

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R K Harmer (Chairman)
 Mr. E C Beale
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Miss K M Felton
 Mr. A G Jones

Apologies Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mr. I G Davison

In attendance Mr P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	15/052	The Chairman welcomed Mr Crookall MHK to the first meeting of June and referred to a letter of thanks from WOSAT organisers for the Commissioner support during their recent Art Trail Weekend.	
MINUTES	15/053	The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th May 2015 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
ATHOLL STREET PAVEMENT	15/054	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 15/036 and referred to a letter of response from Mr Saunders of the Department of Infrastructure dated 27 th May 2015. Mr Saunders had indicated that the Department had inspected the area and was satisfied that the footpath met the required construction standards and level tolerances. Members indicated that reports had been received of other pedestrians falling on the cobbled section of the pavement due to its uneven nature. The Chairman queried as to what the Department meant by "within standards". It was <i>AGREED</i> to make further enquiries of Mr Saunders as to the	Ongoing

construction standards in his letter. It was further *AGREED* to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group scheduled for 17th June 2015.

STREET CLEANING

15/055

Consideration was given to a request to purchase a single street cleaning barrow at a cost of £638.69. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the matter be deferred.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

15/056

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

15/00527/

Installation of replacement windows 31 Factory Lane, Peel.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00551/B

Erection of extension to side elevation and widening of existing vehicular access, 10 Ballaquane Park, Peel.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00561/B

Extension to residential curtilage, land adjacent to 10 Mourne View, Peel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00574/B

Proposed construction of detached dwelling with garage, land between Greystones and Carnaween, Battery Road, Peel.

NOTED

15/00571/B

Change of use from residential to occasional holiday use, 28 Shore Road, Peel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00585

Installation of a replacement conservatory roof with light weight roof tiles, 3 Albany Close, Peel.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

15/00587

Installation of replacement windows to dwelling, 23 Factory Lane, Peel.

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

PLANNING DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

15/057

The following planning decision had been notified by the Planning Committee as follows:-

15/00236/B

External alterations including window and door alterations at Corrin Home for the Governors of the Corrin Home.

APPROVED.

15/00398/B

Erection of a conservatory to rear elevation, Granary Cottage, Charles Street Close Peel for Aileen Fermor.

APPROVED.

15/00373/B

Installation of three replacement windows to front elevation, 1 Church Street, Peel for James Thornton Butler.

APPROVED.

15/00416/B

Erection of a single storey extension to side elevation 14 Cronk Reayrt, Peel for Mr Scott Horwel-Jones & Mrs Elizabeth Crellin.

APPROVED.

15/00412/B

Erection of extension to replace existing conservatory 43 Ballaquane Park, Peel for Thomas Henry Gordon Corrin.

APPROVED.

15/00405/B

Erection of a dwelling (comprising amendments to dwelling approved under PA13/91289/B for Heritage Homes Limited.

APPROVED.

15/00440/C

Additional use of residential apartment as tourist accommodation, Flat above Post Office, Douglas Street, Peel.

APPROVED.

15/00422/B

Installation of replacement windows and doors Beach View, 8 Crown Street, Peel

for Widnow World.
APPROVED.

PA 15/00075/B	15/058	Members noted receipt of additional comments received with regard to the application for the reconstruction of the highway and footpaths, drainage, services, street lighting, street furniture and signage at Market Place and Michael Street. It was <i>NOTED</i> that the appeal would be heard on Wednesday 17 th June 2015.	
PA14/00192/B	15/059	The Town Clerk advised that an appeal had been lodged with regard to the application for the erection of a building to provide garaging and service facilities at land to the rear of Isle of Man Seafood Products Limited, Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel. Members <i>AGREED</i> not to make any submission with regard to this appeal but the Chairman did indicate that the Commissioners would have an interest on the structural side of the development when the matter was considered by the Building Control Authority.	
STREET TRADING LICENCES	15/060	Consideration was given to a request from Mr Martin Birchenough for two street trading licences on the 9 th June during the sand racing event and on 18 th July for the Viking Boat Race event. The Board had <i>NO OBJECTION</i> to granting the licences for both events subject to the payment of £5.00 licence fees. The Town Clerk also referred to receipt of a letter from Mrs V Goldie on behalf of the Peel Youth Service which wished to sell light refreshments and original TT photographs at Peel Camping Park. It was <i>AGREED</i> to issue a street trading licence subject to payment of the £5.00 licence fee.	Completed
COMMISSIONERS NEWSLETTER	15/061	Discussion ensued over the next edition of the Commissioners Newsletter and three items suggested by Miss Felton were <i>NOTED</i> for inclusion. Members were requested to forward additional items to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the newsletter.	PGL

PEEL HARBOUR

15/062

Consideration was given to an email from Mr Jones regarding the removal of silt from Peel Harbour. Mr Jones had researched the matter and whilst he was pleased that the silt was being removed he did however have concerns about the way central government and in particular the Department of Infrastructure had gone about this matter. He alleged that the Department ignored its own regulations and that it was incorrect for the Minister to indicate to Tynwald that the dredging had been undertaken as an emergency measure. In Mr Jones view this was an abuse of the relevant legislation. Reference was made to the interpretation given by the Attorney Generals Chambers and in particular in relation to spillage from the transportation from the harbour to the temporary location at Poortown.

It was *NOTED* that the removal of silt had now ceased until next year and the Chairman requested that the matter be reviewed with Mrs Reynolds Director of Ports at a meeting to be agreed.

