

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 2 February 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present Mrs C. Moughtin (Chairman)
Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman)
Mr A. Jones
Miss K. Felton
Mr D. Lace
Mrs J. O'Halloran

Apologises Mr E. Beale

In attendance Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME 15/253 The Chairman welcomed the Board to the first meeting of February. She stated the Peel Achievers evening had been very successful and showcased the excellent talent in Peel particularly in the young achiever category. It was unfortunate the gardeners and photographers had not attended in large numbers this year. The Chairman expressed a desire to build on the event to include music and sport nominations and to attract sponsorship. She recommended using the newsletter to publicise the gardening competition to encourage more entries particularly with the new 2016 overall winner category for gardening.

ITEM 1 MINUTES 15/254 The Board **agreed** the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016. Mr Lace proposed and Miss Felton seconded this item respectively.

ITEMS 2 MATTERS ARISING 15/255 Item 15/231 Adoption Issues
The Town Clerk reported a meeting was scheduled with Dandara on 8 February 2016 to facilitate the early transfer of the public open space, verges and footways in their housing estates on the outskirts of Peel. At this meeting the current legal status of Heritage Homes public limited company would be sought.

Item 15/237 Election Act
The Town Clerk reported a letter was sent to the Chief Secretary asking for a response to the five

specific legal questions asked by the Commissioners for their 2 February 2016 meeting. Unfortunately, a response had not been received. Mr Jones reported the issue was discussed at the Municipal meeting with the other local authorities and he had made an undertaking to keep them advised on developments.

Item 15/242 Planning Application

The Board noted a communication stating the Commissioners did not oppose planning applications 15/01380/B, and 16/0023/B had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Item 15/245 Watercourse Maintenance

The Board noted the locations of the river bank erosion and silt deposits on the River Neb had been submitted to the Manx Utility Authority.

Item 15/250 Applications for Events in Peel

The Board noted a communication stating the Commissioners did not oppose the proposed sand sculpture and waterslide events subject to the provision of a risk assessment for the location of the slide had been sent to the promoters.

Item 15/251 Consultation on Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2006

The Board noted a communication had been sent to the Department of Health and Social Care to request information on who would be the enforcement body for this legislation.

Item 15/251 Helicopter Training on the Headlands Field

The Board noted the communication has been sent to the organisers approving training at this location subject to adequate measures being put in place to restrict public access to this area.

Item 15/252 Civic Centre Amenity Site Issues

The Board noted the communication requesting more robust accounting procedures and segregated parking for those disposing of recyclable materials had been sent to the Chairman of the Civic Amenity site. The Town Clerk reported he had received a response to show adequate accounting procedures currently existed however, a duplicate receipt system would be introduced to avoid public perception misunderstandings regarding receipts for cash payments.

Item 15/252 Shoprite Bollards in Parking Spaces
The Board noted the communication had been sent to the owner of the car park to advise them the bollard had been struck by vehicles attempting to use the space.

HOUSING ITEMS	15/256	<p>Item 3 Planning Applications The Board did not oppose planning applications 16/00079/B, and 16/0036/B.</p> <p>Item 4 Planning Decision Notified. The Board agreed to take no further action on planning applications 15/01380/B.</p>
RECREATION ITEMS	15/257	<p>Item 5 St Georges Day Parade Event Notification Mr Jones stated it was Peel’s turn to host this parade and he was happy to support this event once the route was confirmed. The Board agreed to support this event taking place subject to the route being confirmed by the organisers.</p> <p>Item 6 Isle of Man Cyclefest The Board noted the event did not enter Peel and has limited impact on the main roads into Peel.</p> <p>Item 7 A1 Douglas Road Parking Restriction The Chairman advised this restriction was required for the Westlands development which had started. The Board noted the content of the restriction.</p>
FINANCE AND GENERAL ITEMS	15/258	<p>Item 8 Consultation on the Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill 2016 The Town Clerk reported local authorities were mentioned twice in the bill in the following context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clause 19 authorises the Department or local authorities to use its vehicles or appliances on bridle paths, cycle paths and cycle tracks.• Clause 58 allows the Department to delegate its powers to appoint parking controllers to local authorities. <p>The Town Clerk reported no additional legal powers had been placed within the Bill to allow the delegation of functions within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 as discussed by the Minister at the local authority seminar about parking on 13 January 2016.</p>

Mr Jones stated the collection of fines from parking enforcement (Clause 70) had not been extended at this time to local authorities and no mechanism existed to reimburse local authorities for undertaking parking enforcement work.

Mr Jones stated the remainder appeared to be tidying up legislation in this area. Miss Felton thought reducing the alcohol limits was a good idea. Mr Jones stated the current alcohol levels were based on medical advice and the majority of accidents were caused by poor driving rather alcohol consumption.

The Deputy Chairman stated the existing legislation did not allow caravans to visit the Peel campsite except at TT and Manx Festival of Motorsport. The Town Clerk reported Clause 46 regulated caravan entry by enabling orders prohibiting or restricting the use of vehicles on or off roads throughout the Island or in prescribed localities. The Deputy Chairman stated designating routes for caravans similar to those used for large vehicle routes would be a better way of regulating caravan movements on the island.

The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk should send in a consultation response to ensure these matters are addressed.

Item 9 Town and Country Planning (Permitted Development) Temporary Use or Development) Order 2015

The Board noted the content of this order which was approved by Tynwald. The Town Clerk highlighted the additional permitted development powers under Class B for markets, fetes, motorcycle racing events, fairs and festivals which would assist the Commissioners in providing infrastructure for events.

Item 10 Permission to relocate air raid shelter from Battery Road to Daisy Fields

The Town Clerk reported a World War II air raid shelter was located adjacent to Cliffe Cottage and a recent planning consent would result in the demolition of this hidden heritage. The Peel Heritage Trust have allowed access to school children and families to view this shelter, baby's gas mask and air raid siren. The Heritage Trust would like to save this structure through its relocation into the adjacent Daisy Field, subject to

the relocation costs not ruling out its preservation. Mr Jones wished to investigate the preservation of this structure because a number had been removed since the war. The Chairman believed it would prove costly and difficult to remove and would like to see it remain in situ. The Board were advised the shelter was located immediately adjacent to the house and the planned changes would involve its demolition. The Town Clerk reported the existence of the air raid shelter was not identified on planning drawings or in the planning statements. The Commissioners were only made aware of this issue on Friday 29 January and they had not had an opportunity to look at the shelter or evaluate the likely high costs associated with the relocation of a bomb proof structure. The Chairman stated the cost of relocation and maintenance should be borne by the current owner and the Heritage Trust. The Chairman proposed this matter be deferred until a site meeting was held to assess the costs and feasibility. Mr Jones stated this was a very unique structure and it needed looking at quickly if it was to be saved from demolition. The Board **agreed to defer** a decision on this item until the next meeting

ITEM 11 ANY
OTHER BUSINESS

15/259

Mr Jones referred to an email he had received from the Department of the Environment Food and Agriculture concerning providing warden assistance in their glens. The Town Clerk advised he had received this email and the Department did not own any glen areas in Peel.

Mr Jones placed a notice of motion requesting the Commissioners adopt the seven principles of public life for consideration at the next meeting.

The Deputy Chairman stated discussions were taking place with attractions promoters and the Police for Peel Day. This had identified the event should be located on the Quay and around the House of Manannan rather than on Marine Parade. This would permit a mini motorcycle racing to take place nearer to the town centre and on a longer course. The Town Clerk asked if the proposed works on the Marine Parade were still required to host events. The Board **agreed** to continue with these works.

The meeting ended at 8:05pm

