

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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 Mr. I G Davison
Apologies	Mrs. C A Moughtin Mrs. J O'Halloran
In attendance	Mr P G Leadley (Town Clerk) Mr. D Sewell (Town Clerk Designate) Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	15/074	The Chairman welcomed Members and press to the second meeting of June.
MINUTES	15/075	The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
COMMISSIONERS NEWSLETTER	15/076	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 15/061 regarding the Commissioners Newsletter with an enclosure listing additional items – Peel in Bloom, Soapbox Derby, Christmas lights including Christmas Market, orienteering, farmers market and Cathedral food bank. There was also a requirement to increase the information on the proposals for Marine Parade. Later in the meeting two other items were added to the newsletter-Wi-Fi in the headlands shelter and the new exhibit in the Leece Museum.
MEETING WITH MINSITER GAWNE AND MRS. REYNOLDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE	15/077	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 15/063 and indicated that a meeting had been set up with Minister Gawne for 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at 7.00p.m. The agenda would be sent to the Commissioners prior to this meeting. In addition the Clerk reported the Commissioners had received a letter dated 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 from the Minister for Infrastructure concerning the

transfer of services between Central Government and local government. The letter proposed a regional meeting for the evening of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at the Queen Elizabeth High School and an all-day meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 when the main agenda items for the all-day meeting would be waste governance, housing and general items. The Clerk asked the Commissioners to provide details of who would be able to attend both those meetings or which parts of the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 they would be interesting in attending. Mr. Jones highlighted the difficulty in attending all-day meetings during a normal working week and suggested that the Department of Infrastructure should be advised that in future the Commissioners would prefer to have meetings in the evening or at weekends if at all possible.

CASTLE STREET GARDENS	15/078	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 15/068 and provided a progress report indicating that landscaping planting had commenced and further discussions were taking place with Eye Spy in relation to CCTV provision. An opportunity to install memorial benches was highlighted and the need to advertise the provision of this facility within the newsletter.	TQ
RECYCLE STATION	15/079	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 15/069 and reported that a planning application for the change of use was required for the construction of the recycle station at the Commissioners lorry park adjacent to the fish yards. This application would be submitted imminently. The requirement for the planning application was because this was more than minor changes or the placement of temporary recycling bins. A further update was given on recycling bin facilities near Oak Road. Productive discussions had taken place with the Highway Authority and they were content with recycling bins being located in the parking spaces on the approach to the community shops off Oak Road.	TQ
ATHOLL STREET COBBLED PAVEMENT	15/080	Mr. Harmer reported the poor construction of the cobbled area on Atholl Street which was unsafe and uneven. This will be raised with the Western Traffic Management Liaison Group. Mr. Lace reported the poor visibility coming	PGL

out of the cemetery due to overgrown foliage at this location. This was also an issue to be raised at the Western Traffic Management Liaison Group meeting.

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
COMMENT

15/081

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

15/00608

Installation of a satellite dish to rear elevation, Centenary Centre, Atholl Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00626

Installation of a roof light, additional window and patio doors to rear elevation, 52 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

15/00637

Installation of replacement windows and doors, 56 Glenfaba Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING  
DECISIONS  
NOTIFIED

15/082

The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Department:-

PA 15/00433/B

Installation of replacement windows to front and rear elevation, 12 Church Street, Peel for Christopher Gilbert and Pamela Fordham. *APPROVED*

P 15/00420/B

Installation of replacement windows and rear door, 23 Church Street, Peel for Joan Elenora Cain. *APPROVED*

PA 14/01054/B

Erection of extension to replace existing conservatory, 2 The Grove, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pierce. *APPROVED*

PA 15/00460/B

Widening of vehicular access onto highway, 17 Mountain View, Peel for Miss Heidi Ingun Skillicorn. *APPROVED*

CASTLEBAY  
SEAFOODS  
PLANNING  
APPLICATION

15/083

Mr. Davison declared an interest in the matter and took no part in the discussion.

The Commissioners noted the contents of a letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015 from the Department

of Environment Food and Agriculture in which they outlined the transfer of the Planning and Building Control functions to their Department from the Department of Infrastructure and the requirements for them to place this application in front of the Cabinet Office. No further comments were made.

PEEL DAY

15/084

The Town Clerk reported a debrief meeting had been set up with the Police and Mr Crookall MHK for 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.00p.m.

