

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. A G Jones

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

Action

CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME

13/034

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the second meeting of May and referred to the Civic Service scheduled for 26th May 2013. The Chairman wished to apologise to the public that he would be unable to attend his Civic Service due to a prior commitment in the United Kingdom.

The Chairman also wished to extend his thanks to the Chairman of Onchan Commissioners for their recent Civic Sunday Service. In addition reference was made to three events that had recently taken place in Peel involving the Western Open Art Trail organised by Myra Gilbert, the Centenary Art Festival and the 75th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition at the House of Manannan.

MINUTES

13/035

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st May 2013 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

TOWN CENTRE
PARKING STUDY

13/036

Reference was made back to Minute PGL 13/007 and it was noted that a draft business case would be prepared by the Town Clerk for consideration of the Board. Arising therefrom it was indicated that contact be made with the

Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division, to progress the provision of additional parking on Peel Promenade. It was *AGREED* that an invitation be extended to Derek Sewell of the Department to attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

FIXED TERM
TENANCIES

13/037

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/008 and advised that a reply was still awaited from Mrs. Reeve, Director of Housing at the Department of Social Care. It was noted that a further reminder would be sent requesting the issue of fixed term tenancies being deferred until after the housing conference in July 2013.

SEAGULLS

13/038

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/010 and advised that an application had been made to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture for a licence to dispose of seagulls. The licence was awaited. *NOTED*

TQ

Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that the major concern in Peel was the problem caused by the common gull. Arising therefrom Mr. Lace referred to a gull nest being built at Strand Street flats. The Technical Officer undertook to deal with the matter.

FIRE SAFETY

13/039

Mr. Quayle referred back to Minute 13/014 and advised Members of the possible issues regarding cables in conduits which could cause a problem as outlined in the letter from the Senior Fire Safety Officer following the deaths of two fire fighters in Southampton. Mr. Quayle indicated that this issue was not a problem in terms of the Commissioners housing stock but would need to be addressed in the Commissioners other properties such as the Leece Museum and Town Hall. There was a need for an inspection to be carried out and Mr. Quayle undertook to carry this out accordingly.

TQ

ISLAND OF CULTURE 13/040

The Chairman reported that a Peel Culture Week would be arranged with appropriate events in the summer of 2014. It was noted that letters had been

sent to the Traditional Boat Week organisers and the Carnival organisers to seek their involvement also. At the request of the Chairman the Town Clerk undertook to report back to Mr. Skelly, MHK Chairman of the Isle of Man Arts Council who had instigated the Island of Culture 2014 initiative.

ARMED FORCES DAY	13/041	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/018 and sought confirmation as to which Commissioners wished to attend the Armed Forces Day of celebration at the Villa Marina on 30 th June 2013. It was noted that Mr. Beale would attend and it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise Brigadier Butler, Chairman of the Armed Forces Day Committee accordingly.	Letter sent
MUSIC FESTIVAL	13/042	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/022 and reported that the hearing before the Licensing Court scheduled for 16 th May 2013 had been adjourned to the 13 th June 2013. The Town Clerk indicated that he had recently spoken to Mr. Cain the organiser who had proposed three changes to the original application involving a change of security from G4S to Protect which were more experienced in the area of concerts and festivals. In addition Mr. Cain intended to open up the festival to all ages rather than limit it to over eighteens. It was also noted that an application would be made for an on-site alcohol licence which was supported by the Police. After discussion the Board <i>AGREED</i> that it would not object to the application.	Letter sent
REGISTER OF INTERESTS	13/043	Reference was made back to Minute 13/029 and it was noted that Messrs Cushing, Jones, Harmer and Davison had all submitted their list of interests for inclusion in the register. The remaining Commissioners indicated that they would submit their details accordingly.	
ST GERMAN'S PLACE	13/044	The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 13/031 and reported to Members the position regarding the re-building of the wall at the end of St. German's Place. The wall had been reconstructed as the	

alternative would have been the provision of a fence on top of the existing wall due to the elevation on one side. The wall was not insulated but had a backing system applied on which the render was attached and would be protected.
NOTED

ST PETER'S CHURCH 13/045

The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 13/033 and updated the Board on the current health and safety issues regarding access to the clock mechanism within the clock tower. It was in such a dangerous condition as to not be accessible. Suggestions as to gaining access from the outside by ladder to adjust the clock was not feasible as access was required from inside the tower. At the request of the Technical Officer it was *AGREED* that an engineer be contracted to provide advice on the safety issue regarding this matter.

