# **GENERAL MEETING**

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mrs. J O'Halloran (Acting Chairman)

Mr. E C Beale Mr. I G Davison Miss K Felton Mr. A G Jones Mr. D J Lace

Mrs. C A Moughtin

Apologies Mr. R K Harmer

Mr. N A Cushing

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Mrs. C Horton (Ward Librarian)

Action

| CHAIRMAN'S | 13/207 | The Acting Chairman welcomed the Press and |
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| WELCOME    |        | Mr. Crookall, MHK to the second meeting of |
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August 2013.

MINUTES 13/208 The Minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

August 2013 were taken as read and

CONFIRMED.

WARD LIBRARY 13/209 Mrs. Horton presented her quarterly report for the Ward Library. The annual statistics had

shown that users of the library had dropped from the previous year which was noted with some disappointment. Mrs. Horton referred to the generous donation from Mrs. Harvie and discussed how the money might best be utilised. It was proposed that new book shelves for the children's section be purchased and that the area be repainted with a mural incorporating a seaside theme. It was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer inspect the area with the Librarian to ascertain the work required. The Board *AGREED* with the Librarian's proposals

for use of the donation as proposed.

Discussion ensued over the possibility or otherwise for disabled access and the Town Clerk undertook to revisit this matter with the Technical Officer and report back to the Board in due course.

In conclusion Mrs. Horton indicated that the Wi-Fi signal had been upgraded and was proving to be extremely popular with visitors to the Ward Library.

Mrs. Horton left the meeting at 7.10p.m.

WAR MEMORIAL 13/210

Members noted the letter sent to the Venerable Archdeacon Andrew Brown with regard to the war memorial in St. Germans Cathedral grounds. It was noted that no further response had been received to the Town Clerk's letter of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Mr. Jones reported that the Royal British Legion had received a reply from the Archdeacon regarding the hanging of the standard in the Cathedral. Contrary to the Archdeacon's letter the standard had previously been hung in the Cathedral and it was noted that the Legion would take the matter further.

REGENERATION 13/211 SCHEME

The Acting Chairman referred back to Minute 13/176 and reported that due to shortage of time and commitments with the recent Peel Traditional Boat Festival she had not had time to progress the matter with regard to artistic proposals for a bronze seal to be sited on the rock within the harbour. It was noted that the Acting Chairman would progress this matter and report back at the next meeting.

WEST VIEW 13/212 PLAYGROUND The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/179 ID and indicated that the defective item of play equipment was in the process of being removed from the West View play area. The climbing frame unit replacement was priced at approximately £15,000 with a smaller option priced at £8,500 from SMP Playgrounds Limited. Mr. Davison indicated that he was also in the process of obtaining some alternative prices and asked the matter to be held over until the following meeting for further consideration.

WATER AND 13/213 SEWERAGE AUTHORITY The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/198 and tabled a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013 from Mr. Winstanley, Chief Executive at the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority. The letter explained how the feasibility study was well advanced with a lot of work having been completed on three separate sites namely land zoned for industrial development adjacent to the Total Oil storage facility, a portion of

Ballaterson Farm on the North side of Glenfaba Road and a section of farm land at Knockaloe, Patrick. Each site had been compared on operational costs basis, capital costs and environmental considerations.

The Authority had also discussed the flow and load surveys with the Environmental Protection Unit at the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture. Instead of relying upon the default standard of "three spills per bathing season" an alternative approach based on the quantitative assessment of the impact of the urban drainage system discharges on the marine environment had been considered. To progress the feasibility study along these lines a number of further steps were required which included a marine impact model to collect site specific data on tide levels bathymetry, currents, wind speed and direction. Also a flow and load survey and a marine compliance assessment to assess the impact of discharges from the outfall locations on the marine environment. To undertake this additional work would take a further six to nine months and the Authority regretted to advise that the final feasibility study report would now be issued at the end of March 2014.

The matter was discussed at some length and Mr. Beale was of the view that the Authority was backtracking and had misled the Board. However, Mrs. Moughtin countered this view and indicated that she did not feel misled by the Authority as the political member and Chief Executive had met with the Board upon an invitation in 2012 to undertake the feasibility It was deemed important that the feasibility study was completed properly to be able to counter any misconception and misinformation from members of the public. The Acting Chairman indicated that the feasibility study had to be completed in the right manner and it was agreed that the position contained within Mr. Winstanley's letter be accepted.

LEECE MUSEUM 13/214 REPORT

YOUTH 13/215 SHELTER/POD The Curator's report for the Leece Museum dated July 2013 was *NOTED* by Members.

