

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance         Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/506	The Chairman welcomed Members to the first meeting of February and referred to his attendance at the excellent Holocaust Memorial Service held on the 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 at St. Germans Cathedral.	
HOUSING REVIEW	12/507	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/477 and updated Members on the current position regarding the Tolson report. It was envisaged that the consultants would have their report prepared by the middle of the year ready for further consultation with local authorities and the Department of Social Care prior to submission to Tynwald in the autumn.</p> <p>The Town Clerk indicated that the annual housing conference which usually took place in March would be deferred this year to possibly June or July to enable the conference to concentrate its discussions on the Tolson report. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
WI-FI	12/508	Reference was made back to Minute 12/479 and Mr. Harmer reported that he had met with representatives from Sure and a draft agreement had recently been received at the Town Hall. Sure had undertaken its survey	

work and were ready to progress the provision of wi-fi for the harbour area of Peel. This would be accomplished without any link into infrastructure from the Harbours Division which had entered into a separate agreement with another provider to the disappointment of Mr. Harmer and the Board. Mr. Harmer indicated that free internet access would be provided for an initial period of between 15 and 30 minutes before charges would be incurred. The Town Clerk indicated that he would ensure the draft agreement from Sure was copied to Members for consideration at the next Board meeting.

MCLEODS FIELD	12/509	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/480 and indicated that the Planning Office had advised that the approval only referred to a recreational area and not specifically a children's play area. Mr. Cushing asked for further clarification as he referred to a letter from 2003 which specifically mentioned a play area. The Town Clerk undertook to clarify the position.</p> <p>Arising therefrom Mr. Lace confirmed that the top dressing of the new roundabout had been completed but then commented on the link between McLeod's Field and Oak Road and indicated that this area may benefit from traffic calming measures similar to the lower section of Oak Road. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be referred to the Western Traffic Management Group meeting scheduled to take place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2013. (Mr. Cushing declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion).</p>	PGL
LEECE MUSEUM	12/510	<p>Mrs. Moughtin referred back to Minute 12/483 and indicated that Mr. David Moughtin would shortly contact Mr. Baker to discuss suggested proposals for a mezzanine floor at the museum. It was also noted that there was access to a quantity surveyor if</p>	CAM

required. *NOTED*

WARD LIBRARY	12/511	<p>Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 12/482 and indicated that the initial proposal to provide a disabled ramped access to the library had been deferred as a result of the change to the 2013/2014 budget. He suggested that volunteers may be able to assist in providing the ramp and at this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be referred to the Technical Officer to ascertain whether this was feasible.</p> <p>Mr. Harmer referred to the request from Peel Heritage Trust to utilise the upper level of the library for storage of archive material. The Town Clerk indicated that the upper level was currently full of Town Hall, Leece Museum and Library documents. There was also a problem with damp and Mrs. Moughtin commented that as a civic building owned by the Commissioners steps should be taken to keep the fabric in good condition. The Town Clerk indicated that he would request the Technical Officer to investigate this matter further.</p>	TQ
ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL	12/512	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/493 and advised that a request had been made to the demolition contractor for retention of the bell tower from the former medical centre. It was noted that the contractor would consider the request and if successful consideration could be given to its possible future use and display.</p>	
PEEL CIVIC SUNDAY SERVICE	12/513	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/494 and indicated that he had liaised with Reverend Grace Easthope at the Methodist Chapel, Atholl Street to discuss possible dates for the Peel Civic Sunday Service. The provisional date suggested was the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 subject to availability of the Castletown Silver Band.</p>	PGL

