

GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 17 July 2025 at 7:00pm.

Present	Mr F. Crompton (Deputy Chair) Mrs K. Baptist Mr A Cubbon-Wood Ms S. Lambert Mrs C. Moughtin
Apologies	Mrs R. Harmer (Chair) Mr S. Hardingham
In attendance	Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)

25/029: INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEETING

ITEM 1 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Deputy Chair welcomed the Board to the July general meeting. The Deputy Chair advised Mrs Moughtin wished to make a statement:

Mrs Moughtin wished to offer the Board's condolence to the Wade family following the recent passing of Jackie Wade. Mrs Wade served two terms as a Commissioner in Peel and was Chair in 1986 when the Town had the privilege of welcoming Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip to Peel. It was a pleasure working alongside Mrs Wade as a Commissioner because she had an ability to bring people together to improve Peel.

25/030: MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

ITEM 1 MINUTES

The Town Clerk advised he had been contacted earlier today by a Commissioners who had the opportunity to access the draft minutes on the OneDrive shared folder. In these circumstances, the Deputy Chair proposed confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 19 June 2025 would be deferred until the August Board meeting. This proposal was seconded by Ms Lambert and the Board unanimously **agreed**. The Deputy Chair requested any proposed amendment to the draft minutes should be circulated to the Board and the Town Clerk.

ITEM 2 MATTERS ARISING (including last month's meeting reference numbers)

25/022 20 mph Speed Limit Proposal	The Board noted the content of the Department of Infrastructure documents and the end of the consultation period on 22 December 2025. This would allow the Board to meet the Minister to discuss this issue before the expiration of this consultation period.
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25/024 Cowley Terrace Purchase and Field Donation	The Board noted the Commissioners' petition had been submitted to the Department of Infrastructure.
25/025 Peel Day Review	The Board noted the Lead Member Committee for Events and Commercial Innovation had reviewed the 2025 Peel Day event including evaluating alternative proposals. The lead members current preference will be described at agenda item 7.
25/027 Peel Youth Club Summer Holiday Club	The Board noted the Youth Club had been notified the funding for the 2025 Summer holiday Club was £5,000.
25/027 Local Government (Amendment) Bill	The Board noted the contents of the Local Authorities' letter dated 19 June 2025 requesting the Legislative Council provide more time in their call for evidence on this legislation. The Board noted the content of the Minister's communication dated 19 June 2025 describing the purpose and need for Clause 1 of this legislation. The Town Clerk confirmed the Legislative Council had postponed the call for evidence to permit Local Authorities to submit information by 26 September for the Council to review on 28 October 2025.
25/027 Environment Protection Bill Consultation	The Board noted consideration of the Environment Protection Bill consultation documentation was a deferred matter scheduled for consideration at agenda item 14.
25/028 Any Other Business	The Town Clerk reported no any other business items were reported to the Board.

25/031: PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT ITEMS

ITEM 3 PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT LEAD MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr Cubbon-Wood reported the Property and Asset Management Lead Members Committee had met on 5 June 2025 when the following matters were discussed:

The lead members undertook the scheduled review of how the electric from the potential installation of solar panels on 21 to 24 Reayrt Aalin could be used and how tenants would contribute to the capital costs through savings in household energy costs.

The Technical Officer reminded the lead members the scope of the works was external works only to prevent the ingress of water, replace or move rotten woodwork features including windows and to improve the overall visual appearance. The solar panels are being added as a variation because the roof was being replaced as part of these works. The Technical Officer advised the solar panel works on the first pilot project on 7 and 8 Reayrt Aalin had involved the

installation of a hot water tank and internal refurbishment on these two empty semi-detached properties to facilitate the use of surplus energy. He emphasised the second pilot project was on four terrace properties with tenants remaining in these properties while these external refurbishment works were undertaken. The Technical Officer, in these different circumstances, could not recommend the same solution is used should solar panelling be added. The Town Clerk stated the Commissioners had a responsibility to review projects to ensure energy use reduction, or generation features are incorporated if practical. The Commissioners need to consider the installation of roof mounted solar panels when the rooves of all the properties are being replaced as part of this project. The lead members asked what the additional cost would be. The Town Clerk advised this information had been provided by the project manager who estimated eight solar panel would be installed at £6,500 per property including providing the supply to the property from the panels. This did not include any costs for installing storage batteries or other heating infrastructure etc and the electricity generated would need to be used when it is produced. A lead member stated the electricity would be use to provide power for electric equipment during the day including any envirovents and suggested the use of an electric towel radiator in the bathroom.

