

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R K Harmer (Chairman)
 Mrs. C A Moughtin (Vice Chairman)
 Mr. E C Beale
 Miss K M Felton
 Mr. A G Jones
 Mr. D J Lace (7.08p.m.)
 Mr. I G Davison

Apologies Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Mr. D Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

Action

MINUTES	15/117	The Board <i>APPROVED</i> the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th July 2015. The Chairman welcomed the Commissioners to the meeting and stated how lovely it was to see Her Royal Highness visit Peel earlier in the day. The Chairman requested the Town Clerk should prepare a report to modernise the Standing Orders for Peel Town Commissioners following a reduction in the Board numbers. This item is to appear on the next Board meeting agenda. The Chairman thanked the Commissioners staff for their hard work and Mr. Davison for the increase in star rating received by the campsite. In addition he praised the efforts of the children from the Queen Elizabeth High School and the Clothworkers for their musical items at the Civic Sunday service.	DS
15/103 ROUNDAABOUT AT CAMPSITE	15/118	The Town Clerk reported the foliage trimming works on the roundabout had been completed earlier in the day. Mr. Davison would now take the matter of reducing the size of the roundabout island to the Western Swimming Pool Board meeting.	
15/104 FENELLA BEACH CAR PAR	15/119	The Town Clerk reported he had received an email from Rodney Christopher the Head of Property Service for the Department of Infrastructure confirming a letter would be sent to the Commissioners later this week on the transfer of operations for Fenella Beach car park.	

15/107 PLANNING APPLICATIONS	15/120	The Board noted the Planning Officers report and that they had recommended refusal for planning application 14/01295/B. The Town Clerk highlighted that this application was a re-submission of an application previously approved in 2010 and the Commissioners had not initially objected to the proposal. The Planning Committee will have taken this into account when they overturned the Officers recommendation and approved this planning application. The Chairman expressed concerns over the quality of the plans and understood the time for mounting an appeal for this application was outside the twenty one days. He instructed the Town Clerk to send a letter to the Planning Division to highlight the poor quality of the plans in this instance and how difficult they were to understand.	DS
15/111 POLICE AMENDMENT BILL 2015	15/121	The Board noted the communications from the Department of Home Affairs.	
15/112 PEEL TOWN WAR MEMORIAL	15/122	The Commissioners noted the communication with the Cathedral and the British Legion. Mr. Jones stated he was grateful for the support of the Board in this matter and would speak to the Legion.	
15/113 MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY	15/123	This item would be considered later in the agenda.	
15/114 ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT SINGLE LEGAL ENTITY CONSULTATION	15/124	The Board noted a communication with the Office of Human Resources.	
15/116 PEEL – HOUSE OF KEYS BY ELECTION	15/125	The Board noted the letter to the Clerk of Tynwald. The Town Clerk reported an acknowledgment had been received which confirmed the communication had been passed on to the Lieutenant Governor and forwarded to Mrs. Della Fletcher in the Crown Office accordingly.	
15/116 MARKET PLACE CLOCK	15/126	The Town Clerk reported the Commissioners staff had previously tried to get the clock working, however this had proven unsuccessful. During this operation a number of safety defects had been noted including the rotten condition of some of the joists and the accumulation of bird muck and bird activity in the tower. A structural report had been prepared and a quotation for approximately £6000 to re-scaffold the outside of the tower to permit access to the clock had been received. The Town Clerk noted the clock fell within the regeneration area and as such may be subject to a grant application to the Regeneration Fund or any	

repair works could be deemed to be a Commissioners contribution towards regenerating the Market Place area. The refurbishment of the Market Place clock would be an essential part of any regeneration scheme within this area. This work should be coordinated with the regeneration scheme should it receive planning consent in the near future. Mr. Lace requested a separate steel ladder on the inside of the tower should be constructed to give safe access to the clock. Mrs. Moughtin suggested the clock should be covered until the works were undertaken. Mr. Beale suggested if the clock was to be refurbished could additional faces be placed on the tower. The Chairman highlighted other sources of funding including access to local charity funds could be considered for this project and the regeneration scheme for Peel needed a kick start to make something happen and this was an ideal project. The Board *AGREED* the Town Clerk should get quotes for undertaking the refurbishment works to the Market Place clock and that this should be considered to be the Commissioners contribution to regeneration in this area.

15/116 HEDGE
TRIMMING AT
PEEL TOWN
BOUNDARY

15/127

Mr. Lace thanked the Commissioners for undertaking this work quickly.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS
FOR
CONSIDERATION

15/128

15/00732 – The Commissioners did not oppose this application.