Consideration was given to the possible PGL provision of a youth shelter/pod that was solar powered and had a Bluetooth link to enable

music to be played from the shelter direct from mobile devices. The Town Clerk advised that both he and the Technical Officer had inspected a similar shelter at Anagh Coar and indicated that they were of solid construction although the Anagh Coar shelter had suffered some vandalism as the Bluetooth wire connection had been cut. It was noted that new shelters had addressed this issue with cabling located more securely. It was suggested that the cost of the shelter together with the staff costs to lay a concrete base and locate it would be in the region of approximately £10,000 and it was anticipated that an application could be made to the Police Seized Assets Fund for assistance. At this stage it was also noted that Mrs. Val Goldie, Youth Worker, was prepared to meet with a small number of youths to obtain their input into the proposal with particular regard to its possible location.

# ST. PETERS 13/216 CHURCH

13/217

The Town Clerk indicated that John Gray, Structural Engineer had inspected the condition of the clock tower at St. Peters Church on the Market Place and that a structural condition report was awaited. *NOTED* 

# PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT

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

### 13/00955/B

Replacement white finish timber double doors to front elevation 2<sup>nd</sup> floor flat lounge, 3 The Viking Longhouse, Mariners Whaft, East Quay, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*.

#### 13/00930/B

Erection of lock-up garages on site in existing yard, Stanley Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*.

#### 13/90960/B

Installation of replacement uPVC windows, 60 Glenfaba Road, Peel. Members noted that this property was within the Conservation Area and *RECOMMENDED REFUSAL*.

13/90959/B Proposed replacement of existing polycarbonate/glass conservatory roof with lightweight tiled and slated roof, new gutters, fascias and lead flashing 22 Ballaquane Park, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*.

| PLANNING<br>DECISIONS<br>NOTIFIED | 13/218 | The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee as follows:   |             |
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|                                   |        | 13/00723/B Installation of three replacement windows to front elevation at 23 Church Street, Peel for Miss Joan Elenora Caine. <i>APPROVED</i>   |             |
|                                   |        | 13/00809/B Installation of a garden store to replace existing sheds at 8 Rowan Avenue, Ballawattleworth, Peel for Mr. David John and Mrs. Joanne Hocking. <i>APPROVED</i>  |             |
|                                   |        | 13/00804/B<br>Roofing works to existing conservatory at 5<br>Fuchsia Lane, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for Mr.<br>Brian Elliott. <i>APPROVED</i>   |             |
|                                   |        | 13/00770/B Erection of a dwelling with sunroom to rear and widened driveway (amendment to approved PA 10/00544/B) at Plot B9 Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. <i>APPROVED</i>   |             |
|                                   |        | 13/00715/B Erection of an extension to rear of dwelling at 12 Fuchsia Road, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. James Murphy. <i>APPROVED</i>   |             |
| PLANNING<br>CHANGES               | 13/219 | Members noted a letter from the Planning and Building Control Division of the Department of Infrastructure which indicated that Tynwald had approved on 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2013 new legislation which clarified and amended certain elements of the planning and building control legislation. |             |
| CASTLETOWN<br>CIVIC SERVICE       | 13/220 | Members noted an invitation from Castletown Town Commissioners to their Civic Service on 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 2.30p.m. at the Methodist Church, Arbory Street.   | Letter sent |
| MAROWN CIVIC<br>SERVICE           | 13/221 | Members noted an invitation from Marown Parish Commissioners to their Civic Service on 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 11.00a.m. at Marown Parish Church. Mr. Jones and Miss Felton indicated that they would attend.   | Letter sent |
| RAMSEY CIVIC<br>SERVICE           | 13/222 | The Town Clerk referred to a recent invitation from Ramsey Town Commissioners to their Civic Service also to be held on 29 <sup>th</sup> September   | Letter sent |

2013 at 3.00p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Maughold Church, Queens Promenade, Ramsey. Mr. Beale indicated that he would attend

PEEL CARNIVAL 13/223 Members noted a letter from Mr. Baker, Completed Chairman of Peel Carnival Committee thanking the Commissioners for their donation and invaluable assistance towards this year's carnival. The Acting Chairman asked that a letter be sent to the Committee congratulating them on their hard work and splendid carnival.

PEDLARS AND 13/224 **STREET** TRADERS ACT 1906

The Town Clerk referred to the 1906 Act and Ongoing reported that it had been amended in 1998 to introduce a provision relating to trading licences in open spaces. The Town Clerk tabled a map of Peel with areas marked for consideration to be included in an application that would necessitate Tynwald approval. Members approved the areas shown which included the East and West Quay, Promenade, Market Place and Atholl Place. It was noted that any such application would have to be advertised in the local press and the Town Clerk undertook to progress this matter accordingly.