A lead member asked if Government grants were available to the local authority for these works. The Technical Officer advised grants were not provided to social housing providers undertaking capital works. The lead members worked out the payback for energy generation over a 10 year period would be £12.50 per week or £10.50 for 12 years. The Town Clerk advised this would equate between 6 to 8 rent points and he compared it to communal heating costs of between £20 to £30 per week for sheltered housing. A lead member stated if a 12 year period was used the tenant would need to save £550 on heating and power costs per annum which he believed was a reasonable assumption. The lead members noted these costs did not include any consideration for maintaining the solar panels or additional points for the improved energy efficient properties associated with the new windows and render coatings. The lead members **agreed** to install the solar panels on the rooves of 21 to 24 Reayrt Aalin in the current project as an authorised variation to these works. The lead members **agreed** to recover the capital costs for this work through the rental pointing for these refurbished properties for energy efficiency.

The lead members **agreed** the design and business case for the installation of solar panels on the campsite shower block should include replacement roof tiles for the whole building.

ITEM 4 Housing Conference

The Board noted the content of the communication dated 3 July 2025 from the Department of Infrastructure inviting Local Authority representatives to a Department's Housing Conference on 30 July 2025. The Lead Member Committee for Property and Asset Management advised they were not available on this date to attend this conference. Ms Lambert proposed Mrs Moughtin and the Town Clerk Town should attend this meeting. This proposal was seconded by Mr Cubbon-Wood and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

ITEM 5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Board noted no planning applications had been referred to the Board for consideration.

ITEM 6 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Board noted no planning decisions had been referred to the Board for consideration.

25/032: EVENTS AND COMMERCIAL INNOVATION ITEMS

ITEM 7 EVENTS & COMMERCIAL INNOVATION LEAD MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATE

The lead members reported a meeting of the Events and Commercial Innovation Lead Member Committee had taken place on 25 June 2025 when the following matters were discussed:

The lead members noted the Board had delegated the review of the 2025 Peel Day event to the Lead Member Committee at their June Board meeting after the visitor numbers fell when racing occurred on this contingency/rest day. The lead members believed this event needed to change and suggested more entertainment and music with less of a focus on motorcycle stunts. The lead members wished to explore the potential of holding the event on the Thursday of TT race week by building on the Moddey Dhoo and sand racing events which take place at this time. The vintage vehicle displays and Leece Museum could contribute to an event of this nature similar to the event which takes place during the Manx Grand Prix. The lead members **agreed** they would seek traders' views on the Peel TT Day event and the alternative event they had proposed.

The lead members reviewed the Moddey Dhoo event which took place on 5 June 2025. This event which has been disrupted by racing in 2023 and 2024 was not affected by racing this year. The lead members believed the event was well attended, was well organised and offered value for money.

The lead members asked for the organisers of a potential Go Kart event and soapbox derby to be invited to a meeting on 3 July 2025.

The lead members wanted to speak to interested parties and traders to commence planning for the Christmas light switch on event. A potential date of 17 July 2025 was suggested. The lead members noted Yn Creck Mooar was scheduled for 6 July 2025. The Town Clerk advised the Commissioners arrange a map for the event once the entrants have been identified. The Town Clerk advised the event was advertised on the Commissioners' website and notice boards requesting applications from entrants.

The lead members noted a car rally would take place on the Island on 28 June 2025. The Town Clerk advised the Fenella Beach Car Park could not be used because the Viking Long Boat Festival was on at the same time. The Town Clerk had suggested the use of the on street parking at Marine Parade as an alternative.

The lead members noted the No Mow May areas had not been cut to allow wildflowers to grow and reseed. The Town Clerk reported these areas would be cut back in July 2025.

The lead members discussed an existing waymarking and mural proposals. The lead members **agreed** the current proposal was not in keeping with Peel's heritage and culture. The lead members **agreed** the need to revise the scope of this work to have different zoned areas depending on their use and heritage. The lead members expressed a wish to use more artists

including children and stonemasons. The lead members expressed the wish to develop a brand. The lead members expressed the wish to develop a trail between zones. The lead members would like to include more stakeholders and have a large map of Peel to capture these stakeholders' views. The lead members wanted to adopt a strategic approach in the first instance. The Town Clerk advised the lead members would need to discuss this matter with the Board at their Vision and Strategy meeting.

The lead members asked if pitches could be set out for online campsite booking. The lead members asked if the disabled shower could be refurbished. The lead members requested a notice board and a tourist information leaflet rack for the campsite. The lead members requested more planting and wildflower areas at the campsite.