15/00748 – The Commissioners did not oppose this application.

15/00766 – The Commissioners did not oppose this application.

15/00787 – The Commissioners did not oppose this application subject to a condition which kept a bin adjacent to the ATM on Atholl Street in Peel for customers to deposit their receipt slips after using the ATM.

Application for Express Consent 15/00788 – The Commissioners did not oppose this application.

PLANNING
DECISION
NOTIFICATIONS

15/129

Planning Application 15/00626/B,
Planning Application 15/00585/B,
Planning Application 15/00587/B,
Planning Application 15/00586/B,
Planning Application 14/00258/B,
Planning Application 15/00551/B,
Planning Application 15/00561/B were considered by

the Board and the Board *AGREED* to make no further comments on these applications.

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| ISLE OF MAN
STRATEGIC PLAN
2015 ENQUIRY | 15/130 | The Town Clerk reported he had sent a letter to the Planning Appeal Administrator confirming Peel Town Commissioners attendance at any forthcoming pre-planning enquiry meeting. The Board noted the correspondence which the Department of Infrastructure had received during their consultation period was now on a web page www.gov.im/aboutthegovernment/officers/cabinetoffice/strategicplan should they wish to view this documentation. |
| CIVIC SUNDAY | 15/131 | The Town Clerk reported the event had went well and he had received a letter of thanks from the Methodist Church which had cited the improved management of the procession and the transition into the Chapel at this year's Civic Sunday event. Mr. Jones reported he would like to see the procession travel along the longer route down Christian Street in future years, in addition he would also like to see the standard bearers in front of the Chapel as the procession enters the Church. The Town Clerk suggested the procession could use either the Derby Road route or the Christian Street route depending on the prevailing weather conditions. The Board <i>AGREED</i> this proposal for next year. |
| SOAPBOX DERBY | 15/132 | Mr. Davison reported preparations were going well for this event and that he had received a good number of entrants to date for participation in the event. A meeting had been held on 20 th July and a route had now been fixed which did not include Stanley Road. The soapboxes would now start at the top of Peveril Road near the junction with Peveril Avenue and travel down the hill towards the chip shop at the junction of Church Street. A flat section of road exists at this location which could be the finish line or alternatively the soapboxes could continue down Christian Street to finish at Atholl Place. The road closure orders will allow both options to take place on the day which will be tested as soon as the road closures are implemented and the course will be set up accordingly. The Chairman thanked Mr. Davison for his hard work on this event and suggested putting the information on the Commissioners website. |
| PEEL CAMPSITE | 15/133 | The Board noted the increase in rating for the campsite from two star to three star. Mr. Davison highlighted the need to do further improvements which were reported within the inspection report. The Board <i>AGREED</i> these minor works should be undertaken before the next summer season in 2016. |

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REQUEST FROM SUPERINTENDENT KEVIN WILSON TO ATTEND A BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS POLICING IN PEEL 15/134 Mr. Jones proposed this meeting should wait until after the new Neighbourhood Inspector was confirmed in post. The Board *AGREED* to invite Superintendent Wilson to a Board meeting once the position of Neighbourhood Inspector was confirmed.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS 15/135 The Town Clerk reported Mr. Jones and the Town Clerk had attended the meeting with the local authorities and the Minister for the Department of Infrastructure on Friday 17th July. A brief summary was given on the outcome of this meeting with the Minister by the Town Clerk. Mr. Jones reported how good it was to see local authorities getting on so well at the meeting and having similar ideas on many of the functions which were discussed for transfer. He highlighted the Minister's proposal to use the Municipal Association to provide better governance for local authorities. This was not supported by Municipal Members because this organisation operated in an advisory capacity only. Mr. Jones expressed concern that the Minister may change at the election next year which would have a significant impact on the transfer of functions agenda of government. The Town Clerk reported that for waste services the consensus had been for local authorities to continue providing refuse collection and to attempt to get better value for money through voluntary procurement agreements with neighbouring authorities. A working party had been set up which included two local authority members from German and Patrick and the Town Clerk for Peel to discuss refuse disposal at the incinerator and the ongoing costs of this facility to local authorities. It was *AGREED* that local authorities required more technical and legal support from the Department of Infrastructure and that this was a statutory function provided for within the current legislation. Mr. Jones reported that Amanda Craig of the Local Government Unit had previously provided good support alongside Mr. Ronan, MHK who had been given delegated powers by the Department for local government issues. This had not worked as well since the departure of these two individuals from the Department of Infrastructure.