ISLE OF MAN 13/225 FOOD PARK

Members noted letter a from Auldyn PGL Construction Limited updating the Commissioners on the current state of progress with regard to the major works at the Isle of Man Food Park. Disruption had been caused due to the limited access to the site and surrounding areas. Delays had occurred with the digging up of the road when additional services had been identified. Mr. Davison was impressed with the progress shown by Auldyn Construction Limited. Reference was made to Mr. Hamilton who was in charge of the scheme and suggested that he was no longer employed. The Town Clerk was asked to enquire into this matter.

DOUGLAS 13/226 **CONTINENTAL MARKET** 

Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Peter Birch of the Original Manx Fudge Factory based in Ballasalla. Mr. Birch had written to all local authorities urging them to support his viewpoint that Douglas Corporation and the Douglas Development Partnership should cease working with the company that operated the continental markets as it was impacting upon existing retail businesses on the Island. Mr. Davison did not support the market and suggested that Government funding was not available for these markets. In his opinion they detracted from the trade in shops in Douglas. The Acting Chairman suggested that it was not a matter for the Commissioners to involve themselves with and it was *AGREED* to make no comment on the letter

## FENELLA BEACH 13/227 CAR PARK

The Board considered a letter from Mr. Rodney Christopher, Director of Properties at the Department of Infrastructure regarding the use of Fenella Beach car park by campervans. It appeared that upwards of ten campervans were currently in the Fenella Beach car park due to the Manx Grand Prix event. The Department was not prepared to take steps, other than monitoring the situation, to deal with these campervans which were parked in contravention of the car park byelaws operated by the Department which limited parking to eighteen hours in a twenty four hour period. Members noted the letter with disappointment and it was indicated by Mr. Jones that only the Harbour Police could enforce the parking bylaws and not Peel Police. Mr. Jones stated that the Department was prepared to make regulations for its car parks and then ignore them when convenient. No consistency was displayed by the Department in this respect.

Mr. Davison suggested that the continental practice be considered whereby water and toilet facilities were provided to make it a proper campervan car park.

#### VALUATION LIST 13/228

The second Supplemental Valuation List for Peel was noted by Members. The rateable value had increased due to the building of new properties.

# PEEL BEACH 13/229 MISSION

The Town Clerk referred to a recent letter received from Mr. Michael Clarkson of the Peel Beach Mission in which he wished to thank the Commissioners and staff for the celebration held at the Sailing Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> beach mission in Peel. *NOTED* 

# SHOPRITE CAR 13/230 PARK

Mr. Davison referred to the section of the PGL Shoprite car park in Derby Road that had recently been relaid with tarmac. He enquired as to why the fencing was still in place and the Town Clerk advised that it had been left there to

allow the tarmac to settle and harden. A request would be made to Shoprite to remove the fencing.

The Town Clerk would also enquire as to the possible exchange of land at the car park as previously discussed by the Board and Shoprite.

Mr. Davison referred to the large signs displayed at the frontage of the car park onto Derby Road which had caused concern to adjacent residents. It was noted that Shoprite did not have planning approval for such signage.

13/231 **RURAL ROADS** 

Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 13/203 and Letter sent reported that the hedges of secondary roads had still not been cut by the Department of Infrastructure as a result of more traffic using these routes whilst the TT course was closed for racing and practices. In his opinion an accident was waiting to happen and it was AGREED that a further request be made to the Department to

13/232 FENELLA **TERRACE** 

Mr. Lace enquired as to progress with the replacement window scheme for Fenella The Town Clerk advised that the Terrace windows were scheduled to be installed in mid-September.

address this issue.

**PROMENADE** 13/233 **RAILINGS** 

Mr. Lace reported that the Department of Infrastructure staff had commenced work to repaint the promenade railings. The Town Clerk advised that the Department was looking at a number of different paints that may address the issue of rusting of the railings. It was likely that a maintenance regime would involve repainting every three to four years.

TRAIE FOGOG 13/234 Mr. Lace reported broken glass on the steps of Completed the old baths at Traie Fogog. It appeared that youths were drinking in this area and it was AGREED that the matter be reported to the Police accordingly.

TRADITIONAL 13/235 **BOAT FESTIVAL** 

The Acting Chairman referred to the extremely Letter sent successful Traditional Boat Festival and asked that the Board forward a letter to Mr. Clark of Traditional Boat Festival Committee thanking him and his committee members for a successful event in Peel.

This part of the meeting ended 8.00p.m.