

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 17th February 2015 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--|
| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 14/457 | The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the second meeting of February. |
| MINUTES | 14/458 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd February 2015 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . |
| LEECE MUSEUM REPORT | 14/459 | Mr. Baker, Curator of the Leece Museum was present for this item. |

Mr. Baker presented his report for the period ending January 2015. He was pleased with the number of visitors attending the Leece Museum which totalled 5,212 for 2014. Members discussed recent new acquisitions to the library including a British war medal from 1914-1918 awarded to Seaman James Rice and presented by Mr. Brian Leadley. Reference was also made to a collection of medallions, coins, badges and uniform buttons donated by Mr. Michael Horne. Mr. Baker also referred to a box of photographs and a World War One German war bond which was in good condition and donated by Mrs. Quirk of Crosby. Mr. Baker indicated that due to being absent for two weeks volunteer help was required at the Leece Museum. *NOTED*

Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.10p.m.

TOWN WARDEN'S
REPORT

14/460

Mr. Wozniak, Town Warden, was present for this item.

He presented his report for the period to February 2015. It was noted that 33 notices had been served on vehicles parked on Commissioners car parks beyond the stipulated times. All were subsequently removed by their owners. The Town Warden referred to an illegally parked car owned by Mr. De Botte in the Market Place car park. This had previously been removed but had now since appeared at the Market Place car park. After discussion the Chairman confirmed that the Town Warden should remove the car.

Reference was made to litter and it was indicated that the new estate at Reayrt ny Cronk would benefit from an additional litter bin.

Discussion ensued over the continuing problem of dog fouling and Mr. Wozniak was of the opinion that it was difficult to catch culprits that allowed their dogs to foul. The situation was, however, better than a few years ago despite there being more dogs around the Town. It was noted that the dog control byelaw signs would be changed for the summer period and erected at the various location points on the promenade prior to 1st April.

Reference was made to the Trees and High Hedges Act 2005 and it was indicated that if the Commissioners took on responsibility for administering the disputes procedure under the Act then the Town Warden would be able to liaise between neighbours in this respect. Mr. Jones indicated that he had access to an information pack on this issue and would copy it to the Town Warden.

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

WESTERN CIVIC
AMENITY SITE

14/461

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/431 and reported that Mr. Jones and

Mr. Wadsworth of the Western Civic Amenity Site Committee were available to meet with Members of the Board at their meeting on 17th March 2015 at 8.00p.m. *NOTED*

TREES AND HIGH
HEDGES ACT 2005

14/462

Mr. Jones presented his Notice of Motion that the previous decision of the Board to not take on responsibility for dealing with disputes under the Tress and High Hedges Act 2005 be rescinded and that Peel Town Commissioners take on this function. Mrs. Moughtin seconded the motion and the matter was discussed by Members.

Mr. Jones reported that matters were usually resolved in the early stages but if neighbours continued to dispute the issue then the complainant would be required to pay a £150 fee to the Commissioners before the matter was considered under the provisions of the Act. It was in Mr. Jones opinion something that could be time consuming but not too costly to enforce. Mrs. Moughtin supported the motion and indicated that the cost of complying with any directive to trim or cut down any tree or high hedge would be the responsibility of the relevant land owner. It was *AGREED* that the Town Warden could arbitrate in the early stages over any such disputes.

In conclusion it was unanimously *AGREED* to approve the Notice of Motion and take on responsibility for dealing with disputes under the Trees and High Hedges Act 2005.

DRAFT STRATEGIC
PLAN 2007

14/463

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/441 and advised that Mrs. Diane Brown, Planning Policy Officer, had arranged for a partial review of the 2007 Strategic Plan. The public meeting would be held on Friday 27th February 2015 between 4.00p.m. and 7.00p.m. in the Boardroom, Town Hall. It was further noted that Mrs. Brown would meet with the Commissioners separately on 25th February 2015 at 7.00p.m.

