with the proposed new requirements.

CIGARETTE BINS –  
PROMENADE

12/324

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/312 and advised that cigarette bins were priced at £47 each and it was *AGREED* that three be purchased to be placed on the promenade.

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ROAD TRAFFIC  
REGULATION ACT  
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12/325

Members noted three reserved parking place orders made by the Department of Infrastructure. Two Orders created reserved parking places on Crown Street and North View respectively and one revoked a parking place on Tynwald Close. *NOTED*

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS  
FOR COMMENT

12/326

The Board considered two planning applications as follows:-

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12/01344/B  
Demolition of stone wall and erection of fencing and ground works (retrospective) 10 Church Lane, Peel. Members discussed this retrospective application and voiced concern that it involved the erection of a wooden fence across the bottom end of the pedestrian lane running off Church Lane. Mr. Cushing indicated that it was within the

Conservation Area and that the application should involve a stone wall as opposed to a fence. A query was also raised as to ownership of the pedestrian cul de sac lane. The planning application blocked off the bottom section and increased the end property garden. After discussion it was *AGREED RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

12/01347/B

Installation of replacement windows and entrance door and replace existing rear extension pitched roof with a flat roof, 28 Shore Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

HERITAGE HOMES LIMITED 12/327

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Chief Secretary's Office which indicated approval for variation of condition 4 of the previous planning application 10/00544/B.

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED 12/328

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

12/01123/B erection of five dwellings (amendments to house types approved under PA 10/00544/B at Plots C13, C16, C17, C24 and C26, residential development field 311825 and parts of fields 315097, 311826 a311827 and 314444 Between Derby Road/Poortown Road and QE11 High School and East of Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

12/01221/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation 10 Duke Street, Peel for Mrs. Carol Spencer. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00738/B 12/329

The Town Clerk referred to the planning application by Shoprite (IOM) Limited for an external lighting scheme to its car park in Derby Road. It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

PLANNING APPEALS 12/330

Consideration was given to a letter from the Director of Planning and Building Control regarding a consultation to introduce fees for planning appeals. The proposals would involve a one off fee of £150 for any party taking a matter to appeal. That sum would be refunded should the appeal be successful. Letter sent

Mr. Cushing indicated that the consultation was to be applauded as it would avoid spurious appeals. It was *AGREED* to advise the Department that the Commissioners supported the proposal.

HOUSING (FLATS) REGULATIONS 1982	12/331	The Town Clerk referred to an inspection by the Environmental Health Officer which recommended the registration of flats 2 and 4 Close Caaig, Rearyt ny Cronk. Peel. The Board approved the registration of these two flats.	Completed
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HOP TU NAA	12/332	Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. Hazel Hannan in which she sought the assistance of the Commissioners to provide prizes for the Hop Tu Naa competition. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a cheque to cover the various category prizes to the same amount as offered in 2011 be made.	Completed
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BATHING WATER QUALITY	12/333	Mr. Cushing tabled a Notice of Motion as follows:	PGL/ECB
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“Following the publication of bathing water quality for the period 15<sup>th</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 which shows that (1) Fenella beach met the excellent standard on ten occasions and the good standard on 6 occasions, and (2) the main Peel beach met the excellent standard on four occasions and was classified as poor on two occasions, will the Board authorise the Chairman to issue a press release outlining the Board’s plans for improving bathing water quality on both Peel’s beaches”.

Mrs. Felton seconded the Motion and Mr. Cushing outlined the purpose of the Motion. It was his view that the residents of the Town should be aware of what the Commissioners intended to do to address the quality of bathing water on both Peel’s beaches.

Mrs. Felton voiced her support for the Motion and Mr. Lace commented on recent incidents of swimmers being affected by the poor quality of the water. Mr. Jones was somewhat bemused by the Motion with regard to what the Commissioners plans might be as he was unsure how we could put

forward such plans to the general public when the matter had not yet been fully explored. It was suggested that the Commissioners should remain silent until they had something concrete to offer the residents.

Mr. Harmer moved an amendment to the Motion as follows:

“The Board authorises the Chairman to issue a press release in which the Board would work with the Water and Sewerage Authority”.

With no seconder the amendment failed. The Chairman called for a vote on Mr. Cushing’s motion and with five Members in favour and four against the motion carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION

12/334

Mr. Harmer referred to Mr. Cushing’s Notice of Motion that the Board seek a legal opinion as to whether the (In Committee) meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 was conducted in accordance with Standing Orders of Peel Town Commissioners dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 as amended 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012. Mr. Harmer suggested that this motion ought to be discussed “In Committee”. Mr. Cushing disagreed as it was not intended to discuss the “In Committee” meeting in detail.

After consideration Members *AGREED* that Mr. Cushing’s Notice of Motion be considered “In Committee”.

IRIS REPORT

12/335

Members noted an analytical report prepared anonymously on the IRIS scheme. The Town Clerk indicated that the report was available on the Liberal Vannan website. The report was noted by Members.

Arising therefrom a letter from Mrs. Trimble concerning this issue was moved to the “In Committee” part of the meeting for discussion. Mr. Cushing registered his opposition to this decision.

HOUSE OF KEYS QUESTION

12/336

Members noted a letter from the Department of Infrastructure dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 regarding a request from the Minister the

Honourable David Cretney, MHK to bring to the attention of local authorities a government scheme to encourage people not in education, employment or training which offered assistance to bring such people into the work environment. The scheme allowed for a payment of £90 per week to trainees engaged in a basic training programme with an external employer. It was noted that the Commissioners already employed such a person.

