

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Mr. P Wozniak (Town Warden – for item 14/332)

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 14/330 | The Chairman welcomed Members of the public and press to the second meeting of November. | |
| MINUTES | 14/331 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th November 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . | |
| TOWN WARDEN'S REPORT | 14/332 | <p>The Town Warden presented his report for October 2014. It was noted that over 200 abandoned/unlicensed vehicle notices had been placed on vehicles around Peel and that Ballawattleworth and Kerroo Coar were areas with several such vehicles being left. Mr. Wozniak indicated that incidents of untaxed vehicles were now being passed to the Police for further action.</p> <p>Six fixed penalty notices had been served on dog owners for allowing their dogs to be on the beach during the restricted period contrary to the dog control byelaws. Mr. Wozniak referred to the signage within the Derby Road car park which required amendment. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be progressed by the Town Warden accordingly. A suggestion was made as to the need to amend the current car parking byelaws and it was felt that this matter could be discussed at a future Western</p> | Town Warden |

Traffic Management Group meeting. It was noted that there were no current regulations regarding the parking of motorhomes on the highway and it was noted that this aspect of traffic control was under review.

Other matters were discussed including the need to provide a larger litter bin at the shop in Ballawattleworth Estate. Mr. Wozniak who assisted the campsite attendant during the TT and Manx Grand Prix fortnights also suggested the benefit of acquiring additional portaloos for the top field. In discussing the campsite it was noted that the Board had agreed to increase the camping rate for 2015 by 50p. Mr. Davison referred to advertising of the campsite in conjunction with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company. An approach had been made to the Department of Tourism to link into advertising the campsite for motorhomes but this had not been accepted. With the change in Government view to consider caravans being allowed onto the Island this could be revisited by Mr. Davison.

The Chairman indicated that the Town byelaws could be reviewed in the light of the possible acquisition of further local services from the Department of Infrastructure.

In the Town Warden's opinion dog fouling had reduced and an improvement seen. There were however specific areas including Peveril Road and Kerroo Coar where fouling problems still existed. The Town Warden was required to provide a written monthly report and meet with the Board Members on a quarterly basis.

Mr. Wozniak left the meeting at 7.20p.m.

PUBLIC ART

14/333

Reference was made back to Minute PGL 14/303 and arising therefrom it was confirmed that the Board would seek to commission the making of a bronze seal to be situated on the harbour rock adjacent to Fenella Beach entrance. It was *AGREED* to ascertain possible financial assistance

from sponsors and this could be included on the Commissioners website.

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| CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON CEREMONY | 14/334 | <p>Mr. Davison indicated that he had been unable to contact Mr. David Knight for an invitation to switch on the Christmas lights in 2015 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that his contact details be passed to the Town Clerk for necessary action.</p> <p>Arising therefrom the Town Clerk referred to an application from Mrs. Reid who wished to operate a mobile fast food outlet on Atholl Place during the Christmas light switch on ceremony. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a street trading licence be issued to Mrs. Reid with a direction that the unit be located immediately in front of the estate agent's premises where Atholl Place was at its widest. Miss Felton indicated that Filbey's Restaurant would also utilise the same mobile unit to provide turkey and cranberry baps.</p> | IGD/PGL |
| PEEL YOUTH CENTRE | 14/335 | <p>The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/316 and indicated that he had recently written to Mrs. Goldie of the Peel Youth Team regarding further details of the Youth Team request and that a response was awaited.</p> | |
| LOCAL SERVICES | 14/336 | <p>The Town Clerk produced a draft response addressed to Minister Gawne, MHK at the Department of Infrastructure following a meeting with him on 17th November 2014. The Commissioners had agreed in principle to consider taking over certain local services from the Department of Infrastructure from 1st April 2015 subject to detailed agreement.</p> <p>The Town Clerk advised that he had arranged a further meeting with Mr. Bill Corlett of the Department to look into detailed costings of the services outlined for transfer and that he would report back to the Board in due course. The Chairman indicated that the recharge currently paid by the Department to the Commissioners for street cleaning and grass cutting roughly equated to the anticipated cost savings at the incinerator. However, other</p> | PGL |

services proposed by the Department for transfer would entail additional cost which may be in the region of a 10% increase on the rates subject to detailed scrutiny. Mr. Lace indicated the need for the infrastructure of the various services under discussion to be in good order prior to any transfer.