MARINE PARADE
LEISURE
DEVELOPMENT

14/464

Reference was made back to Minute 14/443 and the Technical Officer's estimation as to possible costs for the provision of a water splash play facility was discussed in some detail. The Chairman was supportive of the water feature which would provide the Commissioners with a unique opportunity to provide additional facilities to the Town. Mr. Davison indicated a degree of caution over the anticipated costs estimated at between £90,000 and £100,000. A suggestion that alternative facilities such as a community centre could be of more benefit. Whilst Mr. Davison was nevertheless supportive of a water splash feature he was concerned at the installation costs and the on-going maintenance costs. Mrs. Moughtin indicated her support for the feature and Mrs. O'Halloran stated a need to assess the possible effects of winter storms on the feature due to its promenade location. The Chairman reported that improved street lighting would be needed in the area and indicated some form of fountain display would be of benefit. In addition the Chairman suggested that consideration be given to provision of a zip wire in the area and after full discussion the Board *AGREED* to proceed with obtaining detailed costing of a water splash feature. It was noted that the provision of astro-turf at the former swimming pool site was proceeding.

TQ

STRAND STREET CAR
PARKING

14/465

Further consideration was given to Mr. Faragher's letter dated 30th January 2015 in which he sought approval to utilise the end parking space at the rear of his garden wall at the property Orry Cottage. The matter was discussed at some length and Mr. Jones suggested that the parking space could be offered at a rental figure to Mr. Faragher. However, Mrs. Moughtin suggested that it be made available for disabled parking and after discussion Members *AGREED* that this was the best course of action. It was *AGREED* to advise Mr. Faragher accordingly.

Letter sent

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

14/466

Consideration was given to a list of Letter sent
planning applications as follows:-

14/00192/B

Further consideration was given to Mr. Jones's planning applications for the erection of a building to provide garage and service facilities, land to rear of Isle of Man Seafood Products Limited, Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel, Mr. Jones referred back to the meeting held the previous week with affected Patrick Street residents and indicated that he was confident that the planning application proposal would not cause any damage in terms of landslip to the rear brooghs. In his opinion there was a likelihood and more danger from a landslip with activities taken by residents at the top of the brooghs. It was noted that the previous landslip issue had been caused by a leaking water pipe halfway up the brooghs. In discussion it was noted that the stability issues relating to the brooghs was the responsibility of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture. It was his opinion that the planning application would not cause any danger as the area was designated for industrial use - he was supportive of the planning application. Mrs. Felton commented on issues regarding vibration and the Chairman also indicated a degree of concern over the stability issue. Mrs. Moughtin referred to the development of the site on the former gas works land and suggested that it would need close monitoring as there were cracks appearing in old walls in the vicinity of Station Road. After full discussion Members agreed to *RECOMMENDED APPROVAL* of the planning application provided also that a public hearing is provided to give an opportunity for interested parties to give evidence and request that when the building control application was made by Mr. Jones that the Commissioners be copied into the necessary reports as it still had an interest in the stability issue of the site.

15/00099

Removal of catslide roof and replaced with a duo pitch roof to accommodate additional staircase to access approved loft conversion, 10-12 Patrick Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

15/00104

Remove existing frames supply and install new pvc rosewood on white vertical sash sliding windows similar to previous windows fitted at 1 Market Street, Peel, 1a Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

15/000103

Replacement of existing window to rear with new Veka white pvc window, 30 Market Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/01441

Erection of extension to form records store, Peel Medical Centre, (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00075

Reconstruction of the highway and footpaths, drainage, services street lighting, street furniture and signage, Market Place, Douglas Street to Michael Street, Michael Street to Orry Lane, Peel. (additional information supplied). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS 14/467
NOTIFIED

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

15/00018/B Conversion of ground floor shop and flat above into a residential dwelling, The Chocolate Box, 1 Douglas Street, Peel for Mr. Aaron Davison. *APPROVED*

14/01439/B Replacement of garage door with a window and erection of a front porch to dwelling, 29 Ballellis, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. David and & Mrs. Janet Young.

