

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies                Mrs. J O'Halloran  
                                 Mr. I G Davison

In attendance          Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)  
                                 Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	13/063	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Press to the first Board meeting of June and wished to thank the Town Clerk and his staff together with Grace Comber and Grace Easthope for the Civic Sunday Service. The Chairman also wished to congratulate Mr. Davison on all his hard work in arranging Peel Day.</p> <p>Mrs. Moughtin paid tribute to Mr. Alan Brew former Town Clerk who had recently died. She indicated that he would be sadly missed and her thoughts together with the other Board Members was with his widow and two daughters. A minutes silence ensued.</p>
MINUTES	13/064	<p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i>.</p>
TOWN CENTRE PARKING STUDY	13/065	<p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/036 and indicated that Mr. Derek Sewell was currently on leave and was unable to offer a meeting date with the Commissioners to discuss parking with particular regard to the increased parking proposal for Peel promenade.</p>

FIXED TERM  
TENANCIES

13/066

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/037 and reported that a response from the Department of Social Care was still outstanding with regard to the Commissioners suggestion that implementation of fixed term tenancies be deferred pending further details discussion at the Housing Conference scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

Reference was made to the meeting proposed by the Tolson Consultants with regard to the Housing Review scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and it was noted that the Chairman with Mr. Jones, Mr. Beale, Mr. Lace and Miss Felton would also attend at 6.30p.m. at Keill Darry, Nobles Hospital.

SEWAGE

13/067

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/060 and indicated that the Director of the Water and Sewerage Authority had advised that the feasibility study would be available for consideration by the Commissioners towards the end of July and that the Water and Sewerage Authority would not require a quick response to the study. The Director sought an indication from the Commissioners of the anticipated timescale it would require to review the report. The Board could not give a firm guarantee on the timescale as it would depend on the detail of the report. The Chairman suggested that the matter be digested and discussed at the first meeting in September with their response thereafter. The Commissioners consideration may involve a public meeting and a formal response would be provided by the end of September 2013.

BRIDGE STREET

13/068

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/061 and indicated that a traffic survey had been carried out by the Department of Infrastructure in 2008 in which it indicated that the average speed of traffic on Bridge Street was 13mph with the highest recorded

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speed being 29mph. No vehicles speeds were recorded at or over 30mph. Members considered the response from the Department and having regard to the date when the traffic survey was carried out it was *AGREED* that an up to date traffic survey including a speed count be requested.

CIVIC SUNDAY 13/069  
SERVICE

The Town Clerk referred to the recent Civic Sunday Service held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and reported that the donation made at the Service resulted in a cheque for £202.00 being sent to the Peel Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

ROAD TRAFFIC 13/070  
REGULATION ACT  
1985

Members noted three Road Traffic Regulation Orders made by the Director of Highways:- (i) a road closure in respect of Easy Quay and a portion of the promenade near to the Weatherglass Corner in respect of the Peel Viking Longboat Races scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (ii) a temporary prohibition and restriction of traffic on Mill Road, East Quay, Ballaquane Road and Station Place during sewer service laying works. The Order would run from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (iii) a temporary suspension of parking on Atholl Street whilst footway reconstruction work was completed from the 10<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

PEEL PUBLIC 13/071  
AMENITIES

Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr. Richard Rake of Belle Vue Park, Peel who wished to congratulate the outdoor staff on the maintenance of the headlands and the high path on Peel Hill. In addition Mr. Rake wished to congratulate staff at the Peel Swimming Pool for their friendly and efficient work. *NOTED*

PLANNING 13/072  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
COMMENT

The Town Clerk referred to the late PGL delivery of a planning application PA 13/00623 in respect of the creation of a flat roof dormer to existing bedroom in respect of 16 Mountain View, Peel and it was *AGREED* that the consideration of this application be deferred to the

next meeting.

13/00364/D Erection of illuminated signage 7-11 Douglas Street, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING 13/073  
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

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

PA 13/00388/B Erection of a sun room extension to rear elevation at Plot B18 residential development under construction Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00505/B Alterations and roofing works to existing conservatory at Linkside, 12 Rheast Lane, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. William McMeiken. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00454/B Installation of replacement window and door at 24 Circular Road, Peel for Mr. Ryan Denham. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00397/B Window alterations and installation of replacement windows to front elevation at 19 Michael Street, Peel for Mr. Stuart David Hardingham. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01061/B ON 13/074  
APPEAL

The Town Clerk referred to the Appeal decision in respect of the Appeal against the installation of dormer windows and erection of extension to dwelling at 19 Bridge Street, Peel. The Minister had considered the Inspectors report and conclusions and accepted the recommendation that the Appeal should be dismissed and the planning approval be confirmed. *NOTED*

HOUSING REVIEW 13/075

Members noted receipt of a copy letter from Minister Robertshaw, MHK in respect of his response to the local press concerning the possible creation of a single housing body for the South of the Island. Mr. Jones commented upon the Ministers response and stated that the Department had not set any proper

mechanism for consultation and debate between the Department, the Consultants and the political members of local authorities. It was his opinion that any change to the current set up for the provision of social housing would not improve the position.

LANDLORD AND 13/076  
TENANT (PRIVATE  
HOUSING) BILL

Members gave further consideration to the consultation document regarding the proposed Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill. Mr. Cushing stated that as it entailed private housing and not public authority housing it would be outside the Commissioners remit to comment on the document. The Chairman suggested that additional burden could be placed on local authorities if private individuals were not to provide suitable rented accommodation in the future as a result of the proposed changes. Mr. Jones referred to the provision of multiple dwellings which was of more concern in Douglas than Peel and indicated that the need for attainment of certain standards of accommodation had to be balanced against affordability. In conclusion it was suggested that if any resident had concerns over the bill then it would be appropriate for them to contact Mr. Crookall the MHK for Peel.