TQ

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT 13/046

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

13/00527/B

Additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodations 6 Church Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00529/B

Replace existing timber doors with white PVC doors, 1 Peveril Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00553/B

Division of existing dwelling into 3 dwellings, consisting of a) Main House b) Annex and c) apartment, Ballawattleworth House, Tynwald Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

13/00364/D

Erection of illuminated signage, 7-11 Douglas Street, Peel. Mr. Cushing maintained his objection to the element of the planning application regarding the green sign on the right hand side of the building. *RECOMMENDED FOR*

REFUSAL.

13/00588/D

Installation of mahogany PVC front door,
22 Circular Road, Peel
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

13/00481/B

Creation of new en-suite and utility room
in existing garage area, 10 Rheat Lane,
Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR
APPROVAL*

13/00505/B

Replace existing conservatory roof with
government approved Sapalite structural
roof system, Linkside, 12 Rheat Lane,
Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR
APPROVAL*

13/00513/B

Retrospective application for wooden
decked area in rear enclosed yard, 14
Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED
FOR APPROVAL*

13/00591/B

Change of use from temporary to
permanent Amenity Block, Peel Inner
Harbour, Peel *RECOMMENDED FOR
APPROVAL.*

PLANNING 13/047
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

The following planning decisions had
been received from the Planning
Committee:-

PA 13/00398/B Installation of
replacement windows to front elevation,
4 Church Street, Peel for Dominic Mark
Murphy. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00374/B Replacement of a garage
door with a window (retrospective)
Woodlands, 4 Tynwald Road, Peel for
Mr. Paul Kerruish. *APPROVED.*

PA 13/00398/B Erection of a dwelling
(amendment to dwelling approved under
PA 12/01123/B) at Plot C16 Residential
development under construction Rearyt
ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes
Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00414/B Installation of replacement windows to front and rear elevations and replacement front door at Millers Cottage, Charles Street, Peel for Mrs. Charlotte Williamson. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00425/B Installation of replacement conservatory roof at The Deans, 10 Albany Road, Peel for Mrs. Elizabeth Kneen. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00337/B Alterations and erection of extension to detached outbuilding and creation of a rear pedestrian access at Shangri-La, Tynwald Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Nik Bull. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00132/B

13/048

The Town Clerk referred to a letter of response from the Director of Planning dated 13th May 2013 regarding the Planning Committee's approval for alterations and erection of extension to provide retail accommodation and three residential apartments at 15-19 Michael Street, Peel for Mr. Stuart Hardingham. The Isle of Man Strategic Plan provided for one parking space generally for a one bedroom apartment and two spaces for two or more bedroom apartments. However, within the Strategic Plan such a standard could be relaxed under certain circumstances. The Director indicated that each planning application was considered on its own merits and that in this particular case public car parks and on street parking was available in the vicinity.

Mrs. Moughtin voiced her concerns at the Director's letter and stated that in her opinion there was insufficient parking in central Peel. She maintained that the three new residential apartments should have their own private parking which was not the case in respect of this application. Mr. Cushing supported these views and was also intrigued by the comments made by the Director and by way of example referred to the recent Heritage Homes development which did not satisfy the parking provision as provided in the

Strategic Plan. However, Mr. Cushing welcomed the Director's aim to meet the Strategic Plan requirements.

SUNSET BOWLING 13/049
CLUB

Members noted the details of the six advertising boards that the Bowling Club wished to erect at the bowling green. The four foot by three foot boards were acceptable and it was *AGREED* to advise the Secretary of the club accordingly.

