

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. A G Jones
 Miss K M Felton

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/398	The Chairman welcomed the press to the first meeting of 2015 and wished all a happy and prosperous New Year. It was with regret that the Chairman referred to the sad passing of Fred Crowe a former Commissioner and Chairman. Mr. Crowe was well respected and admired as a family man and will be sorely missed. A minutes silence was observed.	
MINUTES	14/399	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 th December 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
STREET NAMES	14/400	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/389 regarding the naming of the roads in the new housing development adjacent to Rearyt ny Cronk. He indicated that the Board has previously considered the naming of the various roads and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this list be forwarded to Heritage Homes Limited.	PGL
		The Town Clerk also referred to a plan of the new estate indicating the phasing of the works. <i>NOTED</i>	
PUBLIC HEALTH BILL	14/401	Members gave further consideration to the consultation document from the Department of Health and Social Care regarding the Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill. Members were fully	

supportive of the Bill.

COUNTRYSIDE CARE 14/402
SCHEME

Further consideration was given to the consultation document forwarded by the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture on the Countryside Care Scheme for 2015 onwards.

Letter sent

Mr. Davison indicated his concern at the levels of subsidies paid to landowners who do nothing with the land. In his opinion this was wrong and that farms needed to be more sustainable through commercial business and activity with subsidies being based on produce. He referred to the abattoir and the high costs incurred by farmers utilising this facility which resulted in stock being taken to UK abattoirs for processing. He felt the abattoir was too large for the Island with employment and operational costs too high. Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that farming was a unique business on the Island and that some small farms would never be profitable. It was her opinion that the subsidies should be reduced but on a gradual basis. Mrs. O'Halloran stated that imports had an adverse effect on Manx farms and that the abattoir needed to be fit for purpose. The Chairman was of the view that a clear strategy was needed and that farmers should consider premium products for successful businesses in the future. It was *AGREED* that appropriate comments be made to the Department regarding the consultation document.

ROAD TRAFFIC 14/403
REGULATION ACT
1985

Members noted receipt of an order revoking a reserved parking place at properties 22 and 21 Westlands, Peel.

PLANNING 14/404
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

The following planning applications were considered as follows:-

Letter sent

14/01441/B

Proposed flat roof extension to form records store, Peel Medical Centre.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

14/01439/B

Garage conversion to habitable room, 29 Ballellis, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel – new front porch and conversion of garage to living area. Extension of driveway for additional parking. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01454/B

Replace timber framed sash and case windows to front elevation on the 1st and 2nd floors, Co-operative Store, Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00192/B

Erection of a building to provide garaging and service facilities, land to rear of Isle of Man Seafood Products Limited, Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel. The view was expressed that digging into the bank may destabilise it and cause problems to the properties above in Patrick Street. The Commissioners *RECOMMENDED* that a structural engineers report was obtained before any approval was given.

14/01423/B

Alterations to car port to form garage – alterations to vehicular access and driveway, 43 Ballaquane Park, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

14/405

The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Committee as follows:-

PA 14/01312/C Additional use of residential property as tourist living accommodation, 15 Wood View Court, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for Crown Investments Limited. *APPROVED*.

PA 14/01337/B Installation of replacement front door, fanlight and ground floor window at 5 Lyndale Avenue, Peel for Mr. Ian Simons. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01323/B Erection of five detached dwellings (change of house types from

those approved under PA 13/91289/B) with access road and public open space at Plots 57, 58, 59, 60 and 65 and adjoining highway/public open space of approved residential development (Slieau Whallian View) field 311826 between Poortown Road and QE2 High School east of Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01301/B Blocking up existing patio doorway and installation of two roof lights on rear extension at 6 Clover Avenue, Rearyt ny Keylley, Peel for The Village Workshop Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01326/B Erection of four detached dwellings (change of house types from those approved under PA 13/91289/B) at Plots 18, 19, 20 and 21 Slieau Whallian View field 314444 between Poortown Road and QE11 High School East of Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01342/B Installation of replacement garage door at garage for house no. 58 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Carolyn Barrett. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00814/B Erection of extension over detached garage to provide ancillary living accommodation, Murtagh House, Battery Road, Peel for Abbey Properties Limited. *WITHDRAWN*.

PUBLICATION OF
PLANNING LIST

14/406

Members gave consideration to a letter from Mr. Gallagher, Director of Planning regarding a review of the decision to no longer publish planning applications in the local press but rely on online notification. Members were concerned at the decision of the Department to no longer use the local papers and it was indicated that not all members of the public had access to computers and online services. The local papers provided a wider coverage and the projected savings of £38,000 per year did not justify the removal of the publication lists in the papers. It was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to the

Letter sent

Director of Planning.

