

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 16 February 2016 at 7:00pm.

Present Mrs C. Moughtin (Chairman)
Mr A. Jones
Mrs J. O'Halloran
Mr E. Beale

Apologises Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman)
Miss K. Felton
Mr D. Lace

In attendance Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME 15/260 The Chairman welcomed the Board to the second meeting of February. She gave apologies for the three Board members who were unable to attend tonight's meeting and confirmed the meeting was quorate in accordance with the current standing orders. The Chairman welcomed Ashley Sayle to the meeting to collect her Peel Achiever award. She stated Ashley had missed the Achievers night on 27 January. The Chairman confirmed Ashley was nominated for this award for her hard work and dedication in achieving her long standing goal to be a barrister. This achievement was attained in November after 7 years and would not have been possible without the support of her family. This was a proud moment for Ashley's family and Peel. The Chairman believed this was a good example of what can be achieved through commitment, sweat and tears. This Achiever Award was endorsed by all the Board members present and Ashley was invited to receive her award which was presented by the Chairman.

ITEM 1 MINUTES 15/261 The Board **agreed** the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016. Mr Jones proposed and Mrs O'Halloran seconded this item respectively.

Item 2 Matter Arising

Item 15/231 Adoption Issues

The Town Clerk reported a meeting had taken place 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. This developer had given an undertaking to get the necessary adoption paper work for the Ballawattleworth and Reayrt Ny Cronk housing estates finalised and sent to the Commissioners by the end of March 2016. In addition, the Town Clerk reported Dandara had provided copies of documentation to prove the functions of Heritage Homes public limited company were transferred to Dandara in January 2016

Item 15/237 Election Act

The Town Clerk reported a reminder 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.

Item 15/256 Planning Application

The Board noted a communication stating the Commissioners did not oppose planning applications 16/00036/B, and 16/00079/B had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture

Item 15/258 Consultation on the Road Traffic Legislation Bill 2016

The Board noted a communication had been sent to the Department of Infrastructure to request delegation of Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985 powers to Local Authorities, to obtain information on why the current alcohol levels for driving were being changed and to encourage designated routes for caravans.

Item 15/258 Permission to relocate Air Raid Shelter from Battery Road to the Daisy Field

The Town Clerk reported two Commissioners had attended the site meeting on 10 February 2016. At this meeting the Peel Heritage Trust and the current owner of the Cliffe Cottage shelter had confirmed they would be responsible for managing the relocation works, the ongoing maintenance of the shelter and financing all these works associated with this shelter. The Chairman stated planning consent

was required for the relocation of this structure and a long term lease with the Commissioners for the part of the Daisy Field occupied by the shelter. The Board **agreed in principle** to providing a long term lease to the Heritage Trust for the relocation of the shelter subject to them receiving planning consent and funding all the works associated with this structure.

HOUSING ITEMS 15/262

Item 3 PA 15/01236/B 34 Market Street

The Board noted the contents of the letter received from the owner of 34 Market Street and the Town Clerk circulated the samples he had received. Mrs O'Halloran stated she was opposed to using upv wood effect windows in the conservation area and the samples did not overcome her concerns with this type of material. Mr Jones confirmed he supported the use of upv windows and believed the mahogany wood effect would prove successful. The Chairman stated 34 Market Street was a high profile location within the conservation area and significant amount of money had been spent upgrading the neighbouring Charles Street. The Board voted on the use of upv wood effect replacement windows at 34 Market Street and it was agreed the Commissioners would continue to **object** to this application. Mr Jones voted in favour of using upv windows at this location and Mr Beale abstained from voting.

Item 4 Planning Applications

The Board did not oppose planning applications 16/00091/B and 16/00123/B because each represented an improvement of the existing features within the conservation area.

Item 5 Planning Decision Notified.

The Town Clerk reported he had received additional information for planning application 15/00972/B from the developer relating to traffic and drainage calculations which he believed addressed the issues raised in the Commissioners objection. The Board **agreed** to take no further action on planning applications 14/01136/B, 15/00972/B and 16/00023/B.

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ITEMS

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Item 6 Royal Manx Show Application to Use Barriers

The Board noted the contents of the communication received from the Royal Manx Agricultural Society and **agreed** to loan this organisation the barriers they requested for their show.

Item 7 Classic Scooters Application to Use Peel Hill

The Board noted the contents of the communication from the Isle of Man Scooter Club and **agreed** to allow them to use Peel Hill for displaying their scooters.

Item 8 Civic Sundays Michael, Ballaugh and Castletown Commissioners.

The Board noted the contents of the letters inviting Peel Town Commissioners to Michael, Ballaugh and Castletown Commissioners Civic Sundays. The Board **agreed** the Chairman would attend Michael Commissioners' Civic Sunday on 21 February and Castletown Commissioners' Civic Sunday on 10 April. The Town Clerk would attend Ballaugh Commissioners' Civic Sunday on 21 February because it occurred at the same time as the Michael Commissioners' Civic Sunday.

FINANCE AND
GENERAL ITEMS

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Item 9 Motion for Adoption of the Seven Principles of Public Life by the Commissioners
Mr Jones confirmed he had introduced this motion to provide greater accountability and probity for publically elected officials. He stated this would be a useful reference document for new Commissioners after the local authority elections later this year. The Town Clerk asked if the Board wanted these principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability and openness adopting for officers of the Commissioners. The Board **agreed** these principles would be adopted by the Commissioners for their staff and elected members of the Board.

Item 10 Private Members Neighbourhood Planning Bill

The Board noted the content of Mr Cregeen MHK's private member's Bill. Mr Jones stated he believed this legislation had merit for more local decision making and engagement however, this United Kingdom was not suitable in its current form for adoption on the Isle of

Man. The Chairman stated this legislation could result in persons or organisations with no public accountability making important development recommendations to government and was not suitable. The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk should write to Mr Cregeen MHK offering their support for the principles of local accountability and highlighting the Commissioners concerns with the United Kingdom legislation.

Item 10 Petition Acceptance 1 to 12 Close Chairn External Refurbishment

The Board noted the contents of the letter from the Department of Infrastructure confirm acceptance of the Commissioners petition for the costs of these refurbishment works. The Town Clerk reported these works were scheduled to commence at the start of March 2016.

Item 11 Any Other Business

Item 11 Commercial Waste Gate Fee 1 April 2016

The Board noted the contents of the letter from the Department of Infrastructure confirm the costs would not been increased from 1 April 2016.

ITEM 12 ANY
OTHER
BUSINESSS

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The Town Clerk provided a copy of a media release for the Western Housing Authority which he had released on 16 February 2016.

The meeting ended at 7:50pm