

## GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the general meeting held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on 19 June 2025 at 7:00pm.

Present	Mr R. Harmer (Chair) Mr F. Crompton (Deputy Chair) Mrs K. Baptist Mr A. Cubbon-Wood Mr S. Hardingham Ms S. Lambert Mrs C. Moughtin
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Apologise	None
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In attendance	Mr D. Sewell (Clerk to Commissioners)
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CHAIR'S WELCOME	25/021	The Chair welcomed the Board to the June general meeting. The Chair congratulated the two Peel residents who were made Members of the British Empire in the King's birthday honours list. The Chair thanked both the Dean of the Cathedral and Mr J. Watterson for services to their community and contribution to journalism respectively.
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ITEM 1 MINUTES	25/022	The Chair requested confirmation of the minutes from the last meetings held on 15 May 2025. Ms Lambert advised in item 25/014 Mr Cubbon-Wood had stated the use of overhead cabling would be subject to degradation and failure through increased exposure to weathering and in storm conditions respectively. The Town Clerk advised this would be added to the response to Department for Enterprise and Manx Telecommunications. Ms Lambert asked if a link could be included within the minutes to the 2013 Peel Parking Study. The Town Clerk advised this report was prepared by the Department for Infrastructure and was available on their website by searching for Peel Parking Study. Ms Lambert proposed subject to these alterations the minutes should be approved. This proposal was seconded by Mr Cubbon-Wood and the Board unanimously <b>agreed</b> .
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The Chair requested minor textual alterations to the minutes could be circulated to the Board and the Town Clerk prior to the Board meeting to allow the minutes to be signed off at the next Board meeting.

ITEM 2  
MATTERS  
ARISING

25/023

Item 24/014 Planning Applications 25/00395/B to 25/0042/B

The Board noted the Commissioners' objection had been sent to the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture. The Town Clerk advised the response to the Department for Enterprise and Manx Telecommunications will be sent out following this meeting.

Item 24/014 20 MPH Speed Limit

The Board noted the contents of the Department of Infrastructure's communication dated 27 May 2025 requesting suitable dates in September and October 2025 for a meeting with the Commissioners. The Chair advised the Minister should attend the Commissioners' Board meeting on 4 September 2025 or alternatively the Department could attend on either 18 September or 16 October 2025 Board meetings. Mrs Moughtin expressed concern that in a recent press statement another local authority had advised these meetings had not resulted in any changes to these proposals and it is a done deal. Ms Lambert asked how long was the consultation period and if the Department would bring accident statistics. Ms Lambert wanted to know if traffic calming would be included; if a pedestrian crossing was proposed on West View; if a pedestrian crossing was proposed for the Albany Road junctions; if a pedestrian crossing was proposed for the Clothworkers School and if parking was being reviewed on the Promenade and East Quay. The Chair stated all these matters could be discussed with the Department and their Minister at the consultation meeting.

Item 24/015 Former DHSS Building

The Board noted the Lead Member Committee for Property and Asset Management's tenancy offer had been sent.

Item 24/018 STEM Student Application

The Board noted the Commissioners' application had been submitted to the Department for Enterprise.

Item 24/019 2022/23 and 2023/24 Statement of Accounts

The Board noted the External Auditor had completed their work allowing the Chair and Town Clerk to sign off these accounts.

Item 25/019 Reporting Board Decisions

The Board noted the Board's decisions had been posted on the Commissioners' website following their meeting. The Chair reminded the Board the standing orders were being reviewed by the Finance,

Operations and Staff Resource Lead Member Committee.

Item 25/019 Reinstating the Cathedral Bring Bank

The Board noted the communication requesting the addition of this location to Peel's bring bank locations had been sent to the Department of Infrastructure.

Item 25/019 Education (Amendment) Bill

The Board noted the Town Clerk had not received any feedback and no consultation response was submitted.

Item 25/020 Any Other Business

The Town Clerk advised he had sought prices for a glassware or metalwork gift sourced locally with the Peel Town Commissioners' inscription. The cost of these products were between £60 and £75 each. Mrs Baptist advised, after speaking to the retired Commissioners, they did not want a gift for the voluntary service they had given to the Town. Mrs Baptiste asked if a donation could be made to charity instead. The Town Clerk advised donations to charities should not be funded from rates income. The Chair advised he could send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Commissioners.