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| WARD LIBRARY | 14/337 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/325 and indicated that the Technical Officer had inspected the old style phone box which needed a number of the window panels to be replaced prior to it being adapted for use as an outdoor free library. The matter would be progressed in conjunction with Miss Felton and the Ward Librarian, Miss Quilliam. | TQ |
| SEAGULL BYELAWS | 14/338 | Reference was made back to Minute 14/329 and Mr. Jones indicated that the issue of having byelaws regarding the feeding of seagulls was less than straight forward. There was a need to establish proof of annoyance or distress in such matters and the drafting requirement of such a byelaw would need careful consideration and possible legal advice. | PGL |
| ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985 | 14/339 | Members noted receipt of a draft road traffic prohibition order restricting no waiting sections of Glenefaba Road, North View and West View, Peel. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT | 14/340 | The following planning applications were considered as follows:- 14/01263 Erection of extension on rear of property to provide storage for parcels, The Post Office, Douglas Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 14/01260 Proposed replacement rear kitchen extension, 10 Church Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 14/01295 Addition of 9 new garage, five of which were approved under PA10/00092, four have been added where containers | Letter sent |

referenced in previous application PA 10/00092 were to be removed, Heathfield Yard, Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/01301

Blocking off existing patio door, installing of two velux roof lights, 6 Clover Avenue, Rearyt Ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01279

To fit a bi-folding door in place of two existing windows in the rear wall of the property, Shenndeeagh, Ballaquane Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS NOTIFIED 14/341

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

PA 14/01151/B Widening of existing driveway and access onto highway, 9 Mountain View, Peel for Mr. Norman Smith. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01171/B Installation of a replacement conservatory roof with light weight roof tiles, 24 Mountain View, Peel for Miss Renee Shay. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01107/B Alterations, erection of boundary fencing, timber screen and re-location of sign at The Highwayman, Poortown Road, Peel for Heron & Brearley Limited. *APPROVED*

REGISTERED
BUILDING
REGULATIONS 2013 14/342

Members noted receipt of a notice from the Planning Committee dated 20th October 2014 which placed Peel Police Station onto the Protected Buildings Register under the Town and County (Registered Buildings) Regulations 2013.

PA 14/00421/B ON
APPEAL 14/343

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Minister regarding the appeal against the approval for the demolition of the garage workshop, 20 Stanley Mount, Peel. The Minister had concurred with the Inspectors conclusions and recommended the appeal be dismissed.

PA 13/91829/B ON
APPEAL

14/344

The Town Clerk tabled the appeal decision of the Minister with regard to the Commissioners appeal for the residential development of 144 dwellings with associated highway, drainage work, public open spaces and landscaping in fields east of Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel. The Minister had concurred with the Inspectors conclusions and dismissed the Commissioners appeal.

Mrs. Moughtin expressed her disappointment at the Minister's decision and stated that the town was developing too fast with problems regarding infrastructure keeping pace with development. She indicated that the medical centre was currently fundraising to provide additional facilities. In Mrs. Moughtin's opinion the Minister was not listening to the Commissioners. Mr. Jones reported that he had undertaken a certain level of research into this planning application and was of the view that the Commissioners were unlikely to succeed with this appeal. He advocated that discussions with the developer should have taken place over possible planning gain. Mr. Davison felt it was inevitable that the developer would obtain approval at appeal as it appeared the Planning Committee and the Department of Education appeared supportive of the application and that the town's infrastructure was adequate for a development of this size. Mr. Davison was of the view that the current strategic review due to expire in 2016 would be the time to argue the town's case for limit on future major development when the next phase was under review including the Peel Local Plan from 1988 which was significantly out of date. The Chairman was particularly unhappy that the Commissioners were unable to have any significant influence on Peel planning matters and was of the view that the legislation and rules concerning planning needed significant overhaul.

FIREWORK DISPLAY

14/345

Members noted receipt of two emails from members of the public that had enjoyed the Commissioners firework display on 5th November 2014. The Chairman also

indicated that he had received a number of positive comments from residents. It was noted that the weather held good and that the firework display whilst being well received could possibly improve for future years.