REVIEW OF RATING
CONSULTATION

15/063

Mr Jones referred to the recent consultation document with regard to the review of the Islands rating system and suggested that the proposal for a possible all Island collection of rate undertaken centrally would be the death knell of Local Authorities. Mr Jones reiterated his frustrations with the lack of an appropriate Government response and was firmly of the view that it was unable to properly engage and communicate with local authorities on these important matters. He indicated that his view was also shared by many at the Municipal Association. Mr Jones referred to Government's longstanding wish to still centralise waste collection services. The Chairman indicated that in arranging a meeting with Mrs Reynolds to discuss the removal of silt from Peel harbour it would also be of benefit to invite Minister Gawne MHK to the same meeting to discuss further wide ranging issues relating to local authority

frustrations with central government.

PEEL CAMPSITE

15/064

Mr Phil Quane Campsite Attendant attended the meeting to discuss this item.

Miss Felton referred to a petition that had been circulated regarding the Commissioners earlier decision to require campers to pay for their full stay during the TT and MGP fortnights in 2016. It appeared that this decision had resulted in a strong reaction and criticism from campers and certain traders in the town. The decision had been made as a result of bookings being made for the campsite during these two busy periods involving a minimal £10.00 deposit with some campers subsequently not turning up. The matter was discussed at some length and it was *AGREED* that a £20.00 deposit be implemented for 2016 with the balance of the campsite fee being paid on arrival. Mr Quane was requested to compile statistics to indicate how many cancellations occurred between now and 2016 to enable a review of the position.

Reference was made to the extreme storm the previous day and it was *NOTED* that some twenty residents had offered alternative accommodation to any campers that were affected by the storm. In conclusion it was *AGREED* that the booking form be amended accordingly and supplies given to Mr Quane. Mr Quane left the meeting at 7.45pm.

PEEL CIVIC SERVICE

15/065

The Town Clerk updated Members on the arrangements for the Civic Sunday Service to be held at the Methodist Chapel at Atholl Street, Peel on Sunday 19th July 2015. The service would be followed with refreshments in the Corrin Hall at twelve noon.

TRADITIONAL BOAT
FESTIVAL

15/066

The Town Clerk referred to a letter received from Mr Mike Clarke, Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Weekend. It was *NOTED* that the event would take place on 31st July to 2nd August 2015 and Mr Clarke enquired whether the Commissioners were

Letter sent

prepared to increase their annual support from the present £650.00. After discussion it was *AGREED* that this important event be supported with a £700.00 contribution.

MARKET PLACE TOILETS	15/067	<p>The Town Clerk referred to the gent's toilets on the Market Place which were unfortunately subject to continual acts of vandalism. Over the past week the toilets had been vandalised on three separate occasions with the dispensers being ripped off the walls and window catches broken. The Technical Officer had been in contact with the Police and CCTV footage supplied to them to investigate this matter further.</p> <p>The Town Clerk suggested that as a temporary measure the gent's toilets only be closed at 5.00pm until the culprits were caught and the matter resolved. <i>AGREED</i>.</p>	TQ
CASTLE STREET GARDENS	15/068	<p>The Chairman referred to the agreed works to be undertaken at Castle Street Gardens with the planting of thorn bushes in front of the rear wall and provision of CCTV. This matter was deemed urgent and the Town Clerk undertook to liaise with the Technical Officer to ensure the necessary improvements were carried out. Arising therefrom it was <i>AGREED</i> that a meeting be arranged with Mr Crookall MHK and the Police to discuss matters of mutual interest.</p>	TQ
RECYCLE STATION	15/069	<p>The Town Clerk indicated that the new recycle bins had now been located at the lorry park on Mill Road. Discussion ensued over the appropriate signage and it was <i>AGREED</i> that a sign indicating householders recycling centre be obtained. It was important to ensure that commercial disposal was not accepted. Arising therefrom the Chairman requested that the recycle bin at Shoprite for plastics be removed as soon as convenient. <i>AGREED</i></p>	TQ
MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION	15/070	<p>Mr Jones updated Members on his attendance at the recent Annual General</p>	

Meeting of the Municipal Association. The meeting had proved successful with Mr John Kennuagh being the guest speaker talking on localism and the need to ensure centralisation did not impact on localism to its detriment.

PEEL MARINA

15/071

Mrs. Moughtin referred to the work undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure and in particular the contractor JCK Limited over the removal of silt and wished to indicate her appreciation of the hard work undertaken by JCK Limited in removing the silt from the harbour through the town to Poortown. She particularly referred to three trips by the fish processors transporting shells on trailers which resulted in a strong smell being left in the town. In her opinion this was more of a problem than the slight spillage by the JCK Limited wagons. The Chairman indicated that if the processors continued to transport shells through the town causing problems with the obnoxious smell then consideration would have to be given to them continuing to use the back of Peel Hill for the disposal of shells.

FENELLA BEACH

15/072

Mrs Moughtin referred to the motorhomes and campervans parking on the Fenella Beach car park for the TT fortnight and indicated that this would again create a problem. It was *AGREED* that a letter be sent to the Department of Infrastructure requesting that they transfer the car park and its control to the Commissioners so that the problem could be addressed for future years.

Letter sent

COMMISSIONERS
SURGERY

15/073

It was *NOTED* that the next Commissioners Surgery will be held on Saturday 14th June 2015 from 11am – 12 noon.

This part of the meetings ended at 8.00 p.m.