

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/625	The Chairman welcomed the press to the first meeting of April 2013. He wished to express his gratitude to the outdoor staff who had assisted the Department of Infrastructure in clearing snow from the roads and pavements in Peel.	
MINUTES	12/626	The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th March 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 12/607 where the final sentence "Members had no comments on the draft orders" was deleted and the following substituted "Mr Cushing queried whether MacLeod's Field was still a private road and not yet adopted by Department of Infrastructure".	
TOWN CENTRE PARKING STUDY	12/627	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/608 and reported that a response was awaited from Mr Pearson, Director of Highways, regarding the Commissioners request for capital funding to increase car parking at the Douglas Street car park. <i>NOTED</i> .	
STANDING ORDERS	12/628	Mr Cushing outlined his Notice of Motion to amend Standing Orders as follows: Section 3(a) delete " (who shall less otherwise decided by	

resolution of the Board succeed to the Chair in the year next ensuing)” and Section 3(d) change “by ballot” to “as per the procedure in Section 7” and delete Section 7(d).

Mr Cushing stated that he had referred to this matter at the last Annual General Meeting and felt the current system whereby proposed appointments were discussed privately was not, in his opinion, appropriate. It was his view that a simple show of hands for the appointment of Chairman was more transparent and if Members were of the view that a Chairman had performed particularly well his Notice of Motion to amend the Standing Orders would enable such a Chairman to serve a second consecutive term.

Mr Lace was of the view that the current Standing Orders were appropriate and did not support the Motion. Mr Jones indicated that there was insufficient evidence for the change proposed. However, Mr Harmer was of the view that the need for transparency was paramount and supported the Notice of Motion accordingly. The Chairman also indicated his support and after Mr Cushing replied to the points raised the matter was voted upon. With six votes in favour and three opposed the Notice of Motion carried.

REAYRT NY CRONK 12/629

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 12/619 regarding a request from Heritage Homes Limited for the Commissioners to allocate street names under Phase C of the housing development at Reayrt Ny Cronk. The three suggestions were Close Bridgeen, Close Pibbin Farkee and Lhoan Kione Breck. The matter was considered at some length and the Board considered alternative names. Some concern was voiced at Manx names being utilised which could lead to a degree of confusion particularly with postal deliveries. Mr Cushing indicated that PGL

three prominent members of the town that had been awarded the Freedom of Peel should be considered namely Christian, Teare and Green. Discussion ensued as to whether the first names of these residents be included and the Town Clerk undertook to investigate this matter further. Subject to this investigation it was proposed that the names for the three roads could be Christian Close, Teare Lane and Green Close.

DOG FOULING 12/630

Reference was made back to Minute 12/621 and members *AGREED* to hold a public meeting to discuss the issue of dog fouling in Peel on Wednesday 24th April 2013 at 7.00pm in the Corrin Hall.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985 12/631

Members *NOTED* receipt of three Road Traffic Orders one of which related to the temporary prohibition of traffic both vehicular and pedestrian and a suspension of parking on a section of Atholl Street whilst footway reconstruction work was undertaken between 8th April and 22nd April. Mrs Moughtin referred to the recent works at the junction of Atholl Street with Atholl Place and the imposition of a temporary one way system that appeared to work reasonably well and suggested that the Highways Department might wish to consider a permanent one way system along Atholl Street. Mr Cushing indicated that the Department would need to go out to public consultation on such a proposal.

Letter sent

Consideration was also given to a letter from Mr Joughin of Marine Parade, Peel in which he voiced concern at the proposed scheme to replace the old Foxdale granite kerbstones with new granite kerb stones from China. Mr Joughin was of the view that the run of kerbstones along Atholl Street and into Douglas Street were in perfect condition and should be retained particularly as the area was within the Conservation Area. Members were of the view that Mr Joughin be supported and it was

AGREED that an appropriate letter be sent to Minister Crookall MHK and Mr Sewell of the Department of Infrastructure Highways Division.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

12/632

The following Planning Applications Letter sent
were considered as follows:-

PA13/00315/B Erection of an extension to dwelling, 19 Imman Stronnag, Reayrt Ny Cronk, Peel
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA13/00318/B Erection of two detached dwellings (amendment to dwelling types approved under PA10/00544/B, Plots B2 and B3 Reayrt Ny Keylley, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA1300337/B Proposed detached outbuilding extension at rear of property to provide exercise/games area with external garden, creation of single gate access through rear boundary wall onto existing lane, Shangri-La, Douglas Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA13/00342/B Roofing works to existing conservatory 3 Clover Avenue, Reayrt Ny Keylley.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PA13/00344/ Erection of an extension to dwelling, 20 Albany Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

The Town Clerk referred to a meeting he had held with Mr Spencer of Mona Street, Peel who had voiced concerns at the earlier planning application submitted for the extension to the bus stop at Derby Road. Mr Spencer had submitted an objection to the planning application which centred on buses leaving their engines running whilst parked at the bus stop and other issues relating to privacy involving passengers on the upper level of double decker buses. Concern had also been voiced over the provision for a speed bump

which would adversely affect Mr Spencer's enjoyment of his property. Mr Cushing was opposed to the design submitted within the planning application for the Lychgate and bus stop and suggested that Mr Spencer may wish to contact the Planning Appeals Officer at the Chief Secretary's office as in his opinion the submission of the Planning Application may be invalid and require re-advertisement.

