

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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. J O'Halloran

Apologies                Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance           Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

## Action

### CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

14/477      The Chairman welcomed the press to the first Board meeting of March and wished to voice his support for the sterling work undertaken by Malcolm Kelly and his wife with regard to the Manx Lottery Trust in which the amount it would hand out over the next five years had doubled to three million pounds. The Chairman also referred to an invitation he had received regarding the transfer of Strand Cleaners to premises at Tromode and commented upon the expansion of the company from two members of staff to 130 which highlighted the ingenuity present on the Island. In conclusion he wished to extend his thanks to the Chairman of Ballaugh Parish Commissioners for their recent Civic Service in which a strong community spirit was evident. The Chairman also referred to the recycling initiatives undertaken by the pupils at the Queen Elizabeth 11 High School relating to energy bio-mass developments. It was the Chairman's opinion that the school was creating a legacy for future years and indicated that the school was an inspiration to all in respect of renewable energy projects.

### MINUTES

14/478      The Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW	14/479	The Town Clerk referred to a review of the 2007 Strategic Plan and indicated that he had prepared a draft response. Members considered the draft and subject to amendment to include reference to future housing development referring to first time buyers and shared equity scheme housing and the need for commercial/business development to be considered the draft was agreed for forwarding to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning Department. The Chairman indicated in his view the review should not be based on past planning policy but on the need to create jobs in local areas. He also indicated that the planners had not adequately considered indigenous population growth. There was a need to give consideration to commercial development in conjunction with housing need. It was <i>AGREED</i> to add these points to the submission.	
PEEL DAY	14/480	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/468 and advised that an application had been made to the Department of Infrastructure for a road closure Order on Peel Day 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2015.  Mr. Davison indicated that he had arranged to meet with the Department of Tourism on funding and he anticipated a satisfactory outcome.	
CHARTER FOR COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL	14/481	Mrs. Felton referred back to Minute 14/471 and her proposal that the Commissioners give consideration to registering its interest in the Charter for Compassion International. The matter was discussed at some length and Miss Felton indicated that she would draw up a list of suggestion and ideas on how it could be taken forward if the Commissioners were interested in signing up to this charter.	KF
CABINET OFFICE	14/482	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/472 and indicated that a request had been sent to Minister John Shimmin, MHK, Minister at the Cabinet Office seeking a meeting with him in the near future to discuss the digital strategy survey. <i>NOTED</i>	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR	14/483	The following planning applications were considered as follows:-	Letter sent

## COMMENT

15/00101/B

Installation of 5 new velux windows to property, 9 Christian Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00161/B

Construction outside deck area extension of storage area below, demolition of yard wall, replace with timber doors with frameless glass balustrade above levelling and building up of party yard wall and erection of obscured glass screen along party yard wall, relocation of oil tank to area adjacent to off street parking spaces and erection of timber screen fence, Westbourne House, Walpole Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00157/B

Removal of existing conservatory roof and replaced with a supalite structural roof system, 19 Close Quane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00169/B

Taking down existing conservatory and building new sun lounge, 40 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00194/B

Replacement white pvc top hung casement windows in the same design as existing, Flat 8 Atholl Building, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01295/B

Erection of nine garages, Heathfield Yard, Patrick Street, Peel (amended plans). The Commissioners objected to the upper level of garages accessing the side lane that leads to Patrick Street. This will reduce much needed residential parking in the area and additional traffic exiting and entering the Patrick Street junction may increase the risk of a vehicular accident due to the poor visibility splay. *RECOMMENDED REFUSAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	14/484	The following planning decision had been notified by the Planning Committee as follows:-  PA 15/00043/B Erection of a covered walkway with associated landscaping, House of Manannan, Mill Road, Peel for Manx National Heritage. <i>APPROVED</i>	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS VIEWING AND COMMENTING	14/485	Members noted a further email from Mrs. J Callow of the Planning Department regarding viewing and commenting on planning applications. It was noted that the Department did not intend to completely remove the ability for receipt and processing of paper planning applications.	
PET POLICY	14/486	Members gave consideration to a draft policy document regarding pets in Commissioners housing. Reference was made to the need to specify that no unsuitable pet in terms of size would be permitted. In this respect the initial decision of the Housing Officer would be considered and if there was any doubt then the matter would be referred to the Board for consideration.	
TOUGH MANN CHALLENGE	14/487	Mr. Davison referred to the proposed establishment of a Tough Mann Adventure Challenge which would be based in Peel involving a course taking in the Promenade, The Quay around Peel Castle and Peel Hill. The Board had no objection to a Tough Mann Challenge in Peel during the summer period.	
MANX NATIONAL HERITAGE	14/488	Consideration was given to a letter from Manx National Heritage regarding its initiative to hold heritage open days throughout 2015 in which access would be provided to appropriate buildings or spaces in the control of the Commissioners. Members queried exactly what property Manx National Heritage envisaged being included and it was <i>AGREED</i> to make suitable enquiries thereof.	PGL
TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS	14/489	Members gave consideration to a draft agreement prepared by the Department of Infrastructure relating to the proposed transfer of functions to local authorities across the Island. Members had no objection to the	Email sent

contents of the draft document and it was *AGREED* to advise the Department accordingly.

Arising therefrom the Chairman referred to a letter from Marown Parish Commissioners regarding a joint approach over taking on functions from the Department. It was noted that the Commissioners already undertook the majority of these functions albeit on a recharge basis and that there was no need to link into the adjacent rural authorities. The Town Clerk undertook to advise Marown Parish Commissioners accordingly.

FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY	14/490	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Isle of Man Family History Society which occupied a Commissioners building at Derby House, Derby Road, Peel. The Society wished to place information signs on the windows and door and after consideration the Commissioners had no objection to this being undertaken. The Town Clerk advised that a replacement door was scheduled for the front of the building and this would be installed shortly.	Letter sent
EASTER FESTIVAL OF RUNNING	14/491	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Manx Harriers dated 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 regarding the Easter Festival of running. As in previous years the Peel Hill Race was scheduled for Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 and a request had been made for the key to enable access through the hill gate. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
THREE LEGS OF MAN – PROMENADE	14/492	Mr. Davison referred to the laying of paviers depicting the three legs of man immediately in front of the Promenade Kiosk. The design left something to be desired and had prompted adverse comments on social media sites. The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken to a member of staff from the Department of Infrastructure and that the three legs was being re-laid that day. Arising therefrom the Town Clerk also advised that some eight bench seats painted in pastel colours had been erected on the promenade and had attracted favourable comments.	

This part of the meeting ended at 7.30pm.