

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance        Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S<br>WELCOME  | 13/236 | The Chairman welcomed the press and Mr. Crookall, MHK to the first meeting of September and referred to the recent official opening of the Tommy Clucas Sports Hall. The Chairman wished to pay tribute to the hard work of many different people over the past nine years in bringing the building and completion of the sports hall to fruition. |        |
| MINUTES                | 13/237 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2013 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .  |        |
| WARD LIBRARY           | 13/238 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/209 and indicated that he had discussed the proposed disabled access with the Technical Officer. It was <i>AGREED</i> that costings be obtained as to the total outlay in providing a disabled access for subsequent consideration at the budget estimate meetings.                                      | TQ/PGL |
| REGENERATION<br>SCHEME | 13/239 | Mrs. O'Halloran referred back to Minute 13/211 and indicated that she had spoken to Stephanie Quayle who had emailed her costings for a bronze seal. It was noted that Ms. Quayle had an exhibition  | J O'H  |

organised for October when a clay model of the seal would be on view. Mrs. O'Halloran undertook to refer the matter to the Regeneration Committee at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to update them on the position. It was noted that other funding would be required to enable the commissioning of the bronze.

WEST VIEW  
PLAYGROUND

13/240

Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 13/212 and indicated that he had obtained costs of items of playground equipment from J A Graham Limited. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Davison, the Town Clerk and Technical Officer discuss the various items of equipment and their price prior to bringing the matter back to the full Board.

YOUTH  
SHELTER/POD

13/241

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/215 and indicated that a meeting had taken place with Miss Felton, Inspector Pearson and a number of youths regarding the proposal for a youth shelter/pod. The proposed location on the West Quay car park had been discussed at a site meeting with Inspector Pearson and Constable Radcliffe and it was suggested that a more appropriate location would be on the lower part of Peel Hill overlooking Fenella Beach car park. This was deemed to be a safer location from the Police perspective and it was also on land in the ownership of the Commissioners. The Town Clerk advised that an application would be made via Inspector Pearson for financial assistance from the seized asset fund.

PGL

ISLE OF MAN  
FOOD PARK

13/242

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/225 and confirmed that Mr. Hamilton was still employed at the Isle of Man Food Park in charge of the renovation and improvement scheme. *NOTED*

SHOPRITE CAR  
PARK

13/243

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/230 and indicated that he had been in contact with Mr. Thomas of Shoprite and had requested that the heras fencing be removed from the corner section of the car park in the ownership of the Commissioners.

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Discussion had also taken place over the proposed exchange of land within the car park and it was noted that Shoprite did not regard progression of this matter as one of urgency.

After discussion the Board *AGREED* that the car parking spaces in the central section of the car park owned by the Commissioners be painted in a different colour with an appropriate sign indicating the hours during which parking was available.

Members expressed concern at the continued display of large advertising boards at the boundary of the car park with Derby Road and also the fact that a planning application for change of use when the former medical centre was demolished had not been made by Shoprite Limited. The Board were of the view that Shoprite Limited should submit appropriate retrospective planning applications for these matters.

BRIDGE STREET      13/244

Mr. Davison referred to the meeting with some residents of Bridge Street regarding their concerns over safety and traffic speeds in Bridge Street. It was noted that Miss Webb had indicated in an email to Mr. Davison that a young child had recently been knocked down in Michael Street and was concerned that a similar incident was not repeated in Bridge Street.

The Board also considered another email from a resident regarding the speed of traffic in Factory Lane. The concerns of Members were considered including the shortage of available parking for vehicles. Mr. Beale referred to a bench and gas bottle that was permanently on the pavement outside a property in Bridge Street which would necessitate pedestrians to step into the road. It was suggested that these needed removing and it was *AGREED* that the Town Warden be requested to contact the property owner. Mrs. O'Halloran was of the view that old Peel needed pedestrianisation to alleviate

these issues regarding traffic safety. Reference was made to the letter received from the Highways Section of the Department of Infrastructure which confirmed that there was no evidence of speeding traffic in Bridge Street or any accidents in recent times. Mr. Jones was of the view that little could be done other than additional signage. Mr. Davison suggested a 10mph speed limit would assist. Mr. Cushing supported a 20mph speed limit for the whole of Peel with a 10mph speed limit in Bridge Street.

In conclusion it was confirmed that these streets were not play areas but the Board did support a request for additional signage to the Department of Infrastructure to slow traffic down in Bridge Street.

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS  
FOR COMMENT

13/245

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

13/90992

Replacement oak woodgrain finish PVC traditional front door, 12 Charles Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/90989

Erection of a conservatory to the south elevation, 12 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00784/B

Erection of extensions to front and rear elevations (re-advertised due to amended proposal description), 10 Church Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/00970

Application for Registered Building Consent St German's Cathedral – conversion of North Vestry to a prayer room and installation of an Aumbry, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

13/01020

Application for a Certificate of Lawful use for replacement windows, 8 Lyndale Avenue, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR*

*APPROVAL.*

13/00739/B

Alterations to existing vehicular access and driveway and change to design of conservatory roof as approved under PA 11/01627/B (re advertised due to amended plans and amended proposal description) 41 Douglas Street, Peel.  
*RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
NOTIFIED