PLANNING
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

12/633

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

PA13/00159/B Construction of walling in glass below existing tiled canopy providing enclosed storm porch, Yn Fea, Peveril Road, Peel for Mr & Mrs M Chatel *APPROVED*.

PA13/00158/B Removal of a chimney stack, 2 Castle Street, Peel for Mrs Frances Walkden *APPROVED*.

PA13/01032/B
ON APPEAL

12/634

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Minister upon the recommendation of the Planning Inspector to dismiss the appeal and approve the planning application for the conversion of the existing retail unit to provide residential accommodation, The Longhouse Shop, East Quay, Peel. *NOTED*.

PA12/00128/B
ON APPEAL

12/635

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Minister upon the recommendation of the Planning Inspector which dismissed the appeal and approved the planning application 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. *NOTED*.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FEES
ORDER 2013

12/636

Members noted receipt of the annual review of the Planning Applications Fees which had been increased. *NOTED*.

WATER AND
SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY

12/637

Members noted receipt of a public notice issued by the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority confirming that from 1st April 2013 the Authority would assume responsibility for public sewer networks serving Peel and other catchment areas including Douglas, Port St Mary and Ramsey. The Town Clerk referred to this matter with particular regard to the Commissioners own housing stock and the future likelihood of blockages of drainage pipes and the costs to unblock them. It was *NOTED* that the Town Clerk would prepare a paper for discussion at a future meeting of the Board.

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THE BOATYARD
RESTAURANT, EAST
QUAY

12/638

The Town Clerk referred to a Public Notice submitted by Tartan Group Limited for a grant of an On License with Restaurant Conditions in respect of the Boatyard Restaurant on East Quay, Peel. Mrs Moughtin enquired as to the particular conditions of an On Licence with Restaurant Conditions to sell or supply liquor which also included authorisation for music and dancing on the premises until 12.30am daily. Mrs Moughtin was concerned over that the impact on tenants living above the restaurant. Mr Jones had no objection to the usual restaurant licence but had concerns about members of the public being able to call in for alcohol without a meal. Mr Davison was of the view that an On Licence with Restaurant Conditions involved the ability to sell alcohol provided a substantial meal was involved. Mr Davison and Mrs O'Halloran supported the application which would be an asset to Peel. However members had issues over the proposal that music and dancing could take place until 12.30am daily and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate submission be made to the Licensing Court.

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CYCLE RACE

12/639

The Town Clerk referred to a request for the Isle of Man Youth and Juniors

Email sent

Tour to run a cycle race involving the Ramsey Road, Ballaquane Road, Poortown Road and the Switchback. The event was scheduled for 4th May 2013 and a traffic order would be sought to make Ballaquane Road one way. It was *NOTED* that some eighty competitors would take part and after discussion the Board had no objection to the proposed race.

ISLE OF MAN FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL 12/640

Members noted arrangements for an Isle of Man Food and Drink Festival to take place at the Villa Marina Gardens, Douglas on 21st and 22nd September 2013. The Town Clerk indicated that the marketing officer at the Department Food and Agriculture had emailed various local authorities with a suggestion that they may be interested in putting on an event using Manx produce. In discussion it was suggested that the local public houses may wish to consider a fringe event which would involve the provision of meals centred on Manx Produce.

CITY STATUS 12/641

Mr Harmer referred to earlier discussions over the proposal that the Commissioners promote Peel to be designated a city. It was noted that this could involve a long process but it was (*AGREED*) that the matter be pursued.

PLANNING ISSUES 12/342

Mr Davison referred to the general view of the Planning Department concerning it disregarding submissions by Local Authorities and particularly referred to the matter of sewage concerns when appeals were heard. Mr Jones indicated that the Local Authority needed hard evidence and data to support the view that the sewage system was at maximum capacity. Mr Cushing commented that as from 1st April 2013 with the Water and Sewerage Authority taking over responsibility for the sewage network the Commissioners would be in a stronger position to request such data when matters of sewage were raised under planning applications.

LOCAL FARMS

12/343

Mrs O'Halloran wished to place on record her thanks to all members of the public, staff and police who had helped farmers to retrieve stock buried in the recent significant snow storm.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10pm.