

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 19th February 2013 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. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin

Apologies Miss K Felton
 Mr. R K Harmer

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/533	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the second meeting of February 2013. On behalf of the Commissioners the Chairman wished to extend his condolences and sympathy to Mr. Lace on the recent passing of his mother.
MINUTES	12/534	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 th February 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
HOUSING REVIEW	12/535	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/507 and advised that the Department of Social Care's housing conference would take place on 19 th July 2013. <i>NOTED</i>
WI-FI	12/536	Reference was made back to Minute 12/508 regarding the contract with Sure for Wi-Fi. As Mr. Harmer had been heavily involved in this item and was not present at tonight's meeting it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be deferred to the next meeting when Mr. Harmer would be in attendance.
McLEODS FIELD	12/537	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/509 and confirmed that the planning application and subsequent

approval related only to the provision of a recreational area and not a children's play area. *NOTED*

Upon enquiry from Mr. Lace the Town Clerk confirmed that a request had been made to the Western Traffic Management Group meeting to look into additional traffic calming measures through McLeods Field linking into Oak Road.

LEECE MUSEUM	12/538	Mrs. Moughtin referred back to Minute 12/510 and indicated that Mr. David Moughtin would be in contact with Mr. Baker, the Curator, later that week to discuss proposals for a mezzanine floor.	
WARD LIBRARY	12/539	The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/511 and advised that the provision of a disabled ramped access to the library would be better undertaken by Town Hall staff. <i>AGREED</i>	
PEEL CIVIC SUNDAY SERVICE	12/540	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/513 and reported that the Methodist Chapel would be able to accommodate the Peel Civic Sunday Service on Sunday 26 th May 2013.	
POTHoles	12/541	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/517 and reported that the Department of Infrastructure had confirmed that upon receipt of reports of potholes it was the Department's aim to undertake repairs within a five day period.	PGL

Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran referred to the pothole on Peveril Road which appeared to be getting worse. In her opinion some form of more permanent works was required to deal with the problem.

In conclusion it was *AGREED* that the reporting of potholes to the Department of Infrastructure be published on the Commissioners website and that the residents be urged to report potholes in Peel to the Department accordingly.

TRADITIONAL BOAT WEEKEND	12/542	Reference was made back to Minute 12/522 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that arrangements be made to meet with the Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Weekend, Mrs. Heather Smallwood of the Department of Economic Development and the Harbours Division on 11 th March 2013 to discuss arrangements for this year's event.	PGL
SHOPRITE STORE – DERBY ROAD	12/543	Reference was made back to Minute 12/527 and it was noted that the Commissioners car park sign was on order. Painting of the parking bays had been held over as a result of the demolition works taking place on the former medical centre.	TQ
HEADLANDS	12/544	Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 12/528 and reported that he had spoken to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture regarding the availability of wild flower seeds. It was noted that he had been able to negotiate a price of £75 for up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a kilo of wild flower seeds and a free supply of turf. It was <i>AGREED</i> that planting of the seeds take place towards the end of March.	TQ
MEMBERS INTERESTS	12/545	Reference was made back to Minute 12/529 and it was noted that Mr. Jones had submitted his interests to the Town Clerk for entry in the register. Mr. Cushing urged other Members to submit their details accordingly.	
SEWAGE	12/546	Upon enquiry from Mr. Cushing the Town Clerk advised that a response was awaited from the Water and Sewerage Authority regarding its feasibility study. Mr. Cushing requested a copy of the Dalrymple report so that the issues could be understood prior to receipt of the feasibility study.	
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	12/547	Members noted the temporary prohibition of vehicular traffic on Castle Street on 28 th February 2013 between 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m. whilst the Manx Electricity Authority undertook street light servicing work. <i>NOTED</i>	

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS
FOR COMMENT

12/548 The following planning applications Letter sent
were considered as follows:-

13/00128/B

Installation of patio doors to rear elevation, 13 Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00132/B

Alterations and erection of extension to provide retail accommodation and three residential apartments, 15-19 Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00134/B

Erection of detached dwelling (amended type from that approved under PA 10/00544/B) Plot B1 Reayrt ny Cronk, residential development, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00154/B

Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 20 Bridge Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/0058/B

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

13/00155/B

Replacement white finish PVC casement windows, white PVC sliding sash window, white PVC traditional front door, Millers Cottage, Charles Street Close, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00158/B

Removal of redundant brick chimney stack and roof over as existing tiles, 2 Castle Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

		13/00159/B Construction of walling (Brickwork & Glass) below existing pitched tiled canopy to provide enclosed storm porch, Yn Fea, Peveril Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i>	
PLANNING DECISIONS	12/549	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:- PA 12/01440/B Erection of a single detached dwelling with garage in lieu of a pair of semi-detached dwellings approved under PA 02/02106/B at Plots 13 and 14 McLeods Field, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Blackburn. <i>APPROVED</i>	
PA 12/01061/B ON APPEAL	12/550	The Town Clerk referred to the submission of appeal papers in respect of the appeal against approval for the installation of dormer windows and erection of extension to dwelling, 19 Bridge Street, Peel. Members <i>AGREED</i> to make no submission or attend this appeal hearing.	
PA 12/01137/B	12/551	Mr. Cushing declared an interest in this item and did not take any part in the discussion. The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mr. Johnson, the Planning Appeals administrator, in which he had indicated that an enquiry would take place into the planning application by the Ballawattleworth Action Group for the installation of a traffic barrier on Oak Road to the north of Willow Close. It was noted that the enquiry would be held on 14 th March 2013 at 2.00p.m. at the Chief Secretary's Office, Douglas. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Chairman and Town Clerk attend this enquiry. In the meantime it was <i>AGREED</i> that no further comment be made on the application.	ECB/PGL
CORRINS WAY	12/552	As Miss Felton was not present at the meeting it was <i>AGREED</i> to defer consideration of this matter regarding	

her concerns over emergency access to Corrins Way to the next meeting.

NORTH VIEW	12/553	As Miss Felton was not present it was <i>AGREED</i> to defer her concerns over the condition of gardens arising out of the planned maintenance scheme at North View to the next meeting.	
YN CHRUINNAGHT FESTVIAL	12/554	The Town Clerk referred to a recent meeting with organisers of the Yn Chruinnaght Festival. This year the festival would take place in Peel from 17 th to 21 st July 2013. The main base for the festival would be the Centenary Centre although other musical events would take place at the St. Germans Cathedral, Methodist Chapel and House of Manannan. The Town Clerk indicated that a request had been made to permit busking at various locations in the Town during the festival and this was <i>AGREED</i> . It was further <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate level of publicity be given to the event on the Commissioners website and that the organisers be requested to contact Miss Felton the Commissioners representative on the Peel Chamber of Trade and Commerce to promote the event further.	PGL
EASTER FESTIVAL OF RUNNING	12/555	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Manx Harriers regarding the Easter Festival running which would take place on 31 st March 2013. As in previous years the Commissioners <i>AGREED</i> to the Peel Hill Race taking place on 31 st March 2013 with a start from a position opposite The Creek Inn at 2.15p.m. It was further <i>AGREED</i> to provide the mobile toilet facility for this event.	Completed
MANX ACTIVITY TRAIL	12/556	The Commissioners <i>AGREED</i> to the staging of a Peel walking trail to take place between 23 rd March and 29 th March 2013. Members had no objection to the trail taking place between these dates. It was further noted that a further trail was proposed on 25 th May to 9 th June 2013 and this	Completed

was approved also.

