

# GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 17 November 2015 at 7:00pm.

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

In attendance            Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	15/224	<p>The Chairman welcomed the Board to the meeting and reported the Chief Minister had in a recent press release described the construction of the new sewerage works in the North as the next phase of regeneration for this area. She was pleased for Ramsey but was disappointed Peel had yet to receive any regeneration. In addition, the proposed new Manx Utility Authority sewerage charges were being imposed before Peel had adequate sewerage treatment provision.</p> <p>The Chairman reported the Member for the House of Keys for Santon and Malew had taken forward a Tynwald motion to increase local input into planning decisions. This function should not have been removed from local authorities and it was unfortunate this motion had not been supported by his colleagues in Tynwald.</p>
ITEM 1 MINUTES	15/225	<p>The Board <b>agreed</b> the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2015 subject to changing Kat Mentor to Mrs Menton on the final page. Mr Lace proposed and Mr Jones seconded this item respectively.</p>
ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING	15/226	<p>Item 15/215 Westlands planning application The Town Clerk confirmed the Commissioners response had been submitted and he had received notification this application was approved on 17 November 2015.</p>

Item 15/206 Recycling bins

The Town Clerk reported the additional acoustic lining was installed on 16 November to the sides of the Ballawattleworth glass recycling bin. The top and apertures had yet to be installed and without these measures to noise reduction characteristics were found to be limited. The Deputy Chairman asked if the insulation was removed every time the bin was emptied. The Town Clerk confirmed the insulation was attached to the inside of the cover and surround to the bin and was not disturbed when the bin was emptied.

Item 15/217 Access Eligibility Criteria for sheltered Housing

The Board noted the communication was sent outlining the Commissioners' reservations with the current proposal.

Item 15/218 Manx Gas

The Town Clerk reported his communication had highlighted the impact on the low paid, the lack of transparency and the lack of information on how the new tariff bandings will be applied.

Item 15/218 Campsite

The Town Clerk reported the six month budget review meeting had taken place on 21 October 2015 and the availability of funding precluded this work commencing until later in the financial year.

Item 15/222

The Board noted the communication for planning applications 15/01176/B and 15/01177/B had been sent.

Item 15/223 Isle of Man Constabulary – Strategic Plan 2015 to 2018

The Board noted this issue was to be discussed at Item 7 of the Agenda.

Item 15/223 Peel Sewerage Treatment Funding

The Town Clerk reported when the Commissioners met officers from the Manx Utility Authority assurance was given construction work would commence on Peel's sewerage treatment works in 2019. Treasury's current 2015/16 budget made no provision for design or construction within the 2015 to 2020 period. This could be rectified within the

February 2016 budget subject to obtaining Tynwald approval. However, at this time no funding currently exists to take this important project forward. Mr Jones stated Mr Cregeen MHK when he was chairman of the Manx Utility Authority had told the Board funding was available for the feasibility study. It was difficult to ascertain what was going on in this instance and we need to speak to the Chief Executive and Mr Cannan MHK. The Deputy Chairman confirmed the Board was assured funding was in place and the representatives from the Manx Utility Authority who had attended the recent Board meeting had advised the feasibility study had not been completed. Very little appears to have happened concerning this issue in the last 4 years. Mrs O'Halloran stated it was more like eight years. She believed 2019 was ambitious and 2021 or 2022 was more likely. She stated funding should be made available now. Mr Lace stated the feasibility study to decide on the location of this facility was another red herring. Nothing has been done to date except to increase the cost of sewerage disposal to Peel rate payers. This is a disgrace and Government may as well issue buckets to residents to allow them to throw their sewerage off the end of the breakwater. The Deputy Chairman stated it was important for the Board to communicate directly with the Chief Executive and Chairman on this matter. The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk should write to the Chairman and the Chief Executive of Manx Utility Authority to ensure funding will be made available for the Peel sewerage treatment works.

## HOUSING ITEMS

15/227

### Item 3 Planning Applications

The Board **agreed** not to oppose planning application 15/01166/B and 15/01191/B.