Ms Lambert asked which Commissioners would attend the July Surgery.

No any other business items were reported to the Board.

HOUSING  
ITEMS

25/024

Item 3 Property Asset Management Lead Member Update

Mr Crompton reported the Property and Asset Management Lead Member Committee had met on 22 May 2025 when the following matters were discussed:

The lead members noted the last meetings had occurred to finalise the Commissioners' response to Draft North and West Area Plan and the Department for Infrastructure Housing Policy review. The agreed responses sent to the Cabinet Office and the Department of Infrastructure were issued on 27 March and 24 April 2025 respectively.

The lead members noted planning applications 25/0395/B to 25/0402/B for Manx Utility telegraph poles to provide fibre optic connectivity at Rheast Bridson, Links Close, Creggans Avenue, Corrans Way, Bellevue Park was reviewed by the Board at their meeting on 15 May 2025.

The lead members considered the following planning

decisions:

- a) 24/00055/B Planning appeal request lodged and additional time granted for submission of supporting information. The lead members noted the Town Clerk would submit further information by 29 May 2025 in support of the reasons cited within the Commissioners' appeal request.

The lead members noted planning permission had been granted for the 2025 summer seasonal use of the Marine Parade artificial turf area on 22 May 2025. The lead members noted a Commissioners' licence was signed for the meta lounge to operate from the Commissioners' land from mid-May to mid-September 2025. The lead members asked if a commercial licence fee was applicable for this longer term use of the Commissioners' land. The Town Clerk reported the commercial licence fee agreed with the Commissioners prior to the submission of this planning application had been imposed.

The lead members noted works were scheduled to commence on the next phase of the Reayrt Aalin pilot scheme at properties 21 to 24 after the TT festival. A storage area remained in the car park for materials purchased and vested in the site for this project. The Town Clerk reported two tenants had not taken up the offer of permanent alternative accommodation prior to the commencement of these works and would remain insitu. The price for these works is based on the original competitive tender accepted by the Commissioners for 7 and 8 Reayrt Aalin. These costs do not include solar panels at this stage but a cost had been given to place the panels on the roof which could be instructed as a variation to the works if required. The Town Clerk reported this project must only involve external renovation works. A decision would be required on how any electricity generated from the installation of solar panels would be used because a water tank could not be installed in these properties. The lead members asked what the sequence of work would be if tenants remained insitu. The Town Clerk reported the scaffold would be erected first to permit the replacement of the windows, The roofing works would then follow and the wall render coating would be applied last along with the porches. The lead members requested information to permit a decision to be made on the installation of the solar panels; the use of the electric; and how the costs of installing these measures could be recovered from the tenants.

The lead members asked the officers to bring forward a design and business case for the installation of solar panels on the campsite shower block. The lead members asked for the provision of this information to permit the Board to review this project and allow any works to be undertaken when the campsite is closed between October 2025 and March 2026.

The lead members noted a Section 13 agreement for the next phase of Glenfaba Rise development had been signed with a potential contribution of £51,000 towards play equipment. The lead members noted the Commissioners opposed this application and the planning appeal hearing was pending.

**Item 4 Cowley Terrace Purchase and Field Donation**  
The Board noted the press advert for the petition to purchase the eleven properties on Cowley Terrace for £1,750,000 or approximately £159,00 per property and to accept the donation of the adjacent field had been placed in the Courier on 23 May 2025 in accordance with the Board's resolution. The Town Clerk advised no objections had been submitted to the Town Hall to date. The Town Clerk advised once the Commissioners had received the outcome of their searches from the Commissioners' advocate the petition would be submitted to the Department of Infrastructure for approval.

**Item 5 Planning Applications**  
The Board noted no planning applications had been referred to the Board for consideration.

**Item 6 Planning Decision**  
The Board noted no planning decisions had been referred to the Board for consideration.

EVENTS, AND  
COMMERCIAL  
INNOVATION

25/025

**Item 7 Events and Commercial Innovation Lead Member Committee**  
Mrs Baptist reported the Lead Member Committee for Events and Commercial Innovation had met on 22 May 2025 when the following matters were discussed:

The lead members noted the Oie Voaldyn event had taken place on 3 and 4 May 2025. This event had successfully brought a large number of people to the Town and no adverse comments had been received to date.