PARKING STUDY	12/514	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/500 and reported that the final draft of the Parking Study would be available by early March. The initial draft report had been amended to take into consideration the availability and use of the Fenella Beach car park as part of the study.</p>	
		<p>Comment was made over the extensive time it had taken to prepare this report. It was indicated that as the initial draft report had short medium and long term proposals the length of time had negated the usefulness of any short term parking proposals.</p>	
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	12/515	<p>Members noted receipt of two Orders made by the Department of Infrastructure regarding the revocation and removal of a reserved parking place opposite number 7 Westlands, Peel. The other Order amended the distance of the reserved parking place within The Grove, Tynwald Road from four to seven metres.</p>	
ROADWORTHINESS CONSULTATION	12/516	<p>The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the Commissioners views on the Department of Infrastructure's Roadworthiness Consultation exercise. The comments had been noted by the Department and would be fully considered at the end of the consultation period. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
POTHOLE	12/517	<p>Members noted receipt of a response from the Honourable David Cretney, MHK, Minister for Infrastructure regarding Department policy over pothole repairs in the highway. Mr. Cushing referred to the specific reference where it indicated that reported potholes would usually be dealt with within five days. It was <i>AGREED</i> to clarify what this time scale meant and whether it included their road reconstruction. It was also indicated that reference to the Department's routine inspections be clarified in respect of Peel.</p>	PGL

Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin referred to some potholes in the Commissioners car parks and it was *AGREED* that they be filled in due course.

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
COMMENT

12/518

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

13/00050/B

Installation of door and surround to replace existing window on St. Peter's Lane elevation, Former Sunset Bistro Mariner's Wharf, East Quay, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00055/B

Erection of a fence and sandstone wall, 10 Church Lane, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00058/B

Installation of replacement windows and change of use of ground floor from residential to retail showroom, 6 Patrick Street, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00059/B

Installation of top floor replacement windows to front elevation, 36A Market Street, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00073/B

Removal of replacement window, Rosecroft, 20 Albany Road, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00066/B

Erection of two storey extension, 48 Douglas Street, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 12/01364/B ON  
APPEAL

12/519

Members noted receipt of a letter from the Planning Appeals Office regarding the withdrawal of the appeal by Street Heritage Developments Limited relating to an appeal against approval for installation of flat roof canopy over part of car park, raising of wall height

on either side of entrance gates and installation of replacement balconies to the front elevation, Viking Longhouse, Mariners Wharf, East Quay, Peel. *NOTED*

ST GERMANS  
CATHEDRAL

12/520

Consideration was given to a letter from Ms. Sarah Hickey of 13 Mona Street, Peel in which she had requested the Commissioners give further consideration to the planning application by Manx Telecom for the installation of telecommunication equipment in the bell tower of Peel Cathedral.

It was noted that the Commissioners had commented on the planning application which had subsequently been approved by the Planning Committee. It was further noted that Ms. Hickey had not been afforded interested party status and could not therefore take the matter further. After discussion it was noted that Ms. Hickey had been advised to take her concerns direct to Canon Godfrey at St German's Cathedral.

PEEL DAY

12/521

Mr. Davison referred to a recent meeting involving himself as Lead member for Recreation, the Chairman and Town Clerk with Mr. Steve Colley regarding proposals for entertainment on Peel Day during the TT festival. Mr. Davison had made further contact with some motorbike performers, the names of which had been provided by Mr. Colley. It was noted that the emphasis would be more bike related for 2013 and Mr. Davison stated that certain performers would be on the Island during the TT festival as part of a Department of Tourism initiative. This would involve a number of shows on Douglas Promenade and it was possible that some performers could provide entertainment in Peel on Mad Sunday. Mr. Davison would be in contact with Mr. A Gregory of Gorilla Entertainments to progress this matter and ascertain what the costs might be.

It was further noted that the Purple Helmets would be unable to provide a show in Peel as they would be preparing for their evening show at Onchan Stadium.

The Town Clerk reported that he had further contact with the Department of Tourism, Events Section which indicated that the Department would limit its grant assistance to £4,000 for the Peel event.

TRADITIONAL BOAT WEEKEND 12/522

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Mike Clark, Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Weekend. This year would celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Old Gaffers Association and it was anticipated that there would be a larger presence of visitors and boats in Peel for the weekend event from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

It was *AGREED* that the Commissioners mobile toilets would be made available and positioned on the Quay for the use of visitors subject to Harbour Division approval. Mr. Clark had also made a plea for the harbour area to be kept clean and tidy and it was *AGREED* that this be referred to the Harbours Division accordingly. Mrs O'Halloran indicated that this would be a large event in 2013 and suggested the value of a meeting with Mr. Clark and the Harbours Division to discuss detailed arrangements for the event.