INDUCTION TRAINING	12/337	Consideration was given to a letter from the Department of Infrastructure which indicated that it would no longer provide induction training for new Commissioners. Mr. Harmer stated that this training course was of particular benefit to new Commissioners and he expressed his disappointment that the Department intended to save costs by removing the course from its training programme. It was suggested that local authority training would differ from one authority to another and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Department requesting that it reconsider its decision to cut costs in this manner.	Letter sent
MEMBERS INTERESTS	12/338	The Board noted a letter from the Department of Infrastructure dated 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 regarding a reminder in respect of members interests. <i>NOTED</i>	
NATIONAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE	12/339	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Chief Minister regarding the National Service of Remembrance to be held at St. Johns on Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 3.00p.m. It was noted that this clashed with the Service of Remembrance held in Peel and the Chairman indicated that he would attend, with his fellow Commissioners, the Peel Service.	Letter sent
OAK ROAD – TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES	12/340	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Foster of 12 Oak Road, Peel regarding their concerns at the removal of the traffic speed bumps removed from outside their property by the Department of Infrastructure the previous week. Mr. & Mrs. Foster requested the Commissioners to list this matter as an agenda item for the next	PGL/DJL



Western Traffic Management Group Meeting. After discussion it was *AGREED* to do this and in the meantime Mr. Lace indicated that he would meet with Mr. and Mrs. Foster prior to the meeting.

TREE FELLING LICENCE – REAYRT NY KEYLLEY	12/341	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Forestry Amenity and Lands Directorate at St. Johns indicating that, after inspection, it was not prepared to issue a tree felling permit for the removal of three Corsican Pine trees adjacent to Bluebell Close and Campion Crescent, Rearyt ny Keylley as these were registered and displayed no evidence of disease or movement. <i>NOTED</i>	
MANX ADVERTISER	12/342	The Town Clerk indicated he had met with Mr. Geoff Black the previous week who was promoting a new advertising weekly for the Isle of Man. The booklet had a 42,000 print run and would be delivered weekly Island wide. It was noted that advertising was cheaper than local papers. <i>NOTED</i>	
PEEL CLOTHWORKERS SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS FAYRE	12/343	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Parent Teachers and Friends Association at the Clothworkers School seeking assistance for the provision of a hamper at the school Christmas Fayre. It was <i>AGREED</i> to provide a hamper similar to 2011.	
WESTERN VIKINGS RUGBY CLUB	12/344	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Western Viking Rugby Club to undertake a collection in Peel for club funds to assist with the youth and adult development programme. The club would undertake a Hop Tu Naa fancy dress walkabout on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2012 and a Mhellia on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2012. Whilst the club was not a registered charity it was <i>AGREED</i> to wish the organisers well in their fund raising effort.	Email sent
CLOTHING BANK	12/345	The Town Clerk referred to a request from Mr. Simon Scott to temporarily relocate his clothing bank from the Shoprite car park to the campsite whilst work was undertaken on the car park site by Shoprite. The Town Clerk indicated that Mr. Scott was prepared to offer a small annual rental for the use of the Commissioners land for his clothing	PGL

bank which raised a significant sum of money for charity. It was noted that the Salvation Army through a UK company was also looking to operate clothing bank sites at various locations across the Island. After discussion it was *AGREED* to permit Mr. Scott to temporarily relocate to the campsite with no requirement to pay a nominal rental.

MANX GAS	12/346	The Town Clerk referred to a request from Manx Gas to locate its information mobile unit at the Peel Campsite car park whilst its next phase of the mains gas programme was undertaken in Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the campsite toilet block be made available for residents visiting the information mobile unit at a cost of £500 which had been offered by the company.	Completed
HEATHFIELD DRIVE	12/347	Mr. Davison referred to the temporary sign at the end of Heathfield Drive indicating the route to Douglas and suggested that a better quality one was required. It was <i>AGREED</i> to contact the Department of Infrastructure accordingly.	TQ
BMX TRACK	12/348	Mr. Davison referred to the offer of assistance from Mr. Cain to improve the BMX track on the headlands field and indicated that instead of using a mini digger a more thorough job could be undertaken with a JCB and driver which would cost in the region of £250 to £300. Together with either one or two lorry loads of gravel it was estimated that the improvements would be in the region of £800. After discussion the Board <i>AGREED</i> to progress with the refurbishment of the BMX track with Mr. Cain's assistance. The Town Clerk indicated that the Technical Officer would liaise with Mr. Cain accordingly.	TQ
MARKET PLACE TOILETS	12/349	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to a complaint she had received regarding the state of the public toilets on the Market Place the previous weekend. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate the problem. The Town Clerk also indicated that the seats at the Market Place shelter had been vandalised. The Police had managed to catch the culprits. It was noted that the cost of repair would be passed to the parents of	PGL

the youths involved.

Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that the dog fouling sign on the headlands had also been removed. The Town Clerk undertook to liaise with the Technical Officer to arrange its replacement.

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| REMEMBRANCE SERVICE                | 12/350 | Mr. Jones advised that the Remembrance Service on Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2012 would take place at 11.00a.m. at the tree memorial site on Peel Hill. The British Legion service was scheduled for the following day Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November and would commence with a procession from the Market Place at 2.30p.m and a service in the Cathedral at 3.00p.m. <i>NOTED</i> |
| COMMISSIONERS SURGERY              | 12/351 | The Chairman indicated that Mrs. Bigland had obtained a petition from residents requesting a one way traffic system in Derby Drive. It was noted that this would be considered by the Highways Section of the Department of Infrastructure in due course.   |
| PEEL CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE | 12/352 | It was noted that by agreement Mr. Davison would step down from being Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce and act as Deputy with Miss Felton taking the position of Chairman.   |

This part of the meeting ended at 8.55p.m.