The lead members welcomed Event Management representative to the meeting. The Commissioners' event manager gave an update on their company and

the TT Peel Day Event:

- The Commissioners' event manager advised his company was established 15 years ago and had provided event management expertise to the Commissioners throughout this time period. The company was qualified in both event management and in the health and safety requirements for this specialist areas of work. Event Management owns equipment for events which it stores at its Balthane storage facility and the company employs ten persons.
- Peel Day is the biggest event held in Peel each year and is designed to bring visitors to the Town to use the hospitality and retail facilities. The event had to change its date of operation a couple of years ago when the racing scheduled changed to include mad Sunday as a designated race day. These changes resulted in the Board approving the Monday designated rest or contingency day for the Peel TT Day event. The last two events run on the Monday in 2023 and 2024 have been a success and this year's 2 June 2025 will follow a similar format. The Promenade and East Quay will be close to host this event although motorcycle parking will be allowed at the end of Marine Parade and East Quay from the House of Manannan to Crown Street. These parking areas will be accessed through Walpole Road be made two way and via the Station Place respectively. All traffic will leave East Quay via Crown Street and Castle Street. The Commissioners' event manager advised Stanley Road had been made two way to permit disable visitors to park at the bottom this road but all other routes would not require the imposition of any additional temporary parking restrictions of closure orders to ensure the maximum quantity of parking was retained for residents. This event would be focused around the Creg Malin stunt display area, vintage cars display between Stanley Road and Bridge Street; sixteen market stalls between Bridge Street and the Kiosk; vintage bikes display between the Kiosk and Crown Street; the Leece Museum display from Crown Street to Weatherglass Corner; and a music stage on Weatherglass Corner. The Town Clerk asked if an alternative location could be found for the stage because it was in close proximity to the vintage bike running area. The Commissioners' event manager advised he

would assess the slipway opposite Bridge Street and the wide pavement adjacent to Beach Street as alternative locations away from the motorcycle area. He advised Steve Colley, Lee Bowers and the Monster Energy team were performing stunts at the Creg Malin car park. The latter was not charging for the services which would reduce the cost of entertainment for this event.

The lead members stated the 2025 Peel Day event was subject to significant disruption through holding racing on 2 June 2025 contingency/rest day. The lead members noted the Board were scheduled to review this event at agenda item 8.

The Commissioners' event manager advised the Moddey Dhoo event would take place on 5 June 2025 . This event takes place on the Creg Malin Car Park and is designed to attract TT visitors to Peel to use the hospitality and retail businesses. A one way is already in place on Marine Parade between Stanley Road and Walpole Road for the development of the Empire Garage. A parking restriction is put in place for this event at the far end of Marine Parade for motorcycle parking but car parking is retained in front of the housing. This reduces the impact of the event on residents' parking. The Commissioners' event manager advised no beach racing was scheduled in Peel this year during the TT because evening high tides reduced the available space on the beach.

A former Commissioner, attended the meeting to facilitate a hand over to the new Committee members. The former Commissioner provided the following advice:

- On 22 June 2025 an event was scheduled at the Clothworkers School which the Commissioners supported through the provision of safety fences and toilets. Other smaller issues which required the lead members' attention were judging of the 2025 gardeners competition; the Market at St Peter's Gardens; Yn Creck Mooar on 6 July 2025 and providing additional funding for play equipment for West View playground.
- The wildflower verges had been agreed for 2025 but the original proposal from the Wildlife Trust should be reviewed. Details of the 2024 gardeners' competition winners would be provided to the Town Clerk after this meeting.

- Investment was required in the repair of the Commissioners' playgrounds including the reinstatement of the Close Caaig playground. The Isle of Play could assist in providing guidance on this matter. A design was being prepared for the Board for permanent waymarking and as an interim measure temporary fish were stencilled on the roadway to mark the best routes from the Promenade into Town.
- Another important event was the Hop Tuu Naa party which young children had enjoyed. This event would require new organisers because it had been organised and run by the Lead Member Committee. The former Commissioner advised if poor weather was scheduled on the Christmas light switch on event the Commissioners should not postpone the event and should switch the lights on regardless.

