# **GENERAL MEETING**

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 26 July 2016 at 7:30pm.

Present	Mr I. D Ms H. Mr E. O Mr B. J	Mrs C. Moughtin (Chairman) Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman) Ms H. Hannan Mr E. Convery Mr B. Heath Mr A. Jones	
Apologise	Mr D. Lace		
In attendance	Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)		
			Action
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	16/037	The Chairman welcomed the Board to the second meeting in July. She thanked the Cathedral, Mike Durber, Jack McLean and the Brownies for their contribution to the Civic Sunday service which had made the occasion a great day.	
ITEM 1 MINUTES	16/038	The Chairman requested confirmation of the minutes. The Board <b>agreed</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2016. Mr Jones proposed and Mr Heath seconded this item.	
ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING	16/039	Item 16/032 Planning Applications The Board noted the communication objecting to planning applications 16/0729 for 40 Douglas Street because it did not provide off street parking had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture. Town Clerk reported the Department had been notified the Commissioners did not oppose planning applications 16/0708 Marine Parade, Peel; 16/0726 Laharna, Peveril Road, Peel 16/730 Ebor, Peveril Road, Peel 16/0667 Sea Peep, Poortown Road, Peel.	
		Item 16/033 East Quay Disabled Parking The Board noted the Department of Infrastructure was notified the Commissioners did not oppose the provision of a disabled parking space on East Quay.	

Item 16/034 Living Hope Church Campsite Shower Use Application

The Board noted the Living Hope Church representative was advised to provide additional information on the times they wished to use the showers and how many people would attend. The Board **agreed** the Lead Member for Leisure and Town Clerk would assess this information once it was received.

Item 16/034 Peel Carnival Blanket Trader's Licence

The Board noted the Carnival organisers had been advised their application for a blanket traders licence was approved.

#### Item 16/034 Tea Touring Bus Licence

The Board noted the owner of the Tea Touring Bus was advised the Commissioners had refused their application for a street traders licence in Peel.

# Item 16/035 Plastic Bottle Recycling

The Board noted the Town Clerk was appointed to a DOI recycling working party on 21 July 2016 to take this matter forward.

Item 16/035 King Scallop Consultation The Board noted this issue was to be discussed under Agenda Item 13.

# Item 16/035 Poppy Appeal Collection Application

The Board noted the communication approving the poppy appeal collections in 2016 was sent to the Royal British Legion.

### Item 16/036 Register of Electors

The Town Clerk reported this communication had been drafted and its release was delayed pending the receipt of further information from other local authorities.

### Item 16/036 Raggatt Leachate

The Board noted a communication requesting an urgent response to the Commissioners' communication on the discharge of Raggatt leachate had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture.

Item 16/036 Richmond Hill Committee The Board noted a communication was sent to the Minister for the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture requesting the reconstitution of this committee with dates for their meetings.

Item 16/036 Weed Growth

The Board noted the weed growth in North View, Glenfaba Park and the steps from Marine Parade to Mount Morrison had been treated. Ms Hannan asked if the Commissioners staff inspected the roads to treat this problem. The Town Clerk reported the Commissioners undertake frequent weed spraying and removal works at this time of year however, the weeds must be present to treat them with a contact weed killer. This resulted in ongoing operations to keep on top of this work. The Deputy Chairman suggested the Commissioners use persons required to undertake community service to assist with this work. The Town Clerk advised the Department of Infrastructure had previously sought to use this resource which required disproportionate levels of supervision to make it worthwhile. Mr Heath highlighted a number of Groups had shown an interest in undertaking community projects the regeneration at workshops and they may be able to assist with this type of work.

Item 16/036 Keown's Lane

The Board noted Ms Hannan had sent the documentation to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk reported the information received from the Department contradicted the title deed and further investigation was required. Ms Hannan and Mr Jones reported they could identify persons who would be willing to swear affidavits that they had use this route unrestricted for in excess of twenty one years.

TEMS 16/040 Item 3 Planning Applications for Comment The Board agreed not to oppose planning applications 16/00409/B (amended Drawings) 4 Factory Lane, Peel, 16/00737/B Plot 16 off Raad Kirree Varrey, Slieau Whallian View, Peel and 16/00770/B Plot 29 off Raad Kirree Varrey, Slieau Whallian View, Peel .

> Item 4 Planning Decision Notified The Board noted planning application 16/00478/B, 16/00580/B, and 16/00667/B was approved and agreed to take no further action.

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# Item 5 Cruse Bereavement Care Walk

The Board noted the content of the application dated 19 July 2016 proposing a memory walk event along the disused railway track from Peel to St Johns scheduled for 18 September 2016. The Board unanimously approved this application.

## Item 6 A Nation Tribute 11 November 2016

The Board noted the content of the communication from Cathedral Isle of Man dated 19 July 2016 and would await further information on this memorial event.

Item 7 Peel Civic Sunday

The Town Clerk reported the service went according to plan. The wet weather conditions had resulted in the shorter parade route being used and the timing of the event on the first week of the school holidays had impacted on attendance particularly from the local schools. The Town Clerk reported the contents of a letter thanking the Commissioners from Mr Durber dated 25 July 2016 in relation to this event. The Town Clerk proposed holding the 2017 Civic Sunday service earlier in July and requested permission to make arrangements to book a date in advance of the Chairman's appointment in May 2017. The Board agreed to this proposal subject to the Chairman selecting the church where the service would take place and confirming the order of service.

