

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 3 November 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

Apologise Mr I. Davison (Deputy Chairman)

In attendance Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)
 Mr T. Quayle (Peel Town Commissioners)

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 15/219 | The Chairman welcomed the Board to the meeting and thanked Mr Davison for chairing the meeting in her absence. The Chairman advised the Board she was delighted to hear Ashley Sayle had gained entrance to the Manx Bar. Ashley is a talented hard working individual who deserves the success she has achieved. Mrs O'Halloran proposed Ashley as a nomination for this year's Peel Achievers awards. This proposal was seconded by Miss Felton and the Board agreed this nomination. |
| MINUTES | 15/220 | The Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2015. Mr Lace proposed and Miss Felton seconded this item respectively. |
| MATTERS ARISING | 15/221 | Item 15/215 Westlands planning application – deferred item The Town Clerk confirmed this item was deferred at the last meeting to allow the Board to attend the open evening. Mr Lace confirmed he had attended the open evening and had found it useful. The Town Clerk advised the development proposal showed 33 existing car parking spaces to support 33 flats which exceeded the parking standard for sheltered housing. He believed the car parking on Rheast Bridson was not controlled by Westlands and formed part of the |

public highway. The Board **agreed** to not oppose this application subject to highlighting the car parking ownership to the planning authority.

Item 15/206 Recycling bins

The Town Clerk reported the additional acoustic installation would be installed in the Ballawattleworth glass recycling bin as soon as possible.

Item 15/217 Access Eligibility Criteria for sheltered Housing

The Board considered the consultation document and agreed to submit the following issues for consideration by the Department of Infrastructure:

- The requirement for a person to be a minimum of 60 year of age for acceptance on the waiting list is too prescriptive and does not permit flexibility to look at other important criteria including allowing larger public sector housing to be reallocated to younger families and health/welfare considerations of applicants. A pointing system for the age of the applicant could be used which would identify those persons most in need irrespective of whether or not they are in their late 50s or early 60s.
- The financial limits for couples does not seem high enough and the rationale behind the 10% addition to a single person's income is not explained.
- The point banding for gross income is not consistent. Somebody earning £22,500 receives 6 points more than someone earning £25,001 rather than the 3 point difference elsewhere on the scale for this £2,500 difference in income.
- The rationale for the £245,000 financial/property asset limit is not explained and if this will be frozen or linked to another financial market indicator in the future.
- A high number of points are proposed for low priority health/welfare issues (5 to

10) and property condition (5) respectively. No rationale is provided for giving points to low priority cases and overall this is difficult to justify against points awarded for other criterion.

Item 15/218 Manx Gas

The Town Clerk reported he would send a letter to Manx Gas before the next Board meeting.

Item 15/218 Campsite

The Town Clerk reported the six month budget review meeting was scheduled for 21 October 2015 and this would determine when these works commenced. The Board **agreed to defer** this matter to the next Board meeting.

HOUSING ITEMS

15/222

Item 3 Planning Applications

The Board **agreed** not to oppose planning application 15/01176/B and 15/01177/B.

Item 4 Planning Decision Notified.

The Board **agreed** no further action was required for planning applications 14/00928/B, 14/00930/B, 15/01078/B, 15/01080/B, 15/01083/B, 15/01042/B, 15/01039/B, 15/01039/B, 15/01026/B, 15/01022/B and 15/00994/B. The Town Clerk is to ascertain why PA 15/00972/B is being considered for approval under delegated powers when the Commissioners had received no additional information in response to their objection.

FINANCE AND
GENERAL ITEMS

15/223

Item 6 Isle of Man Constabulary – Strategic Plan 2015-2018

The Board **agreed to defer** a decision on this item until the next meeting.

Item7 Act of Remembrance – email from Ann Craine

The Board noted the content of the Cabinet Office's email. Mr Jones advised the Peel Remembrance Service would take place on Sunday 8 November would commence at 2:30pm.

Item 9 Any Other Business

Mr Jones advised the Unions are scheduled to ballot staff on the formation of a bargaining authority to discuss local authority issues if local authorities adopt the Public Service Commission terms and conditions by analogy. The Board **agreed** not to send letters to the Commissioners'

Whitley Council staff until this ballot had taken place.

Miss Felton proposed Kat Mentor for a Peel achiever award.

Mr Lace stated European Commission funding was available in England to clean up the quality of their beaches. Although this money was not available to the Isle of Man he asked the Town Clerk to investigate if the Commissioners could write to a Westminster Member of Parliament to encourage the release of funding by the Isle of Man government for sewerage treatment in Peel.

The meeting ended at 7:34pm