13/246

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

PA 13/00707/B Installation of replacement windows at 13 Mona Street, Peel for Miss Sarah Hickey. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00816/B Erection of a replacement conservatory to dwelling 15 Mountain View, Peel for Mr. Andrew Kelly.  
*APPROVED*

PA 13/00858/B Installation of replacement windows at Ballacosnahan Patrick Street, Peel for Peel Town Commissioners.  
*APPROVED*

PA 13/00893/B Alterations, demolition of an existing lean to extension and erection of an extension to dwelling at Belle Vue House, Belle Vue Lane, Peel for Mr. Peter James Michael Hollingworth.  
*APPROVED*

PA 13/00886/B Installation of replacement windows to front and rear elevations at Apartment 2 Charles Street Close Flats, Charles Street Close, Peel for Mr. Paul Cubbon. *APPROVED*

PA 13/00833/B Erection of a dwelling with sun room to rear elevation at Plot B10 Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

MAUGHOLD CIVIC SERVICE 13/247

The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from Mrs. Marinda Fargher, Chairman of Maughold Parish Commissioners with regard to its Civic Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 3.00p.m. Mr. Beale indicated that he would attend on behalf of Letter sent

the Commissioners.

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| FESTIVAL OF SILK   | 13/248 | The Town Clerk referred to an invitation from the Chairman of the Guild of Silk Painters in the Isle of Man to the official opening of the Festival of Silk on Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Sayle Gallery, Douglas. The Chairman indicated that he would be pleased to attend.   | Invitation accepted |
| PUBLIC LIGHTING<br>REARYT NY<br>CRONK                                | 13/249 | The Town Clerk tabled a map indicating the proposed public lighting scheme for Phase B3 at Rearyt ny Cronk. The Board confirmed its acceptance of the layout proposed by Heritage Homes Limited with the provision of 24 watt LED AXIA lamps.   | Completed           |
| POST OFFICE<br>AMENDMENT BILL  | 13/250 | Members noted a letter from the Department of Economic Development which gave a link to the review/report of the Post Office Amendment Bill consultation process.   |                     |
| CONSULTATION<br>ON THE<br>EUROPEAN UNION<br>(AMENDMENT)<br>BILL 2013 | 13/251 | Reference was made to a consultation document issued by the Chief Secretary's Office with regard to a European Union (Amendment) Bill. Members had no comment on the consultation document.   |                     |
| SEWAGE   | 13/252 | Mr. Cushing referred to the letter received from Mr. Winstanley dated 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2013 regarding the Sewage Feasibility Study. Mr. Cushing expressed amazement at the response from the Authority with the consequent delays. He was disappointed that the study would now be delayed between six and nine months. Mr. Cushing stated that Mr. Winstanley had previously indicated that finance was available in October 2012 to progress this matter and he enquired whether the funding had been ring fenced and still available for Peel despite the additional delay now envisaged. Mr. Jones was of the view that it was unfair to place all the blame on the Water and Sewerage Authority as another Government Department namely the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture was involved. The Chairman queried why the change in the method of analysis had been proposed and what had triggered the change and the different it | Letter sent         |

would make to the study outcome. It was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to Mr. Winstanley enquiring as to these particular matters.

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| MANX<br>AUTOSPORT | 13/253 | The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Manx Auto Sport Limited dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2013 regarding the Pokerstars Rally to be held on 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2013. The organisers wished to run a stage through the lower section of Peel on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November from approximately 2.30p.m. with a conclusion around 5.00p.m. This would necessitate a road closure. Mr. Davison indicated that the proposed route taking in a portion of Heathfield Drive, lower Patrick Street, Mill Road, East Quay and the Promenade had been inspected from a health and safety aspect. In addition all businesses on the route would be contacted and after discussion the Board <i>AGREED</i> to support a road closure by Manx Auto Sport Limited for this event. It was hoped that a significant number of spectators would come into Peel during the afternoon. | Letter sent |
| ADVENTURE RACE    | 13/254 | The Board considered a request from Mr. Keiron Tastagh regarding an adventure race in Peel similar to 2012. This year's event was scheduled for Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2013 with the race beginning at 9.00a.m. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to the event taking place.   |             |
| PEEL CARNIVAL     | 13/255 | The Town Clerk referred to a request to have a meeting with representatives from the Peel Carnival Committee to debrief on this year's event and also look forward to arrangements for 2014 together with the Carnival Committee's involvement in the Year of Culture. It was <i>AGREED</i> to meet Mr. Baker and his colleagues on Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.00p.m.   |             |
| BOARD MEETING     | 13/256 | The Chairman referred to the Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November and suggested that as it was Bonfire Night and the night for the Commissioners fireworks display that the meeting be held over to Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>   |             |

November 2013 at 7.00p.m. *AGREED*

FENELLA BEACH 13/257  
CAR PARK

Mr. Lace referred to the ongoing problem involving large numbers of campervans staying in the Fenella Beach car park. He suggested that the Commissioners look to acquire the car park from the Department of Infrastructure. The Town Clerk indicated that the Department would not consider a transfer at nominal consideration but would consider a realistic offer. It was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk write to Mr. Christopher, Director of Properties and enquire as to his Department's valuation of the car park. Letter sent

This part of the meeting ended at 7.40p.m.