CIVIC SERVICES	14/407	Members noted receipt of invitations to Michael District Civic Service on 8 th February 2015 and Malew Parish Civic Service on 8 th March 2015. The Chairman indicated that he would attend both Civic Services.	Letters sent
SAFEGUARDING FORUM	14/408	Members considered a letter from the Department of Health and Social Care dated 31 st December 2014 regarding a safeguarding forum to be held on 20 th February 2015. The Town Clerk was requested to ensure the two absent Members, Mr. Jones and Miss Felton were aware of the forum.	
PROPOSED REDUCTION IN COMMISSIONERS	14/409	Members considered the case prepared by the Town Clerk for its scheme to reduce Commissioners numbers which would be considered at a public enquiry to be held on 14 th January 2015 under the direction of Mr. Geoff Karran, Advocate. Mrs. Moughtin and Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that they would attend the enquiry with the Town Clerk to present the Commissioners case.	
STATION ROAD BENCH	14/410	The Town Clerk referred to an email from a Mr. Tucker of Norwich in which he praised the Commissioners for painting the bench at the top of Station Road in a variety of pastel colours. Mr. Tucker was of the view that the bench had been painted to reflect the colours of the Gay Pride Flag and indicated that as such the order of colours was not correct. However, it was indicated that the decision to paint the bench in pastel colours had not originally been taken to reflect any association with the Gay Pride Movement. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the bench would not be repainted as suggested by Mr. Tucker. The Town Clerk advised that the promenade bench seats would also be repainted in pastel colours prior to the start of the summer season.	
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	14/411	The Town Clerk referred to the next meeting of the Municipal Association	

scheduled for 15th January 2015 at 7.30p.m. in Braddan at which Mr. Gawne, Minister for the Department of Infrastructure would attend. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Lace attend the meeting on behalf of the Commissioners.

CELTON MANX SPONSORSHIP	14/412	The Town Clerk referred to a brochure and covering letter received from Celton Manx regarding possible sponsorship in 2015. The Board discussed the matter and it was <i>AGREED</i> to invite Celton Manx to consider possible sponsorship of the bronze seal statue commissioned from Mrs. Stephanie Quayle.	Letter sent
ISLAND WIDE BURGLARIES	14/413	Mr. Davison referred to the recent spate of household burglaries across the Island including Peel and the West. He suggested that Minister Watterson, MHK needed to take particular note of the concerns of residents and was of the view that the recent reduction in police numbers did not help the matter. The Chairman was supportive of Mr. Davison's comments and indicated that after cutting the numbers within the Isle of Man Police Force it would probably have to undertake recruitment at a later date to address the imbalance. Mr. Davison also stated that as a further cost cutting measure fast response police vehicles were no longer available to attend road traffic accidents and this was also of concern.	
HEALTH SERVICE	14/414	Mr. Davison indicated concern at the reduction in hospital staff with not only surgeons retiring because of the revised policy on pensions but also significant numbers of nursing staff also being affected. <i>NOTED</i>	
SOAPBOX DERBY	14/415	Mr. Davison reported that arrangements were in hand for a soapbox derby to take place in Peel on a date to be confirmed in August. He was currently discussing sponsorship of the event and it was suggested that if the event took place somewhere near the Headlands daisy path then a lawnmower race could also be held in conjunction with the soapbox derby.	IGD

The Board supported this proposal and *AGREED* that it be progressed

PEEL DAY	14/416	It was <i>AGREED</i> that arrangements for Peel Day 2015 be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting scheduled for 3 rd February 2015.	
TT CHALLENGE	14/417	Mr. Davison wished to indicate that he was seeking sponsorship to take part in the TT Challenge which would involve swimming 2465 lengths of the Peel swimming pool over the period 19 th January to 7 th April 2015. Any sponsorship would be gratefully received and would benefit the Peel Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.	
DOUGLAS STREET CAR PARK	14/418	Mrs. Moughtin referred to the garage approved under an earlier planning application which impacted onto the Commissioners car park. She enquired whether the owner should tidy up the area and that the Commissioners mark out the two parking spaces immediately adjacent to the garage. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL/TQ
WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE	14/419	Mr. Lace referred to complaints he had received regarding the operation of the Western Civic Amenity Site over the Christmas period when full skips were not emptied by the contractor. This resulted in members of the public being turned away from the facility. Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that she would refer this matter to the next meeting of the Western Civic Amenity Site Committee.	J O'H
REPLACEMENT BOILERS	14/420	Mr. Lace referred to a complaint he had received regarding the replacement of an oil fired central heating boiler with a gas fired boiler at one of the Commissioners properties. The Town Clerk indicated that the Board had made a policy decision in January 2014 to move over to gas boiler replacements where possible as installation costs were significantly cheaper. <i>NOTED</i>	
WHEELIE BIN IN DUKE STREET	14/421	The Chairman referred to the recent Commissioners surgery at which a Mrs. Chapman had asked whether the	

Commissioners would support her proposal to locate her wheelie bin on the corner of the road in Duke Street rather than the pavement. This was a matter that would be the responsibility of the Department of Infrastructure and in respect of which Mrs. Moughtin objected to any bins being left on the roadside.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.45p.m.

