

# GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 23 August 2016 at 7:30pm.

Present                     Mrs C. Moughtin (Chairman)  
                                  Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman)  
                                  Mr E. Convery  
                                  Mr A. Jones  
                                  Mr D. Lace  
                                  Ms H. Hannan  
                                  Mr B. Heath

In attendance               Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S                16/053    The Chairman welcomed the Board to the  
WELCOME    second meeting in August.

ITEM 1 MINUTES                The Chairman requested confirmation of the  
  minutes. The Board **agreed** the minutes of the  
  meeting held on 9 August 2016. Mr Lace  
  proposed and Mr Jones seconded this item.

ITEM 2 MATTERS                16/054    Item 16/043 King Scallop Consultation  
ARISING    The Board noted after discussing this matter with  
  a seafood producer they had written to the  
  Department of Environment Food and  
  Agriculture to support measures which can be  
  rapidly assessed at sea, investigated and  
  enforced. These included restricting the number  
  of permits issued; issuing permits to vessels with  
  lower trawling capability by licencing the  
  number of tow bars, the size of tow bars and the  
  mechanical engine/winch capacity on each  
  vessel; reducing fishing by preventing fishing on  
  particular days each week and the immediate  
  suspension of permits for those vessels caught  
  breaking the terms of their permit.

Item 16/047 Planning Applications  
The Board noted the communication seeking a  
deferral for planning application 16/00839/B to  
construct 6 apartments and retail space for a  
café/restaurant use at the Former Workshop  
Crompton's Building, East Quay, Peel was sent.  
The deferral was required to obtain information  
on the status of the East Quay Design Brief, a

parking study and a master plan for the site. If this information was not provided the Commissioners had stated they opposed this application. Ms Hannan asked if the deferral had been granted. The Town Clerk advised he had received an acknowledgement and the Commissioners comments had been sent to the applicant. He confirmed an update would be sought.

The Board noted the communication not opposing planning applications 16/00816/B Shear, 2 Derby Road, Peel: 16/00819/B 41 Michael Street, Peel and 16/00820/B 6 Peveril Avenue, Peel had been sent to the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture.

#### Item 16/048 Marown Civic Sunday

The Board noted the communication advising Mr. Jones would attend the Civic Sunday service as the Commissioners representative on 18 September 2016 had been sent to Marown Parish Commissioners.

#### Item 16/048 Ramsey Civic Sunday

The Board noted the communication accepting the invitation to attend the Ramsey Civic Sunday service on 11 September 2016 had been sent to Ramsey Town Commissioners.

#### Item 16/049 Lead Member Standing Orders

The Board noted the appropriate changes to section 24 of the Standing Orders and the Scheme of Delegation had been signed by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk circulated copies of these document to the Board. Ms Hannan stated she was disappointed the Board had not agreed to change the Standing Orders to be gender neutral. Mr. Jones stated this was because legal documents were generally drafted in the male gender and are deemed to include the female as stated in the Standing Order documentation. The Town Clerk advised this matter was debated and **agreed** at the last Commissioners meeting and should not be subject to debate within a matters arising item.

#### Item 16/050 Notice of Motion Armed Forces Covenant

The Town Clerk reported he had amended a standard Armed Forces Covenant and would circulate this to the Commissioners.

Item 16/051 Notice of Motion Appointment of Town Captain

The Board noted the communication requesting approval to appoint a Town Captain had been sent to the cabinet office. The Town Clerk reported he had received a response which stated this matter would be dealt with after the general election.

Item 16/052 Domestic Waste Disposal Charges 2016/17

The Board noted the communication to the Minister for infrastructure was drafted and he would circulate this to the Commissioners for comment after the meeting.

Item 16/052 Any Other Business Operation Items

The Town Clerk reported the long stay untaxed cars had been removed from the 2 hour disk zone in the Douglas Street car park. The multi storey car park request should only be evaluated once a robust car parking management regime had been put in place. The Commissioners were monitoring recycling bins to identify misuse by local businesses. The Promenade toilets had been repaired and the A frames on the Promenade walkway had been removed. The Commissioners would need to tidy up the top end of their depot prior to seeking a clear up of the neighbouring land. Mr. Convery reported the Municipal Association had decided not to formally communicate with the Minister for Infrastructure to express their concerns over the early implementation of a new waste charging regime.

HOUSING ITMES

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Item 3 Planning Applications for Comment

The Board reviewed the planning application drawings and **agreed** not to oppose 16/00625/B 4 Fuchsia Close, Rearyt Ny Keylley, Peel (Amended Drawings); 16/00730/B Ebor, Peveril Road, Peel (Amended Drawings); 16/00870/B 1 Viking Longhouse, East Quay, Peel; 16/00914/B 7 Church Street, Peel; 16/00887/B Oak Road/Poortown Road Roundabout and 16/00928/B 8 Close Cubbon, Peel.

Item 4 Planning Decision Notified

The Board noted planning application 16/00598/B, 16/00708/B, 16/00726/B, 16/00737/B and 16/00770/B was **approved and agreed** to take no further action.