THE GUILD OF SILK PAINTERS 12/523

Consideration was given to a letter from The Guild of Silk Painters Isle of Man which was hosting the UK bi-annual festival over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013. A number of silk banners were currently being designed and painted for display in the Villa Marina Arcade, Douglas where some of the events would be held. It was noted that Peel would be portrayed with other towns around the Island and it was requested whether

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the Commissioners would be prepared to finance the Peel banner at a cost of £75. *AGREED*

STREET LIGHTING	12/524	<p>Consideration was given to an email from Mr. Martin Addie of 28 Cronk Rearyt, Peel in which he suggested that the hours when the street lights were operational be reduced to save costs. It was noted that the lights were currently switched off at 1.30a.m. and after discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that this was the most appropriate time. It was <i>AGREED</i> to advise Mr. Addie accordingly.</p>	
FENELLA TERRACE	12/525	<p>Mr. Lace referred to the properties at Fenella Terrace and expressed concern that a number of them had issues regarding doors that were defective and windows that were draughty. He indicated that as landlord the Commissioners should make more effort to maintain these properties especially in light of the anticipated significant increase in rent that would become due from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. It was <i>AGREED</i> to request the Technical Officer to inspect these properties at Fenella Terrace and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>It was further <i>AGREED</i> that a works report be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	TQ
NORTH VIEW	12/526	<p>Miss Felton referred to a property in North View which was allegedly suffering from damp and affecting the children's health. This property had been inspected and the Technical Officer had indicated that the problem related to condensation and not damp. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this issue be discussed further at the next meeting.</p>	TQ
SHOPRITE STORE – DERBY ROAD	12/527	<p>Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 12/499 regarding the Shoprite car park and stated that the company had erected a sign within the car park restricting use to a limit of two hours. This was contrary to the portion of the</p>	Sign ordered

car park owned by the Commissioners where such a restriction did not apply. It was somewhat misleading and it was therefore *AGREED* that the spaces belonging to the Commissioners be painted yellow and that an appropriate sign be erected to advise the general public as to the availability of the car park portion belonging to the Commissioners for general use.

HEADLANDS	12/528	Mr. Davison referred to the Jubilee Garden site on the headlands and indicated that he was prepared to make enquiries as to the availability of wild flower seeds from the Forestry Division. It was further <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer liaise with Mr. Davison and furthermore arrange for the ground to be turned over prior to planting.	TQ
MEMBERS INTERESTS	12/529	Mr. Cushing referred to the register of Members Interests and enquired as to whether other Members had made any such entries with the Town Clerk. It was noted that the Government Code of Conduct required the declaration of relevant information and the Town Clerk awaited responses from Members as to their entries in the register.	
PA 12/01138/B ON APPEAL	12/530	The Town Clerk reported that both he and Mr. Jones, Lead Member for Housing had that day attended the Planning Appeal Hearing of the Appeal against approval for the erection of a terrace of three dwellings with parking and new vehicular access onto Ramsey Road, land adjacent to Carnaween, Battery Road, Peel. The case had been made with other nearby residents objecting to the initial planning approval and it was noted that the Planning Inspector, Mr. Amos would make his recommendation to the Minister in due course.	
SEWAGE	12/531	Mr. Cushing referred to discussions in 2012 with the Water and Sewerage Authority regarding its feasibility	Letter sent

report on sewage treatment works for Peel and the West. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to Mr. Winstanley, Director of the Authority enquiring as to progress with the feasibility study and when it was likely to be available for consideration.

PEEL GOLF CLUB

12/532

The Chairman referred to a request from the Peel Golf Club for continued sponsorship by the Commissioners of the Peel Junior Town Cup. *AGREED*

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