The Chairman and the Commissioners recorded their thanks to Mr. Davison for all his hard work in arranging Peel Day this year. Mr. Davison provided a general overview and summary of his thoughts following Peel Day. The organisation and planning for the event this year had been very good, unfortunately the postponement of the racing the day before and its recommencement on Sunday had led to a significant reduction in visitor numbers on the Sunday of Peel Day. This had serious implications on the money that was taken and in the number of people who visited the Town. These last minute unforeseen changes to the racing scheduled had serious implications on the investment made by Peel Town Commissioners in providing this public event and further discussions were required with Government to get assurances that this investment offered best value for money and needed to be protected from these last minute changes. Furthermore additional co-operation was required with other local authorities to ensure that the cost of bringing over acts to participate in a number of events across the Island were shared across all local authorities. At present, one local authority could pay the initial charges of getting the act to the Island and would pay a lesser sum.

The Town Clerk reported the content of an email dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 concerning difficulties a disabled member of the public had experienced when accessing the Peel Day event. Mr. Davison highlighted the improved disabled facilities this year including better signage and convenient disabled parking. In addition, access could have been achieved via Gib Lane.

The Town Clerk advised the Commissioners

that he had received a complaint from a food outlet on the Promenade concerning the location of a catering unit. Mr. Davison highlighted that the approvals for the location of the food outlets had been given three months before the event and that this could be considered for next year's event. The Commissioners noted the contents of both of these complaints and viewed that they could be further considered at the debrief meeting.

PEEL BEACH MISSION	15/085	Consideration was given to a request from Mr Clarkson of the Peel Beach Mission for the display of a banner and flags on the beach and Promenade railing. The Town Clerk reported the contents of an email received on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2015. He highlighted the types of banner that were proposed by the Beach Mission. The Commissioners approved this application subject to the provision of the securing details to ensure their adequacy for the size of the flags and banner proposed	Email sent
LUSITANIA CEREMONY	15/086	The Commissioners noted a letter of thanks received from the Peel RNLI Station for the contribution of £400 raised at the Lusitania Commemoration evening.	
POLICE AMENDMENT BILL 2015	15/087	The Commissioners considered the consultation document provided by the Department of Home Affairs and decided to defer this item to the next meeting. The deadline for return of submissions on this consultation was Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2015.	
MEMORIAL BENCH	15/088	The Commissioners considered a letter dated 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 from Hilary Harrison and Linda Quilliam regarding a memorial bench on Peel Hill or the Headlands. The Commissioners <i>AGREED</i> a policy should be drawn up for the next meeting which assessed the capacity for putting benches on the Headland and Peel Hill. Consideration was given to putting a time limit on the sponsored benches and recovering the maintenance costs in the initial application fee. In addition, it was considered that the Castle Street Gardens could provide an opportunity for the relocation of memorial plates should a time limit be brought in.	DS
CAMPSITE	15/089	The Commissioners considered a request from Lucy May dated 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 for a discount in campsite fees for a long stay. The	Completed

Commissioners *AGREED* that the cost per night could be reduced to £5 per night from £7.50.

ELIM CHURCH PHILIP CHRISTIAN CENTRE	15/090	The Commissioners considered the licence notice in the Manx Independent dated 11th June 2015 for dancing and music activity on Monday to Friday between the hours of 10.00a.m. and 11.00p.m. and Saturday between the hours of 10.00a.m. and midnight and Sunday between the hours of 9.00a.m. and 10.00p.m. The Commissioners <i>AGREED</i> the Town Clerk should investigate the requirement for this licence and for what purpose it would be used.	PGL
DOUGLAS CIVIC SUNDAY AND COMMISSIONERS SURGERY	15/091	Mr. Jones reported he had attended Douglas Civic Sunday on behalf of the Commissioners and undertaken a surgery on the 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2015. He was thanked by the Chairman for doing this work.	
ROUNDAABOUT AT CAMPSITE	15/092	Mr. Davison reported a potential safety concern at the roundabout at the entrance to the swimming pool and Peel Campsite. A traffic conflict currently existed between traffic seeking to access the swimming pool car park and the main entrance to the campsite. This was to be investigated by the Town Clerk.	DS
FENELLA BEACH CAR PARK	15/093	Mr. Davison made a request for the Commissioners to take on Fenella Beach car park or the operation of this car park. It was decided and agreed by the Board that this issue would be raised with the Department of Infrastructure, Minister at the meeting on 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2015.	Letter sent
PROMENADE RAILINGS	15/094	Miss Felton reported the condition of the railings including their rusty appearance on Peel Promenade. The Town Clerk advised that this was a Department of Infrastructure issue and thus would report to them.	DS
TOWN CLERK RETIREMENT	15/095	Mr. Harmer closed the public section of the meeting by expressing his gratitude to Mr. Leadley for his seventeen years of excellent service to the Commissioners and the Town and thanked him for the support he had given past and present Commissioners. He said this was a momentous occasion for both the Commissioners and Mr. Leadley and wished	

Peter a long and happy retirement.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.50p.m.