Letter sent

PEEL CAMPSITE 13/050

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Luke Cook who was looking to bring over up to 250 persons to take part in a taekwondo event. As a result Mr. Cook was seeking campsite provision including Peel along with one or two other suitable campsites on the Island. The Town Clerk had liaised with Mr. Quane the campsite operator and he had recommended that up to 100 visitors could be accommodated in respect of this event scheduled for mid-August. It was *AGREED* to support this request with up to 100 visitors to the campsite.

VIGIL ON PEEL 13/051
BEACH

Consideration was given to a request from the One World Centre which wished to organise a vigil on Peel Beach in connection with world hunger which would be discussed by the United Kingdom Prime Minister, David Cameron, at the G8 meeting to take place in Northern Ireland in June. The vigil would run from 10.00p.m. to 12 midnight on Sunday 16th June 2013. The request also referred to the possibility of a barbeque earlier in the evening. This matter was agreed subject to the organisers clearing up any litter.

Email sent

Arising therefrom Mr. Lace suggested that appropriate signage be erected along the promenade indicating that barbeques in general were not to be encouraged. This would apply as a rule but could be considered at organised events on a case by case basis.

CRUISE- AZAMARA 13/052
QUEST

Consideration was given to an email from the Department of Economic Development regarding the visit of the

Email sent

Azamara Quest cruise ship to Douglas on 13th July 2013. The captain of the cruise ship was Mr. Carl Smith who originated from Peel. It was proposed that a visit would be arranged for some of the cruise passengers to watch a Viking boat race from Peel beach. A request had been made for the erection of a small marquee on the beach with catering provided by a local supplier. The wet weather back up would involve the top floor of the House of Manannan. The matter was discussed at some length and Mrs. Moughtin indicated that other requests had been declined in the past and suggested that either Fenella Beach or the northern end of the Peel Beach be considered. After further discussion it was *AGREED* that this special event involving Captain Smith might better be provided on the grassed bank above the Creg Malin car park. The Board supported this alternative proposal and it was *AGREED* to advise the Department of Economic Development accordingly.

STREET TRADING 13/053
LICENCE

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. J Staines of 11 Close Toalt, Ballawattleworth, Peel for a street trading licence in respect of his mobile catering trailer. Mr. Staines wished to cover various specified events through the summer period including TT and Manx Grand Prix weeks. In this respect he was keen to set up at the campsite and provide food early in the day and late at night. Mr. Davison referred to the application and indicated that it was too late for consideration for Peel Day as catering had already been agreed with alternative providers. Members were also concerned at the impact on the campsite trade with particular regard to the café facility at the swimming pool. After consideration it was *AGREED TO REFUSE* the request in respect of the TT and Manx Grand Prix periods but that Mr. Staines might wish to apply for other events such as the carnival and Viking boat race days.

Letter sent

PUBLIC ART 13/054
PRESENTATION

The Chairman and Mrs. O'Halloran provided Members with an update on the

public art presentation held on 13th May 2013 in the Boardroom. Three shortlisted artists had made their presentations to the Regeneration Committee. The first involved projections onto walls that was imaginative but could require a high degree of technical input. The second one involved two pillars earmarking the gateway into Peel. These would involve two sails four metres tall with appropriate lettering. The third involved a bronze seal which would be placed on the rock within the harbour mouth adjacent to the flap gate. The Commissioners supported the views of the Chairman and Mrs. O'Halloran in favouring the first and third artistic proposals which were subsequently recommended by the Commissioners to the Regeneration Committee.

Arising therefrom the Chairman referred to the Department of Infrastructure planning application for provision of seating on the wall in front of the Town Hall. The Board *AGREED* that this be supported and that Mr. Sewell be advised accordingly. Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing suggested that the Regeneration Scheme for Peel required more active publishing. It was *AGREED* that the Regeneration Committee be made aware of the Commissioners view with regard to the need to coordinate and promote the public relations aspect of the Regeneration Scheme in Peel.