PARISH WALK 13/077

Members noted the Parish Walk Notice Order made under Section 38 of the Highways Act 1986. It was noted that that section of Derby Road from its junction with Atholl Place to its junction with Albany Road would be closed from 12.30p.m. to 6.30p.m. on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013.

PEEL BEACH 13/078

Consideration was given to a request from the Scripture Union Ministries Trust who wished to hold a youth service on Peel beach on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013 from 7.00 to 9.00p.m. The event would consist of beach games a proposed bonfire and talks. Mrs. Moughtin suggested her preference for use of the former pool site at Marine Parade as opposed to the beach as it

Letter sent

would not interfere with other users of the beach. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the event take place on the beach without approval for a bonfire and subject to any litter being cleared away.

TT SAFETY	13/079	Members noted a letter from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the delivery of safe services on the TT course during the race period. The Department had indicated that all contractors and suppliers appointed by the Board would need to ensure that an appropriate risk assessment had been carried out. The Town Clerk indicated that he had subsequently written to Mr. Jones of Jones Services Limited requesting such an assessment which would identify safety issues associated with motorcycles and other vehicles which may approach at high speeds on the TT course during the roads being open to the public. Confirmation of Jones Services Limited holding a suitable risk assessment in respect of this particular issue was awaited.	
RATING OBJECTION	13/080	Members noted a temporary 15% reduction in the rateable value of 13 Close Caaig, Reayrt ny Cronk, Peel during building/construction works.	
PEEL WI-FI	13/081	The Town Clerk referred to the liaison with Sure to provide free wi-fi on the Quay and part of the promenade and indicated that as far as he was aware the service was now operational.	
DOG FOULING SIGNS	13/082	The Town Clerk tabled some draft dog fouling signs prepared by the Town Warden and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the draft be considered at the next meeting. It was also noted that the Town Warden had been requested to involve the Clothworkers School in the design of one of the signs.	PGL
YN CHRUINNAGHT FESTIVAL	13/083	The Town Clerk referred to an email from the festival organisers which indicated that the plans for this year's festival had now been finalised.	Email sent

Permission was given for musicians to busk outside the Shoprite Store on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2013 between 2.00 and 3.00p.m. It was also noted that an outdoor dance display would take place in front of the House of Manannan on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013 from 2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.

Consideration was given to a request for inter-Celtic bunting to be displayed in Michael Street. Concern was expressed as to whether the bunting was of cloth or plastic construction. Plastic bunting tendered to make a noise in windy conditions and it was *AGREED* to advise the organisers that plastic bunting would not be appropriate.

PEEL SWIMMING 13/084  
CLUB

The Town Clerk referred to a charity swim in aid of hospice and the Peel Swimming Club funds to be held on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The Charity event involved a twenty four hour swimming marathon with club members and permission was sought to place three tents in the campsite field for use of participants during the event. *AGREED*

MUNICIPAL 13/085  
ASSOCIATION

Mr. Jones referred to the recent annual general meeting of the Municipal Association and reported that Mr. David Tolbot had been re-elected as Chairman.

PEEL CYCLE RACE 13/086

Miss Felton referred to a meeting arranged with Steve Shimmin and the Peel Traders to discuss the cycle race arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013. Unfortunately only one trader attended with Miss Felton and the matter had been discussed in detail.

Noting the recent poor attendance at Chamber of Trade meetings Miss Felton indicated she would explore with the Michael Street traders as to whether a meeting at weekends would be of greater benefit.

GRASS CUTTING 13/087

Mr. Lace referred to a complaint he had received regarding the lack of grass

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cutting on the new estates. The Technical Officer undertook to ensure this work was carried out notwithstanding the recent sick leave undertaken by a member of staff involved in this work.

FENELLA TERRACE 13/088

Mr. Lace enquired as to when the replacement windows would be installed at Fenella Terrace. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter with the Technical Officer accordingly. TQ

PEEL CARNIVAL 13/089

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Ian Baker the organiser of Peel Carnival to discuss the arrangements for this year's carnival. Mr. Baker outlined the various acts that had been booked and provided details on the road closure order obtained which would follow previous years. Mr. Baker was looking to locate a band to provide live music on East Quay. In terms of the road closure all roads would be open from 6.00p.m. except for the area around the Weatherglass Corner. As music would be played between 8.00p.m. and 9.00p.m. when the pan fire band would provide a fire show on the beach to be followed by a firework display at 10.00p.m. The Board had no objection to the proposed road closure as sought by Mr. Baker.

Discussion ensued over the possibility of extra financial assistance for 2014 when the Island would celebrate its Year of Culture. Mr. Baker left the meeting at 8.20p.m.

MICHAEL STREET 13/090

It was *AGREED* that Minute C13/038 be transferred to the public record as follows:-

*Reference was made back to the suggestion from Mr. Lace about jet washing of Michael Street. The Technical Officer advised that this had previously been undertaken on a Sunday morning when complaints had subsequently been received regarding the noise of the cleaning operation. It was suggested whether the street could*



*be hosed and the fire services be invited to assist. This matter could be explored further. The Chairman urged caution as the recently painted shops in Michael Street needed to be protected. Mr. Cushing suggested that advance notice be given to the occupants of the shops and the residents to ensure they had plenty of notice prior to any cleaning operation being undertaken.*

This part of the meeting ended at 8.25p.m.