REBECCA HOUSE CHILDRENS HOSPICE	12/557	Consideration was given to a request from Miss Norden of Rebecca House Children's Hospice to arrange a charity walk on 27 th April along Peel Promenade. <i>APPROVED</i>	Completed
LANDLORD AND TENANT (PRIVATE HOUSING) BILL	12/558	Members considered the consultation document with regard to the proposed Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill. Mr. Jones indicated that there were multiple dwelling properties on the island, particularly Douglas, that were of a poor standard and would benefit from legislation to necessitate improvements. It was noted that the register of such properties would be maintained by local authorities although inspection would be undertaken by Environmental Health Officer from the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture. Mr. Cushing voiced concerns that possible proposals for change under the Scope of Government report such as inspections could be transferred back to local authorities with their attendant costs. <i>NOTED</i>	
HOUSING (STANDARDS) REGULATIONS	12/559	Members noted the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture proposal to introduce regulations requiring flats and housing in multiple occupation to be registered with local authorities and further controlling the standards of amenity within both types of accommodation. Members had no comment on the draft order.	
BUILDING CONTROL ACT 1991	12/560	Members noted a draft Building (Fees) Regulations 2013 which increased various fees for plans and inspections of building work under the Building Regulations 2007. <i>NOTED</i>	
POST OFFICE AMENDMENT BILL	12/561	Members noted that the recent consultation into the Post Office Amendment Bill had elicited a review of comments that were available on the Department of Economic Developments	

site. Members had no comment on the review of comments submitted.

DRAFT RATES STATEMENT 2013/2014	12/562	The Town Clerk referred to a draft statement to be issued to all residents when the rates bills were issued by the Treasury. Subject to a minor typographical amendment the statement and summary of budget for 2013/14 was approved.	
LAKE LANE	12/563	Mr. Davison enquired as to the current position regarding the unsafe wall at the rear of 4 Station Road, Peel. The Town Clerk advised that he had written a further letter to the owner of the property that day indicating that although the wall was in a poor condition it was nevertheless stable. A recommendation had been received from the Commissioners structural engineer for repairs to be carried out within a twelve month period. The owner had been advised accordingly and it was noted that the Commissioners would remove the protective fencing in due course.	
PROMENADE ROAD GULLYS	12/564	Mr. Davison referred to the blockage of the road gullys on Peel Promenade in the vicinity of the pelican crossing. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be reported to the Department of Infrastructure for clearing.	Report made
TOWN HALL CAR PARK	12/565	Mr. Davison referred to contact he had received from a parent looking to park her vehicle in the Town Hall car park whilst dropping off her child to the Philip Christian playgroup. The Town Clerk advised that the area immediately in front of the Town Hall was clearly signed as being available for visitors to the Town Hall. It was noted that the extended car park area to the side of the Town Hall was available for parents and users of the Philip Christian Centre. <i>NOTED</i>	
OAK ROAD TRAFFIC ORDER	12/567	Mr. Cushing referred to the recent publication of a traffic order in respect of a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes on Oak	

Road. The Order may have been defective in that it referred to Oak Road being situated between the Poortown Road and Ramsey Road. This was incorrect as Oak Road currently connected to the McLeods field development and not the Ramsey Road. Mr. Cushing suggested that the Order would require re-advertisement due to its error.

DOG CONTROL BYELAWS	12/568	Mr. Cushing enquired as to whether the summer period dog control byelaw signs for exclusion of dogs on Peel beach would be erected and displayed by Easter. <i>AGREED</i>	TQ/report made
		Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing also referred to the water fountain in front of the IRIS building which appeared to be broken. It was <i>AGREED</i> that it be referred to the Water and Sewerage Authority.	
COMMISSIONERS SURGERY	12/569	Mr. Cushing enquired as to the outcome of the February Commissioners surgery. The Chairman indicated that four residents had attended during the surgery and that the police had also been present for part of the morning to offer advice as and when required.	
MICHAEL STREET	12/570	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to complaints from shopkeepers in Michael Street following the erection of scaffolding. This had prevented vehicular traffic from entering the street and reduced footfall traffic to the shops. It was confirmed that permission from the Town Hall was not required providing they had a permit to erect the scaffolding from the Department of Infrastructure.	
RAMSEY ROAD ROUNDAABOUT	12/571	Mr. Jones referred to reports received regarding speeding vehicles travelling across the roundabout. Traffic calming had been suggested to the Department of Infrastructure and not accepted. It was suggested that the matter be raised at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group.	PGL

STREET CLEANING 12/572

The Chairman referred to complaints he had received regarding the early start at weekends of the street cleaning operation. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the streets be cleaned early as at present.

This part of the meeting at 7.50p.m.