Mrs O'Halloran objected to replacing timber windows with pvc windows on planning application 15/01236/B which was in a prominent location in the conservation area and in Market Street. Mr Jones stated it was difficult to source good quality double glazed wooden windows. Mrs O'Halloran believed it was possible to get wooden windows and insert double glazing inside. The Chairman agreed with Mrs O'Halloran's stance and requested a vote on this issue. Five Commissioners voted in favour of opposing this application and Mr Jones and Mr Lace voted in favour of the application. The Board **agreed** the Town Clerk is to send the Commissioners' objection to the application to

the planning authority.

ITEM 4 PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	15/228	The Board <b>agreed</b> no further action was required for planning applications 15/00998/GB, 15/1078/B, and 15/01078/B.
RECREATION ITEMS	15/229	<p>Item 5 Peel Achievers</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported Peel Achievers night had been moved to 27 January 2015 to permit further nominations. The Board <b>agreed</b> the Town Clerk should write to the schools to obtain nominations for Peel Young Achiever.</p> <p>Item 6 Christmas Light Switch On</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman reported the road closure would come into effect from 2pm on Saturday 28 November 2015 when stalls will be set up. Father Christmas will arrive in a trailer and he can be located within the grotto or in the shelter in the car park. The lantern parade will move from the House of Manannan to Market Place for 4:30pm. The Christmas lights will be switched on at 4:30pm by the Member for the House of Keys. Music will be provided by the Crosby Silver Band, bell ringers a school choir and the Cathedral choir. The Chairman asked if the Commissioners would like Heron and Brearley Christmas trailer to attend. The Board <b>agreed</b> to investigate the availability of this vehicle. The Town Clerk reported he would undertake a leaflet drop to local residents to advise them of the closure and diversion routes.</p>
FINANCE AND GENERAL ITEMS	15/230	<p>Item 7 Isle of Man Constabulary – Strategic Plan 2015-2018</p> <p>The Town Clerk reported the strategic plan was primarily targeted at protecting safety through a number of non-contentious initiatives including the retention of neighbourhood policing. Mr Jones stated the police are doing a difficult job with limited resources. There was a lack of investment in senior management training through reducing detective training from 16 week residential course to 4 weeks locally. In addition, Mr Jones believed moving resources around reduced local knowledge which reduced the effectiveness of neighbourhood policing. The Deputy Chairman highlighted the problems the police had encountered recruiting and retaining staff. He believed additional legislation was required to protect the Island and more work is required to retain trained staff with the necessary experience. The Board agreed with the contents</p>

of the Strategic Plan.

Item 8 Consultation on Local Government and Building Control (Amendment) Bill

The Board **agreed** to defer a decision on this item until the next meeting and asked the Town Clerk to provide a paper copy of this consultation document.

Item 9 Regeneration

The Town Clerk reported the Department of Infrastructure's regeneration scheme in the Market Place was likely to take place in March or April 2016 when materials arrived on the island. Unfortunately, this was later than a January start date which would have reduced the impact on retailers. He stated the early purchase of materials and the receipt of Chief Minister Regeneration Steering Group approval to fund the construction in December 2015 would allow the detailed discussions to take place with retailers early in the New Year.

ITEM 10 ANY  
OTHER BUSINESS

15/231

The Town Clerk reported the Commissioners had received invites to the Christmas events in Port St Mary and Port Erin.

Mr Jones wished to congratulate the Cathedral on the painting and cleaning works undertaken on the cenotaph. He reported a meeting was to take place with the Rural Dean to add a name to the cenotaph memorial in Peel.

Mrs O'Halloran asked the Board to consider the painting of remaining three wooden benches on Peel Promenade and the shelter. In addition, she would like the metal benches which are not painted in multicolours to be located together at the Marine Parade end of the Promenade. The Chairman believed the shelter could not be successfully painted because paint would not adhere to this structure. The Board **agreed** to applying multicolour paint to the last three benches and the relocation of the metal benches to the Marine Parade.

Miss Felton asked who owned the pathway behind the QE II high School because it was currently flooded.

The meeting ended at 7:45pm