ROAD TRAFFIC 13/055
REGULATION ACT
1985

Members noted the temporary suspension of parking on the west side of a portion of Atholl Street between 13th May and 25th May 2013 whilst footway refurbishment work was undertaken.

PUBLIC SERVICE 13/056
COMMISSION
CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to the Public Service Commission Consultation document. The Town Clerk read out a letter from Onchan District Commissioners which had specifically responded to question 3 concerning the arrangements for manual and craft staff employed by local authorities. Onchan District Commissioners preferred all

Letter sent

local authorities employing manual and craft staff to form a single negotiating body to offer analogous terms to those determined by the Public Service Commission, but with flexibility to negotiate local agreements where necessary. The Board discussed the matter and noted the views expressed by Onchan District Commissioners. It was *AGREED* that a suitable response be sent to the Civil Service Commission.

RATING OBJECTIONS 13/057

The Town Clerk referred to three temporary rating reductions of 15% in respect of 18 Close Caaig, Reayrt ny Cronk, 14 Close Caaig, Reayrt ny Cronk and 7 Imman Stronnag, Reayrt ny Cronk whilst building works took place. *NOTED*

ATHOLL STREET 13/058

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mr. Corlett, Network Operations Engineer at the Department of Infrastructure regarding the granite kerbstones removed from Atholl Street during the recent regeneration/refurbishment. It was noted that the kerbstones would be re-used in Peel possibly under a future regeneration scheme. As an alternative Mr. Cushing suggested that a request be made to the Department of Infrastructure to utilise the Manx granite kerbstones in Derby Road rather than wait for a regeneration scheme to be developed. It was *AGREED* to forward a letter to the Department accordingly.

Letter sent

PARISH WALK 13/059

The Town Clerk referred to a request received from Mr. Cox for possible use of the campsite for parking during the Parish Walk. The headlands field was deemed unsuitable by the Police as it was on the route of the walk. Members were concerned about utilising the campsite for this purpose and suggested that the Cathedral field could be used instead. Alternatively the Shoprite car park and Clothworkers School could be used for parking. It was *AGREED* to advise that the campsite would not be permitted for car parking on the day of the Parish

Walk.

SEWAGE

13/060

Mr. Cushing referred to the IRIS feasibility study and indicated that following an urgent meeting with Mr. Cregeen, MHK in October 2012 the matter had been passed to Tynwald for a decision. However, following a three month delay Mr. Cushing was concerned that the Water and Sewerage Authority might present the study findings to the Commissioners with a request for a quick decision. It was *AGREED* that this would not be in the Town's best interests and that the recommendations from the consultants should be widely published and the matter considered carefully by the Board. It was *AGREED* to write to the Water and Sewerage Authority seeking confirmation of when the study would be available and the response time required.

Letter sent

BRIDGE STREET

13/061

Mr. Davison referred to an email he had received from a resident of Bridge Street regarding her concerns at the safety of children living and playing in Bridge Street. It was suggested that an accident was waiting to happen and that residents were keen to meet with the Commissioners to discuss their concerns. It was *AGREED* that a meeting be arranged in due course but in the meantime the Department of Infrastructure be requested to undertake speed counts and traffic volumes in respect of Bridge Street prior to a meeting which could include Mr. Sewell from the Department of Infrastructure.

Arising therefrom Mrs. O'Halloran also referred to similar problems with vehicles not stopping at both junctions at the top of Station Road although clearly signed these were being ignored. Miss Felton also referred to traffic allegedly speeding in Factory Lane and enquired as to whether speed humps could be provided. The Town Clerk advised that the Department of Infrastructure, as a matter of policy, would not install speed humps adjacent to dwellings.

HEALTH ISSUES

13/062

Mr. Lacey referred to the twelve week waiting list for patients to have MIR scans. He sought Board approval for a letter to be sent to the Minister for Health enquiring as to the lengthy wait currently applicable in the Isle of Man. *AGREED* Letter sent

This part of the meeting ended at 8.20p.m.