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| PORT ERIN CAROL SERVICE | 14/346 | Members noted receipt of an invitation to the Port Erin Commissioners Carol Service to be held on Thursday 18 th December 2014 at 7.00p.m. Mr. Lacey indicated that he would attend. | Letter sent |
| REDUCTION IN COMMISSIONERS | 14/347 | Members noted receipt of a letter from Mr. Willoughby of the Policy and Legislation Office at the Department of Infrastructure dated 5 th November 2014 regarding the Commissioners application to reduce its numbers from nine to seven. It was noted that the Department of Infrastructure would now progress the scheme and place a notice of motion to the December Tynwald seeking approval to carry out a public enquiry under the Power of Enquiry (Evidence) Act 2003. It was indicated that if Tynwald approved the holding of an enquiry the costs thereof would be payable by the Commissioners. | Ongoing |
| RATING OBJECTION | 14/348 | Members noted receipt of an application by Mr. & Mrs. Corden of 21 Bridge Street, Peel regarding a disputed rating assessment. The Valuation Office had forwarded the papers to the Rent & Rating Appeal Commissioners for consideration. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| NEW YEARS DAY DIP | 14/349 | The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Mrs. Green of Greens Jewellers, Michael Street, Peel regarding the Peel New Year's Day Dip which would be held at 12 noon on Thursday 1 st January 2015. Mrs. Green had requested permission for the organisers to arrange a collection for Peel Lifeboat, Multiple Sclerosis and Manx Miracles. <i>AGREED</i> | Completed |
| HOP TU NAA PARTY | 14/350 | The Town Clerk referred to a letter of thanks received from Mrs. Hannan organiser of the annual Hop Tu Naa Party at The Centenary Centre. A list of prize winners had been provided and it was | |

AGREED to list this matter on the Commissioners website. Arising therefrom Mr. Jones wished to extend his thanks to all involved and commented upon the strong community spirit still evident in Peel.

TOWN HALL PHONE SYSTEM 14/351

The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from Manx Telecom which indicated that its old BCM 50/450 phone system at the Town Hall would no longer be supported by Manx Telecom after 1st March 2015. From that date any faults requiring the attention of an engineer or spare parts would not be possible. It was *AGREED* to investigate an up to date alternative phone system. The Chairman indicated that contact be made with Skanco to enquire about a computer based link to the telephone system. PGL

27 QUEENS DRIVE 14/352

The Town Clerk read out a letter from Island Drainage and Groundworks Limited addressed to Mr. Quayle the Technical Officer. Following an accident on the 15th August 2014 in which Mr. Quayle's front garden wall had been demolished by an Island Drainage and Groundworks Limited vehicle the company had subsequently agreed to replace the wall utilising its own supply of bricks which were currently the same as being used for the capital refurbishment programme currently progressing at various locations with the Commissioners housing. *NOTED*

SURE 14/353

Upon a request from Miss Felton it was *AGREED* to meet with Mr. Steve O'Hara of Sure at the next Board meeting at 8.00p.m. to discuss WiFi provision.

POLICE STAFFING 14/354

Mr. Lace referred to the reduction in Police numbers and indicated that he was of the view that increased responsibilities and duties had been placed on the special constables. He was of the opinion that a number of existing special constables were unhappy at this situation and were quitting their roles. In his opinion the Isle of Man needed more than ever an adequate number of special constables as a result of the reduction in police numbers. Mr. Jones PGL

confirmed that in Peel the service provided by special constables and their commitment should be appreciated. It was *AGREED* to advise Inspector Pearson of the Commissioners concerns regarding this matter.

PEEL
CLOTHWORKERS
SCHOOL

14/355

The Chairman referred to a letter received from Peel Clothworkers School thanking the Commissioners for the £133 donation to the Parent/Teachers Association Funds arising out of the Civic Sunday collection.

RECYCLE BINS

14/356

The Chairman referred to the recycle bins at Shoprite car park and requested the need to provide netting to prevent excess materials blowing into the adjacent gardens at Close Cubbon. *AGREED*

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SHELTERED
HOUSING

14/357

The Chairman referred to the recent email regarding the criteria for sheltered housing and it was *AGREED* that this matter be discussed at the next meeting on 2nd December 2014.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10p.m.