The Town Clerk reported the consensus of the meeting on housing had been for local authorities to voluntarily work together and for them to retain the management of housing within their areas. The Minister was supportive of this approach which was different from the arm's length regional authority and regional procurement model being proposed by Department

Officers at the Westlands meeting with Western Housing Authorities on 16th July 2015. Mrs. Moughtin stated the government representatives had used the meeting with the Western Housing Authorities to tell us how this function should be operated in the future. Mr. Jones *AGREED* and stated that the Tolson report had initially been tailored to give government a single housing authority or at the least remove housing from the local authorities control. The Town Clerk reported the remainder of the meeting with the Minister had discussed public toilets and car parking which was to be transferred to the local authorities. In addition the Town Clerk stated he had made representations to the Minister at the meeting for the return of building control to Peel Town Commissioners and the operation of the twenty properties currently managed by the Department of Infrastructure within Peel.

The Board were satisfied with the outcome of this meeting and the Chairman expressed his desire to see these transfers completed as soon as was practically possible.

The Town Clerk reported the next phase was the meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II High School on 28th July which would be attended by Mr. Jones and Mr. Lace.

MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY	15/136	The Board considered the four options which were within the report and <i>AGREED</i> to implement option four. The Chairman proposed extending this policy to tree planting and memorial plaques. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to extend the memorial bench policy to cover these two items.
ISLE OF MAN TOURISM – HAVE YOUR SAY RESEARCH	15/137	Mr. Davison confirmed he was going to the St. Johns meeting on 29 th July and would represent the Commissioners. Mr. Baker from the Leece Museum would attend this meeting to support Mr. Davison.
RECYCLE BIN UPDATE	15/138	The Town Clerk reported the clothes bin in the Shoprite car park would be moved to a new location adjacent to the new bollards. Shoprite local manager has been informed of this proposed change. The new recycling centre in the fish yards was still within its planning consultation phase and an issue concerning visibility sprays on the exit to this facility was being address by Mr. Quayle from the Peel Town Commissioners. Once planning consent had been received for this facility the recycle bins on the Marine Parade part of the promenade would be removed. The recycle bins had been recently installed on the car park in the Ballawattleworth Estate. These facilities would

become operational later this week. The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate the use of an alternative plastic bottle recycling contractor for the Peel area. Mr. Jones suggested inviting Mr. Alan Donnelly from Douglas Corporation to a future meeting to discuss how Douglas Corporation are taking forward their recycling agenda. DS

ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

15/139

Mr. Davison identified that poor condition of the promenade following heavy rain on the evening of 15th July. The Town Clerk reported a letter had been sent to the Department of Infrastructure confirming they should undertake a temporary repair as soon as possible to ensure the promenade is open for public use during the busy summer holiday period. Miss Felton would like to see the Commissioners promote walking routes around Peel. The Chairman reminded the Board of the proposal for a heritage trail and orienteering routes within Peel. The Town Clerk is to provide an update on these two items to a future meeting.

Mrs. Moughtin requested the Commissioners should write to the Platinum Beauty Saloon to congratulate her on establishing this new business within Peel. DS

Mr. Lace highlighted the ongoing works to remove weeds in the Town. Mr. Jones identified the difficulty with current weed killers and the need for the weeds to be present for them to be treated. The Town Clerk reported that contact non-residual week killer was being used by the Commissioners and that once the weeds were dead they would be removed by scheduled road sweeping operations. This would see an improvement in the quality of the street scape in the next fourteen days.

Mrs. Moughtin asked when the seaweed would be removed from the Town beaches. The Town Clerk reported that harrowing takes place on a weekly basis and that the seaweed would be removed in the near future.

Mr. Davison reported the ongoing problems with seagulls in Peel and that measures would be required in the near future to deal with this matter. The Chairman asked the Town Clerk to report what measures could be implemented by Peel Town Commissioners. DS

The Town Clerk reported a decision notice for planning application 15/00637/B received on 20th July 2015. The Board *AGREED* no further action on this application.

The Town Clerk reported an application to temporarily close West Quay, Peel for filming between 2nd August and 3rd August 2015. The Board *AGREED* not to oppose this application.

The Town Clerk requested he had designated signature rights for the Isle of Man Bank accounts. The Board *AGREED* to remove signing authority of the previous Town Clerk, Mr. Leadley and for the new Town Clerk to receive signing authority for Peel Town Commissioners Isle of Man Bank account.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.56p.m.