# FINANCE AND 16/042 GENERAL ITEMS

#### 142 Item 8 Lead Member Standing Orders

The Board noted the contents of the decision paper dated 26 July 2016 from the Town Clerk which took forward the Boards resolution at the Commissioners' working party meeting held on 13 June 2016. The Board **agreed** to defer a decision on this item until the next Board meeting.

Item 9 Notice of Motion – Armed Forces Covenant

The Board noted the contents of Mr Jones' email dated 18 July 2016 requesting the Commissioners consider entering into an armed forces covenant. Mr Jones reported a number of local authorities have already signed up to this covenant. Mr Convery seconded this motion. The Board **agreed** to assess this motion at the next Board meeting. Item 10 Notice of Motion – Appointment of Town Captain

Mr Jones stated the appointment of a Captain of the Town would have two main benefits. The first would be to recognize the community service of a person in the town and it would permit the appointment of a suitably qualified person to chair requisition meetings to ensure impartiality when the Commissioners were involved in an issue such as elections. The Deputy Chairman seconded this motion. The Town Clerk asked Mr Convery if he could recall what Castletown Commissioners had done in this situation. Mr Convery reported they had called upon the services of a President of Tynwald when the need arose. The Chairman stated the Commissioners had until recently use the Captain of German Parish and this issue had arisen because the Commissioners had not been consulted on the latest appointment. The Board agreed to assess this motion at the next Board meeting.

#### Item 11 Peel School Crossing Patrol

The Board noted the content of the email dated 22 July 2016 from the Department of Home Affairs. The Deputy Chairman proposed the Commissioners accept Department's the proposal to remove the lunchtime service from September 2016 subject to it being reviewed. The Town Clerk advised the timing of the communication prevented an evaluation of usage during the school summer holiday and a review was not unreasonable in these circumstances. The Board agreed to permit the removal of the school crossing patrol at lunch time subject to a review after the autumn half term period to assess usage and to permit a consultation with the schools on the impact of the removal of this service.

#### Item 12 Tree and Hedges Act 2005

The Board noted the contents of the Department of Infrastructure's function delegation for Tree and Hedges dated 20 April 2015. Mr Jones stated he would meet with the Town Clerk to view the application on Ramsey Road.

#### Item 13 King Scallop Consultation

The Board noted the content for the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture consultation document which they had deferred

for consideration at the last meeting. The Deputy Chairman stated the seafood industry was worth £13 to 15 million pounds to the Island's economy and there was a need to speak to the industry to prevent overfishing and regulate the size of shells caught. He stated vessels from neighboring jurisdictions did not land their catch on the Isle of Man and enforcement would be an important issue. Ms Hannan stated the Board required advice on enforcement measures including who would be licensed, policing the restricted areas, policing the size of vessels and the conservation of stocks based upon their shell size. The Deputy Chairman believes reducing the size of the tow bar and the number of bars allowed on each vessel could be important. The Board agreed the Deputy Chairman, Mr Heath and the Town Clerk should seek advice from the seafood industry in Peel.

Item 15 Adult Social Care Market Position Statement and Commissioning Intentions for Older People on the Isle of Man

The Board noted the content of the Department of Health and Social Care consultation document. The Town Clerk advised other local authorities were concerned sheltered housing was included within this document and it was identified as a central government service rather than a local authority function. Mr Heath stated the consultation was preparing the way for cutting funding in this important area. Ms Hannan stated funding was being cut for the Corrin Home and other homes in the West. She had attended a workshop which emphasized the need to care for people in their homes. However, there was no or limited respite provision within the proposals. This would potentially result in rapid transitions from hospital to home rather than allowing persons a transition through a supervised care facility such as the Corrin Home. Mr Jones agreed care in the home was not a cheap option but it was a cost effective solution if done properly. Mr Heath stated there was an economy of scale issue on the Isle of Man which did not work with a small population. This was highlighted in mental health services where the specialist resources are not available on the Island. The Board agreed the Town Clerk should raise these issues with the Department of Health and Social Care.

ITEM 15 ANY 16/043 OTHER BUSINESS Ms Hannan asked if the stalls for the Viking Boat racing had received street traders's licenses. The Town Clerk reported he received last minute requests from a number of traders who do not sell refreshments and traditionally support these events. Their applications had been approved on this basis.

Ms Hannan asked if the Town Warden was at work. The Town Clerk reported he was currently absent from work.

Ms Hannan reported the uneven and rocking nature of the paving on the Quayside outside the Longhouse, Douglas Street outside Lloyds Bank, and Christian Street at the junction with Mona Street.

Ms Hannan reported the centre of the Mini roundabout had been repainted and the faded stop lines had not been done. Boilley Spittal had been relined and the faded stop line on Station Bank had not been repainted.

The Deputy Chairman reported the wall on the property neighbouring the Clothworkers is leaning onto the pavement. Mr Heath believed this work may have commenced earlier today.

The meeting ended at 8:37pm