

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies                Miss K Felton  
                                  Mr. A G Jones

In attendance          Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)  
                                  Mrs. C Horton (Ward Librarian)  
                                  Mr. R Baker (Curator – Leece Museum)

			Action
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/475	The Chairman welcomed the press to the second meeting of January and wished to express his disappointment at the recent press release issued by the Commissioners which had not been printed in full in the local papers. It appeared that both the press and Manx Radio were only interested in the Chairman's comments. In addition the Chairman was pleased to judge the 2012 Commissioners photographic competition.	
MINUTES	12/476	The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to a minor amendment to Minute 12/456 in which the word "Board" was added to the sentence contained within paragraph relating to planning application 12/01587/B for the erection of thirteen elderly persons dwellings at Rearyt ny Cronk. The word Board to be inserted between the word "previous" and the word "discussions".	Amended
HOUSING REVIEW	12/477	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/450 and reported upon two recent meetings with the David Tolson Partnership, Consultants, with regard to the housing review being undertaken by the Department of Social Care. Both the	

Chairman and Lead Member of Housing had attended the meeting with staff and discussion had centred on the housing needs survey and the housing options review. It was noted that the consultants would prepare its report for consideration by the Department and local authorities by the middle of the year prior to the matter being placed before Tynwald in the Autumn.

46A PATRICK STREET	12/478	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/453 and reported that the demolition of this property had now been completed by the contractor.	
WI-FI	12/479	Mr. Cushing referred back to Minute 12/468 and indicated that some minor points had been raised in the draft agreement with Sure and he anticipated the draft agreement being available for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.	NAC
MCLEODS FIELD	12/480	Reference was made back to Minute 12/473 and the Town Clerk advised that Blackburn Construction Services Limited had written to indicate that the planning approval for this estate development related to the provision of a recreational area with no specific reference to a childrens play area and as such it was their intention to turf the area with the planting of some trees around the perimeter. Mr. Cushing was of the view that the planning appeal hearing referred to the provision of an overly large play area and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be checked out.	PGL
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT GROUP	12/481	Mr. Lace indicated that work was progressing on top dressing the new roundabout.	
		The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/472 and indicated that a response was still awaited from the Department with regard to measures by the Department to review its position regarding speed on Oak Road.	

WARD LIBRARY  
REPORT

12/482

Mrs. Horton presented her quarterly report for the period ending December 2012 in respect of the Ward Library. She stated it was somewhat disappointing to see the reduction in numbers of books issued by the Library compared to the previous year. Reference was made to the donation to the library of a number of DVDs which the Board approved. Discussion ensued over the previous plans to provide a ramped disabled access to the side entrance. It was noted that this work would not now take place due to the imposition of additional refuse disposal charges by the Department of Infrastructure. Mrs. Horton referred to the broadband internet connection at the library which was now deemed to be too slow. It was *AGREED* that investigation into an upgrade be considered in the next financial year. In conclusion Mrs. Horton wished to thank her fellow workers who had helped to run the library whilst she was recuperating on sick leave.

Mr. Harmer referred to an approach he had received from Peel Heritage Trust who wished to seek storage space possibly within the Ward Library for archive material. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Harmer liaise further with Mrs. Horton before a decision could be made.

LEECE MUSEUM  
REPORT

12/483

Mr. Baker presented the quarterly report for the Leece Museum. Members were pleased to see that a total of 6,136 visitors had been to the Leece Museum during 2012. Mr. Baker listed a number of items and painting that had been donated to the museum and stated that the painting of Peel Castle from 1897 by Omar Mohammad would be copied with prints being available for sale. Mr. Baker referred to the extensive number of school visits which had the knock on effect of attracting parents from other areas of the Isle of Man to visit the museum. Mr. Baker referred to his proposal for a mezzanine floor which could be used for the display of fishing artefacts in the form of a fishing loft. It was *AGREED* that Mr. David Moughtin assist Mr. Baker in preparing some plans and costings for a wooden structure that

could serve as a mezzanine floor subject to Board approval on cost.

The Chairman wished to thank Mrs. Horton and Mr. Baker for their continuing work at the library and museum respectively.