The Town Clerk reported he had met family representatives of the Harry Hill Ward Library Trust. They had expressed a desire to only spend the Trust interest each year on new children's books and to leave the capital in the Trust account.

The lead members asked about the feasibility of undertaking daily playground inspections. The Town Clerk advised staff do visit the playgrounds every day to undertake routine cleaning and bin collection work which would result in some oversight of the facilities. However, this would not constitute a safety inspection which is done annually by a qualified consultant for the Commissioners.

The lead members **agreed** a letter should be sent to the Department for Enterprise concerning the impact of the 2023 revised TT Schedule on the Commissioners' 2025 events and businesses in Peel.

The lead members noted the content of the communication from the Inner Wheel Club dated 16 June 2025 for a street trading licence.

ITEM 8 YN CHRUINNAGHT FEESTIVAL FUNDING

The Board noted the content of the communication dated 2 July 2025 requesting £400 of funding from the secretary of Yn Chruinnaght for their festival in Peel between 21 and 27 July 2025. Mrs Moughtin proposed the Commissioners should approve £400 funding for this event. This proposal was seconded by Ms Lambert and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

25/033: FINANCE, OPERATIONS AND WORKS ITEMS

ITEM 9 FINANCE, OPERATIONS & STAFF RESOURCING LEAD MEMBER COMMITTEE UPDATE

The lead members reported a meeting of the Finance, operations and staff resources Lead Member Committee had taken place on 7 and 8 July 2025 when the following matters were discussed:

The lead members noted the student had commenced work in July 2025 by reviewing the 2013 Peel Parking Study and associated documentation. On street and car parking data would be collected at the end of July 2025 for preparation on the 2025 Parking Study and Findings by the end of August 2025.

The lead members noted the column format used for the Board minutes was gradually being replaced by the more traditional format style used for the Commissioners' Lead Member Committee minutes.

The lead members requested a review of how routine and maintenance job data is reported to allow this information to be displayed on the Peel Online website.

The lead members requested a review of the locations of the Commissioners' notice boards and how they are kept updated.

ITEM 10 FIREWORK DISPLAY FUNDING

The Lead Member Committee for Finance, Operations and Staff Resource reported the budget for the firework display at the end of October was set by the previous Board at £6,500. Ms Baptiste advised she had approached an alternative supplier to undertake this work. Mrs Moughtin advised the current supplier had contacted the Lead Member Committee for Finance, Operations and Staff Resource at their July meeting and was given approval to complete the necessary paperwork and import the fireworks for this display. Mrs Baptiste referenced the requirement in Standing Orders to receive quotations for work of this value. The Town Clerk reminded the Board that following the 2024 event the Commissioners reviewed the need to continue a bonfire night firework displays in the Town. The Commissioners decided they wanted to continue to provide the firework display in 2025 and by resolution made the financial provision of £6,500 for the same event to take place. The Deputy Chair confirmed this was his understanding. Mrs Moughtin stated this decision only applied to the 2025 event and the previous Board had, when making this decision, expected the provision of this event going forward to be reviewed by the new Board.

ITEM 11 PENSION REPORT

The Board noted the content of the Commissioners' pension report dated 13 June 2025 prepared by Barnett Waddingham in accordance with FRS102 for year ending 31 March 2025. The Town Clerk reported this information would be included within the Commissioners' statement of accounts and would be evaluated by the Commissioners' external auditor. The Board noted the final surplus and/or deficit on 31 March 2025 was £0.00.

25/034: GENERAL ITEMS

ITEM 12 PEEL BUS TRANSPORT ISSUES

The Board noted the content of the communications dated 1 July and 2 July from the Department of Infrastructure concerning a bus stop hard standing on Poortown Road adjacent to Rockmount and a reinstated bus service from Peel to the Sound respectively. The Deputy Chair proposed the Commissioners should in principle support to both these Department initiatives subject to the Commissioners not having to provide any funding for their provision. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Moughtin and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

ITEM 13 COMMISSIONERS' SURGERY

Mrs Moughtin advised the surgery planned for 12 July 2025 was cancelled. Notices advising the public of this cancellation were placed on social media and at the Town Hall. The Board noted the next surgery would take place on 9 August 2025.

ITEM 14 ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION BILL CONSULTATION

The Board noted the content of the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture's Environment Protection Bill consultation documents and the 7 August 2025 closing date for this deferred agenda item.

ITEM 15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Baptiste stated more time was required to go through the paperwork for the Board meetings. The Town Clerk advised the availability of the paperwork including minutes was contained within the Commissioners' Standing Orders.

The Board meeting ended at 7.58pm