APPROVED

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---|--------------|
| PEEL DAY | 14/468 | <p>Mr. Davison referred to a request received from Mr. D Cain regarding a possible new event to be included in Peel Day which would take place on Sunday 7th June 2015. To mark the 50th anniversary of Honda's first 50cc TT win by Luigi Taveri the Isle of Man 50cc Motorcycle Group proposed to move from their usual Mad Sunday venue at Jurby to link into Peel Day. It was suggested that they could race round part of the Food Park and harbour area in a revival of the ancient "kipper race" which marked the commencement of the fire smoking of the kipper season. Racing would start at 6.00p.m. Mr. Davison indicated that he had already obtained sponsorship from Devereau's Kipper Yard and Members were supportive in principle of the proposal. It was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Davison progress arrangements for this event with Mr. Cain.</p> | IGD |
| BALLAUGH CIVIC SERVICE | 14/469 | <p>The Town Clerk referred to an invitation to Ballaugh Civic Service to be held on Sunday 1st March 2015 at 10.30a.m. at Ballaugh Parish Church. The Chairman indicated that he would be able to attend this service.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the Malew Civic Service scheduled for 8th March 2015 at 3.00p.m. and advised that he was unable to attend this event. Mr. Lace indicated that he would deputise for the Chairman accordingly.</p> | Letters sent |
| PEEL LIFEBOAT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING | 14/470 | <p>Consideration was given to a letter from the Peel Lifeboat Station request for holding its annual general meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday 16th April 2015 at 7.30p.m. <i>AGREED</i></p> | Letter sent |
| CHARTER FOR COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL | 14/471 | <p>Consideration was given to an email forwarded by Miss Kate Felton regarding a charter for compassion. Miss Felton indicated that it may be something of benefit to the Commissioners to be</p> | |

associated with this charter. Mr. Jones referred to the email and indicated that in his opinion Peel was already a compassionate community. After further discussion it was *AGREED* that the matter be deferred for more consideration to the next Board meeting.

| | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---|-----|
| CABINET OFFICE | 14/472 | Consideration was given to a letter from Minister Robertshaw, MHK of the Cabinet Office regarding a survey into future digital services provided by and for the Isle of Man Government. After preliminary consideration and noting that Minister Robertshaw had recently resigned from his position of Cabinet Office Minister it was <i>AGREED</i> to invite the new Minister Mr. John Shimmin to a meeting of the Board to discuss these issues. | PGL |
| SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS | 14/473 | Members gave consideration to an update from Manx Utilities regarding the current position for the regional sewerage treatment scheme project for the Isle of Man. In respect of Peel it was noted that the focus of Manx Utilities efforts would be progression of the Peel Sewage Treatments Works which was now deemed a priority. The Chairman indicated that it would be a benefit to meet with Mr. Alf Cannan, MHK Chairman of Manx Utilities and the Chief Executive Officer to discuss this important issue. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Town Clerk contact the Chief Executive Officer to arrange a suitable date to meet. | PGL |
| PROMENADE PAVEMENT | 14/474 | Mr. Davison referred to the repairs being undertaken by Department of Infrastructure staff to the paviers on the promenade in the vicinity of the kiosk. He indicated that the paviers were being laid on sand and was concerned that these repairs may not be substantial enough to withstand future high tides and possible undermining of the pavement. It was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure regarding this issue and also with a request that the road traffic signage and lines be repainted. | PGL |

Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin referred to the weather warning relating to impending high tides. The Town Clerk confirmed that staff would assist the Department of Infrastructure in dealing with this issue if required.

| | | |
|-------------|--------|--|
| ROAD TAX | 14/475 | Mr. Lace referred to the Government increase in road tax for cars and voiced his concern at the continuing rise in this tax when the Islands roads were generally in poor condition. |
| ARMY CADETS | 14/476 | The Chairman welcomed Second Lieutenant O'Regan who was recently appointed as Detachment Commander for the Isle of Man Army Cadets Force. Second Lieutenant O'Regan indicated that it was his aim to increase the size of the detachment in Peel and he was keen to build a working relationship with organisations in the Town. He intended to increase the complement of Army Cadets in Peel and instill in them a sense of good citizenship. The Chairman indicated that the Commissioners would be happy to co-operate with the Army Cadets in Peel and possibly involve them in any community scheme or project that may be agreed upon. Second Lieutenant O'Regan also reported that the Peel Cadets had recently moved back into the Philip Christian Centre where they were based for a number of years previously. Numbers currently ran at fourteen cadets but it was his hope that this could be increased to twenty. The Chairman indicated that a link could be provided into the Commissioners website and it was <i>AGREED</i> that contact be made with Mr. Paul Lewin the Public Relations Officer at the Isle of Man Army Cadet Force Headquarters. In terms of working together a suggestion related to a possible beach clean and a general tidy up of litter. |

PGL

This part of the meeting ended at 8.30p.m.