Mrs. Horton and Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.34p.m.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR COMMENT 12/484 The following planning application was considered:- Letter sent

PA 12/01632/B Amended plans for the erection of a four storey extension to dwelling, 36 Stanley Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED 12/485 The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA12/01612/B Erection of a wall (retrospective) at Plot 1 land adjacent to Dalemout, Peveril Road, Peel for Peel Hill Investments Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01621/B Installation of replacement garage door at 36-38 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. John Anthony Gilbert. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01636/B Alterations and erection of an extension to dwelling at 19 Albany Road, Peel for Miss May Lace. *APPROVED.*

PA 12/01587/B Erection of 13 elderly persons dwellings on site of 13 previously approved terraced dwellings, with associated access, parking, open space and drainage arrangements (amendment to PA 10/00544/B) Plots C27 – C39, Residential development under construction field 311825 and parts of fields 315097, 311826, 311827, 314444 between Derby Road/Poortown Road and QE11 High School and East of Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01032/B 12/486 Members noted receipt of a letter from the Planning Appeals Administrator which

related to a statement from the Planning Officer, Miss Sarah Corlett, in respect of the Appeal against approval for the conversion of existing retail unit to provide residential accommodation, The Longhouse Shop, Viking Longhouse, East Quay, Peel. Members noted the contents of the statement by Miss Corlett and had no comment to make.

REAYRT NY  
CRONK PUBLIC  
OPEN SPACES

12/487

The Town Clerk referred to a plan submitted by Heritage Homes Limited with a request for the Commissioners to adopt, in due course, the public open spaces at the new housing development at Rearyt ny Cronk. Members considered the plan and Mr. Cushing indicated that as the company had submitted a number of subsequent planning applications revising the original proposal that it would be appropriate for the Commissioners to defer adopted the public open spaces until the whole Rearyt Ny Cronk estate had been completed. *AGREED*

Mr. Cushing also wished to commend the company on its prompt building of the play area at this estate.

LAWRENCE GELL

12/488

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Brian Horne who requested permission to place a memorial bench seat on Peel Promenade in respect of Mr. Lawrence Gell who had tragically lost his life in a works accident in December 2012. Notwithstanding the Board's current policy on memorial seats it was *AGREED* that a bench seat be located on the promenade in the vicinity of Marine Parade in memory of Lawrence Gell who enjoyed fishing from the promenade on many occasions as a member of the Peel Angling Club. *AGREED*

TQ

HEALTH AND  
SAFETY SEMINAR

12/489

Members considered a letter from the Health and Safety at Work Inspectorate which related to proposals for a seminar which would cover local authority health and safety responsibilities. The seminar would address health and safety in general but also enable discussion on road related safety risks with particular regard to those

parishes that deliver services on the TT course and other stretches of roads in the Isle of Man that are not covered by a maximum speed limit. It was *AGREED* to await the proposed date for the seminar at which Members could attend.

MALEW CIVIC SERVICE	12/490	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from Mrs. Barbara Brereton, Chairman of Malew Parish Commissioners to attend their annual civic service to be held at Abbey Church, Ballasalla on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2013 at 3.00p.m. The Chairman indicated that he would attend this civic service.	Letter sent
FLAG DAY	12/491	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from St. John Ambulance which indicated that it's 2012 flag day collection in Peel amounted to £185.32. An application had been made to hold its 2013 flag day collection on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2013. After discussion the Board <i>AGREED</i> to approve this request.	Letter sent
BOUNDARY REVIEW	12/492	<p>Consideration was given to a document from the Boundary Review Committee regarding a proposal to amend the number of boundaries of the constituencies for the election to the House of Keys. The Town Clerk tabled the large scale plan indicating the draft proposals. Mr. Harmer indicated that on the basis of there being equal and fair representation between constituencies he would support the proposal. With regard to Peel it was noted that two Members of the House of Keys would be elected to cover the Town of Peel, Parish of German and the Parish of Patrick. It was also noted that a small portion of North Malew Parish which was included in the Peel and Glenfaba constituency should be part of the central constituency incorporating North Braddan and Marown.</p> <p>Mr. Cushing indicated that both he and the Town Clerk had attended the consultation hearing with the Boundary Review Committee and he wished to commend Sally Bolton the Chairperson for her draft proposals which accorded with the Commissioners views.</p>	

ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL	12/493	<p>The Town Clerk referred to an email from the Reverend Nigel Godfrey regarding the possible availability of some sandstone. It was noted that the Cathedral was seeking red sandstone to utilise in the proposed building of the new lychgate and entrance to the Cathedral grounds. The Town Clerk referred to the possible availability of some additional sandstone that had been acquired by the Commissioners contractor Mr. Kermode and it was suggested that he could negotiate accordingly with the Cathedral regarding its use. It was also noted that the Cathedral was in discussion over the use of an alternative source of sandstone in respect of the former medical centre which had been approved for demolition.</p> <p>Mr. Davison referred to the use of sandstone from the former medical centre and enquired as to the situation regarding the copper bell tower. It was suggested that this item could be utilised elsewhere in the Town and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk make appropriate enquiries.</p>	
PEEL CIVIC SUNDAY SERVICE	12/494	<p>The Town Clerk referred to earlier discussions on the proposed date for the Peel Civic Sunday Service. It was noted that 4<sup>th</sup> August 2013 was available in respect of the Methodist Chapel in Atholl Street. However, after discussion it was suggested that this may clash with other events in the height of the summer season and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk liaise further with Reverend Grace Easthope over a possible date in September.</p>	PGL
OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING	12/495	<p>The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013. During the week of 18<sup>th</sup> February the Office was running an awareness campaign entitled “Say no to doorstep sellers” Members noted that the Office of Fair Trading intended to hold two informal group sessions on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February with regard to the awareness campaign. <i>NOTED</i></p>	

CHIEF CONSTABLE	12/496	The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had received from the new Chief Constable Gary Roberts in which he notified the Commissioners of the appointment of Inspector Darrill Pearson to replace Inspector Will Campbell who was taking up a new role at Police Headquarters, Douglas. It was noted the Commissioners would have the opportunity to meet Chief Constable Roberts and Inspector Pearson at a meeting to be held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2013.
STREET LIGHTS	12/497	The Town Clerk referred to a street light on the Poortown Road near to the Highwayman Public House. The light had been repaired and was now in working order. However, the Manx Electricity Authority had advised that the control gear within this type of lighting column was outdated and did not currently comply with the updated wiring regulations. The column was five metres in height and the Manx Electricity Authority recommended its replacement with an eight metre column. It was noted that the cost to replace this working light was in the sum of £2,400 plus VAT. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that the light be left in situ as it was working satisfactorily.
FOOD PARK – MILL ROAD	12/498	Mr. Davison referred to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture’s development of the Food Park at Mill Road. He particularly referred to the provision of a new boundary fence and gating system at a cost of £88,000. It was stated that the gating system was defective and caused difficulty for heavy good vehicles to enter and exit. It was noted that the fencing was to be removed whilst regeneration work took place within the Mill Road yard and would be re-installed with a different alignment to better accommodate large vehicles upon completion of this work. Members noted with concern the lost costs expended by Government in respect of the initial erection of the fence and gating system.



SHOPRITE STORE – DERBY ROAD	12/499	Mr. Cushing referred to the Commissioners portion of the car park within the grounds of the Shoprite Store and enquired as to whether the Commissioners spaces had yet been painted in a different colour to demark the two respective areas of the car park. The Town Clerk undertook to ensure the Technical Officer progressed this matter urgently.	TQ
PARKING STUDY	12/500	Mr. Cushing referred to the draft parking study and requested that a copy of the final report be sought from the consultants to enable its use as a basis for regeneration of Peel.	PGL
ADULT FITNESS EQUIPMENT	12/501	Mr. Cushing referred to the adult fitness equipment sited on Marine Parade. It was noted that it had been the intention to bring the equipment into the depot yard over the winter period. The Town Clerk indicated that this had not taken place but he would check on the maintenance regime in respect of the equipment to ensure it was protected against the winter weather.	TQ
DOG FOULING	12/502	Members noted that the Town Warden was currently on sick leave following a knee operation and that the problem of dog fouling was evident around the Town. It was <i>AGREED</i> that more emphasis be placed on the availability of dog bags from the Town Hall for dog owners to make use of and that an appropriate press release be issued.	PGL
CENTENARY CENTRE	12/503	Mr. Harmer referred to the 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Centenary Centre and that an application was to be made by the Centre to the Isle of Man Arts Council for financial assistance in the design and provision of a new sign and logo for the Centenary Centre. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners forward a letter of support to the Centenary Centre in respect of its application to the Arts Council.	Letter sent
TREASURE HUNT	12/504	Mr. Harmer indicated that Peel Heritage Trust was planning to arrange a barbecue in mid July 2013 with the date yet to be confirmed. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the	

Commissioners portals be made available for this event.

JUBILEE GARDENS 12/505  
HEADLANDS

Mr. Harmer referred to the jubilee garden TQ established on the headlands and it was agreed that outdoor staff turn over the soil and undertake some additional planting of seeds to enable the garden to flourish. Mr. Harmer indicated that the Peel Heritage Trust would purchase the seeds and that enquiries be made of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture over the possible provision of wild seed.

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