RECREATION  
ITEMS

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Item 5 Regeneration Update

The Town Clerk reported the Contractor was currently scheduled to deliver the works on time. He advised the construction works on the steps were progressing ahead of schedule and a request to close the exit from the Commissioners' Douglas Street car park on to Market Place during the Festival of Motorsport had been declined. A leaflet drop to neighbouring properties would be undertaken by the contractor in advance of the closure of the car park exit which was now scheduled take place on Monday 5 September 2016. Works would continue on the current site throughout the festival of motorsport period. Mr. Convery asked if any further applications had been received to repaint properties in the regeneration area. The Town Clerk reported he had received 2 further expressions of interest to renovate shop frontages in Michael Street and Atholl Place respectively. Ms Hannan stated the works creating the steps to St Peters Church were vandalism and they were not necessary. The Government, Commissioners and individuals including herself had not acted and should have prevented the removal of the wall. She asked the Commissioners to go and look at the scheme. Ms Hannan stated it is not just heritage people and ordinary people cannot believe this has been allowed to happen. The scheme is not regenerating this area it is maintenance including the underground utilities works. Ms Hannan believed Market Place only needed minor tidying up works including the removal of the weeds and looking at the gable end of the church. Government talks about working in silos and providing value for money when funding is needed to repair other streets. She stated we are all to blame and she is absolutely disgusted by the whole thing. Mr. Jones stated Government had the final decision on this project and he supported the requirement for more regular maintenance works. In its absence nothing would have happened unless the regeneration work had taken place. Mr. Convery asked if this was the original concept and if consultation had taken place. The Town Clerk reported the design had been through a full public consultation and planning process. This Department of Infrastructure project had gone to a public inquiry and anyone could have made comments about the proposed scheme. Mr. Heath stated the

Commissioners have two responsibilities. To ensure the Department deliver the scheme on time and to make sure we utilize this area for the betterment of Peel. Mr. Lace stated he was opposed to the scheme from the outset.

Item 6 Dougie's Wheelie Project 24 September 2016

The Board noted the content of the application from G2F Media concerning the road closure application of the TT course for this event. The Chairman stated this closure did not adversely impact Peel and the Board **agreed** not to oppose this application.

Item 7 Soap Box Derby Update

The Deputy Chairman reported the event had gone well and the Commissioners had received fewer entries from competitors than for the previous year's event. He stated increasing the length of the course had not increased participation, had diluted the number of spectators lining the course and had increased the return time for delivering the carts back to the top of the course. The co-ordination of the soap box with the Hospice Urban Slide had worked satisfactorily. The Deputy Chairman stated a routine post event review with contributors to this event would take place to determine the course and format of this event for next year. Mr. Convery asked how much the entry fee was for the Urban Slide. The Town Clerk reported it was £10. Mr. Convery asked if this was too expensive. Ms Hannan stated this was a charity event and it was a good cause.

FINANCE AND  
GENERAL ITEMS

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Item 8 Isle of Man Harbour Users Association

The Board noted the content of the Isle of Man Harbour Users Association letter dated 7 August 2016. The Chairman stated the absence of life buoys in the harbor was a very serious matter. Mr. Jones stated this was a serious risk and the Department of Infrastructure should rectify this matter as soon as possible. The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk was to write to the Department supporting the Harbour Users' concerns.

Item 9 Closures and Restrictions on Roads in Peel

The Board noted the contents of Highway Services Statutory Notice RCO 243 dated 17 August 2016.

#### Item 10 Car Parking Update

The Town Clerk reported the temporary 2 hour parking disk zone in the Douglas Street car park was operating well and the use of advisory reminder notices was working to create the desired turnover of parking spaces for shoppers and visitors to the Town. The four number long stay vehicles had now been removed from this area of parking and there had not been any displacement parking issues observed in neighbouring areas. The Town Clerk advised better management of the Commissioners car parks and on street parking should better serve all the diverse parking needs of the town. Mr. Jones offered his congratulations on freeing up spaces in the town centre car park and believed excess parking charges would be a useful parking management tool. Ms Hannan asked if the Commissioners had received an update on the East Quay parking restrictions. The Town Clerk reported he had not and the Commissioners resources were being used to take forward the consultation on coach parking in the Town as agreed with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Lace asked what resources were being used to enforce the parking restrictions. The Town Clerk advised in the Town Warden absence he was undertaking parking enforcement duties when required. The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk should prepare car park management proposals for consideration by the Board later this year.

#### ITEM 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16/058 Ms Hannan stated the poor condition of the roads with broken kerbs, potholes, long grass and weeds etc. is neglect and does not welcome people to Peel. Mr. Lace stated the summer is the busiest time of year for the Commissioners staff including putting on events. The Town Clerk reported he was not aware of any grassed areas which had not been cut recently and the weed treatment work by their nature would be ongoing through their growing season. He advised the condition of the roads was the responsibility of the Department of Infrastructure and they had provided copies of their routine street inspection regime including the last time they were inspected. The Town Clerk would circulate this information to the Commissioners after the meeting.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm