

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. I G Davison

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/514	The Chairman welcomed Members of the public and press to the first meeting of April 2015.	
MINUTES	14/515	The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 th March 2015 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
MANX NATIONAL HERITAGE	14/516	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/497 and reported that the heritage open days were scheduled for the first two weekends in October 2015. In principle the Board was agreeable to the Town Hall being open on these weekends and to take part in the heritage open days.	Letter sent
WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT	14/517	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/500 and reported that the proposed increase in promenade parking was a scheme that would be undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure but was not listed under the traffic management schemes provided by the Department. It was <i>AGREED</i> to enquire as to when the herring bone parking on the promenade would be undertaken by the Department.	PGL
HOUSING REVIEW	14/518	Members noted the letter drafted by Mr. Jones and sent to the Chief Minister regarding local authority rental increases	PGL

and local authority reform. It was further stated that an email response from Mr. Gawne, MHK apologising for comments made in the House of Keys on 27th January 2015 had been noted. The Chief Ministers Office had acknowledged Mr. Jones letter which would be brought to the Chief Ministers attention and it was agreed to send a reminder.

ENERGY FROM 14/519
WASTE PLANT

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/506 and indicated that questions regarding the running costs of the Energy from Waste Plant were scheduled to be raised in Tynwald. *NOTED*

HEATHFIELD HOUSE 14/520

Reference was made to the apparent poor condition of Heathfield House and after discussion it was *AGREED* that this matter be considered In Committee.

ROAD TRAFFIC 14/521
REGULATION ACT
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The Town Clerk reported upon a temporary closure order for Marine Parade scheduled from 6.00p.m. to 10.00p.m. on 17th April 2015. The purpose of this closure was to enable the running of a road safety motor meet organised by the Police. Mr. Jones indicated his support for this event which was aimed at young newly qualified drivers.

PLANNING 14/522
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

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

15/00290/B
Proposed replacement rear kitchen extension, 10 Charles Street, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00331
Extension to existing factory to increase storage and manufacturing areas, build new extension to rear of existing factory, two storey to allow more machinery to cope with export to UK, Castle Bay Seafoods Limited, Mill Road, Peel.
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/01054/B
Erection of extension to replace existing

conservatory, 2 The Grove, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01170

Alterations and extensions to provide ground floor retail accommodation and four apartments on upper floors, 15-19 Michael Street, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00239

Erection of a dwelling (comprising amendments to dwelling approved under PA 13/91289, Plot 61 Slieau Whallian View field 311826, between Poortown Road, and QE11 High School, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00075

Reconstruction of highway and footpaths, drainage, services, street lighting, street furniture and signage, Market Place, Douglas Street to Michael Street, Michael Street to Orry Lance, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED 14/523

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

15/00157/B

Replacement of existing glazed conservatory roof with light weight roof tiles, 19 Close Quane, Peel for Mr. Ian Brand. *APPROVED*

15/00099/B

Alterations and erection of second floor stairwell extension to dwelling, 10-12 Patrick Street, Peel for Mr. Kevin Skinner. *APPROVED*

15/00169/B

Erection of a sun lounge extension to replace existing conservatory, 40 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Cain. *APPROVED*

15/00194/B

Installation of replacement windows, Flat 8, Atholl Buildings, Derby Road, Peel for Mrs. Ann Copley. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00928/B ON 14/524
APPEAL

Members noted receipt of Minister Gawne's decision with regard to the Appeal in respect of the demolition of existing building and erection of two terraced dwellings with associated parking part of former Gas Works Site, 15 Mill Road, Peel. The Minister concurred with the Inspector's conclusions and accepted the recommendation that the Appeal should be dismissed and that approval be given for the development. *NOTED*

PA 14/01136/B 14/525

Members noted receipt of a rebuttal of proof of evidence submitted by Savage and Chadwick, Architects with regard to the Appeal against the approval for the erection of forty sheltered housing units on Douglas Road, Peel.

CYCLE RACE 14/526

The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the Isle of Man Cycling Association regarding a cycle race to be held on Saturday 2nd May 2015 which incorporated the Switchback, Ramsey Road, part of Peel and the Poortown Road. *NOTED*

TRANSFER OF 14/527
SERVICES

The Town Clerk tabled a transfer document prepared by the Department of Infrastructure regarding the transfer of certain services from that Department to local authorities including Peel. It was *AGREED* that the Chairman sign the document accordingly.

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Arising therefrom the Town Clerk indicated that the road sweeping contract had now commenced with Jones Services Limited based on a three hour per day cleaning regime. It was noted the situation would be monitored and a flexible approach adopted with regard to the hours required.

REDUCTION IN 14/528
COMMISSIONERS
NUMBERS

The Town Clerk referred to the approval order made in respect of the reduction in the Commissioners numbers from nine to

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seven when the local authority elections were held in April 2016. Arising therefrom it was noted that the Commissioners Standing Orders would require amendment.

MILL ROAD FISH YARD	14/529	The Chairman referred to a complaint he had received regarding the transportation of empty scallop and queenie shells along Mill Road and up Station Road. A resident had complained about the obnoxious smell and it was noted that this issue had been considered previously. The problem related to leakage from the wagons transferring the shells and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be raised further with the processors.	PGL
ARMED FORCES DAY	14/530	Members noted receipt of an invitation from the Isle of Man Armed Forces Day Committee to an event to be held at the Villa Marina on 28 th June 2015. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Chairman, Miss Felton and Mr. Jones would attend.	Completed
RATING OBJECTION	14/531	Members noted receipt of a rating objection by Mrs. P G Thomson of Grey Stones, Battery Road, Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> to leave the decision up to the rating appeals tribunal when the matter was heard on 23 rd April 2015.	Letter sent
ROAD TRANSPORT LICENCING COMMITTEE	14/532	Members considered a consultation document regarding the remit and operation of the Road Transport Licencing Committee. Members were supportive of the consultation document and the need for it to retain a degree of independence.	
CONSULTATION ON ISLE OF MAN TERRITORIAL SEAS	14/533	Consideration was given to a substantial consultation document from the Department of Infrastructure regarding its proposal for new primary legislation for the Isle of Man territorial seas. Members were of the view that this matter had arisen through the need to comply with European Union requirements and had limited comments to make.	
CONSULTATION ON	14/534	The Chairman indicated that Mr. Michael	

THE REFORM OF DOMESTIC RATES			Morrison of the Treasury was scheduled to attend at 8.00p.m. to discuss this important matter.	
STREET LICENCE	TRADERS	14/535	Consideration was given to a letter from Mr. Anthony Barrow requesting a street traders licence for his fish bar situated on the harbour tongue at the Weatherglass Corner. The Board had no objection to granting a street traders licence subject to the additional approval of the Department of Infrastructure (Harbours Division).	Letter sent
VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE CLUB		14/536	The Town Clerk tabled a letter from the Secretary to the Vintage Motorcycle Club which would hold its Diamond Jubilee T.T. Rally during this year's T.T. Festival. Permission had been requested to use the northern end of Peel Promenade for a T.T. Rally on Thursday 11 th June 2015. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
PARISH WALK		14/537	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from Manx Harriers, organisers of the Manx Telecom Parish Walk regarding its usual request to use the facilities at the Town Hall on the 20 th June 2015 when the Parish Walk would be held. <i>AGREED</i>	
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION		14/538	Mr. Jones reported on his recent attendance at a Municipal Association meeting when the invited guest, the Honourable Eddie Teare, MHK Minister for Treasury, had given a talk to the Association Members. Reference had been made to the economy and the current situation regarding low paid workers on the Island who had suffered the most. Mr. Jones was of the view that this issue needed to be raised further with Government and the Chairman indicated that he was of the view that little was done for the vulnerable and low paid on the Island.	
CHARTER COMPASSION	FOR	14/539	Miss Felton referred to the Charter for Compassion and indicated that she had been in discussion over the provision of a food bank from St. Germans Cathedral. <i>NOTED</i>	KF
			She also referred to a scheme in Holland	

whereby young nursing trainee staff could obtain rent free accommodation if they spent a certain number of hours undertaking household chores and providing company for the vulnerable and elderly. It was *AGREED* that this matter would be explored further by Miss Felton.

PEEL MARINA

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Members noted that a public meeting had been arranged by German Parish Commissioners for 16th April 2015 regarding the Department of Infrastructure's proposal to transfer silt deposits from Peel Harbour in a field at Rockmount on the Poortown Road. The possible health hazard impacts together with the effect of heavy lorries travelling through Peel had been raised. Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that the Harbour Division promises to dredge the harbour had not been kept in the past and the position had now been exacerbated by the lack of action by the Department. Mr. Jones enquired as to what the specific level and density of heavy metals was in the silt and that the facts needed to be published ahead of the public meeting. The Chairman was of the view that the Department had not planned this matter particularly well even though it had plenty of time. Mrs. Moughtin referred to the sand quarry in German and the washings from that quarry travelling down the River Neb and into Peel Harbour. Mrs. Moughtin enquired as to what percentage was sand.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.35p.m.