The lead members advised they would be unable to judge the Peel Garden Competition and proposed the former Commissioners should undertake this role. Mrs Moughtin stated this specialist role had until recently been undertaken by Mr B. Quayle and Watson's Nursery who had sponsored this competition. The Chair seconded this proposal and the Board unanimously **agreed**. The Chair requested an advert and application forms should be prepared for this competition.

The lead members welcomed Mr P. Quirk to the meeting to discuss a potential event for 30 August 2025. Mr Quirk organises expeditions for young persons which are paid for by the persons taking part; corporate sponsorship and arranging events. The events are a good source of funding and he arranges three large events each year. This year he would like to host the Trex run in Peel. This took place in Douglas last year and had 500 entrants with 2,500 spectators. Mr Quirk expressed the hope Peel's would be a world record attempt resulting in a larger number of spectators. The course would operate from Weatherglass Corner, along East Quay, up through the Market Place, along Michael Street, down to the Promenade and back to Weatherglass Corner. Mr Quirk advised he would need the Commissioners' assistance in the provision of barriers and to allow parking on the Headland's field. An event of this nature raises funding through its entrance fee and food vendor licencing. Mr Quirk advised the event



had a corporate sponsor and an event management company was engaged to arrange the road closures and other restrictions. The lead members **agreed** in principal to support the development of an event of this type. Mr Quirk advised Ellan Vannin Event Management would contact the Commissioners once further develop took place.

The lead members welcomed Representatives from Peel's Quay and Promenade Traders to the meeting. The traders' representatives advised they would like to work with the Events Committee to arrange more events which attract visitors to Peel. They identified the Oie Voaldyn and the events which take place during the motor sport period such as the Peel TT Day as good examples of events which achieve this aim. The traders' representatives advised there are three traders groups in the Town. The lead members asked if these could be combined. The traders' representative from the Quay and Promenade stated each group serves a different purpose and visitors to Peel primarily are interested in what activities and events are planned on the beach front and quay areas rather than the community events in the Town centred around the Michael Street area. The traders' representative advised a quick improvement would be provide better information to the traders on events which are scheduled. The Town Clerk advised he had email addresses for the Quay traders group from providing updates on the East Quay regeneration project. He advised he would send out information next week on the Peel TT Day event to these addresses and undertake the usual leaflet drop to all businesses in the Town in advance of this event. The traders' representatives agreed to provide an updated email address list of the businesses on the Quay and Promenade. The traders' representatives highlighted the historic difficulties they had encountered obtaining government events and regeneration funding and the attendance of food catering vans at events.

The traders' representative would like to see more busking and charity events like the Hospice slide. The traders' representatives asked if they could deliver leaflets to the Commissioners' campsite. The lead members **agreed** leaflets could be delivered to the campsite for the services the traders provided. The Town Clerk advised the lead members the meta lounge event had received planning permission to operate during the 2025 summer months today. He advised the first event was scheduled to take place on Thursday 24 May 2025.

The lead members noted the Town Hall car park resurfacing and remarking works had been completed.

The lead members advised they had both seen the waymarking proposals prepared by local artists. Mr Hardingham advised he had reservations about the brightness and its impact on the traditional Michael Street area. Mr Hardingham advised he would like to discuss this matter further at the next Lead Member Committee when there would be more time available for this item.

The lead members noted the recruitment of the new librarian was completed.

The lead members noted the contents of the communication dated 18 May 2025 requesting the setting aside of parking spaces in Fenella Beach car park on the 1 August 2025 for a wedding at the Castle. The lead members **refused** this application because parking needed to be made available for all visitors to Peel during the summer holiday period. The lead members noted the contents of the communication from Peel Rainbows dated 1 May 2025 requesting support in their initiative to tackle dog fouling in Peel. The lead members **agreed** to work with the rainbows to develop this initiative.

In addition, the lead members raised a number of matters they would like the Board to take forward these included:

Investment in the fabric of Michael Street; using empty shops for displays and framers' market; setting up a regeneration committee; artwork strategy; a budget for youth commissioners; funding for the Cathedral's MARS exhibition; allowing dogs on Peel beach. The Chair stated this was the opportunity for the Lead Member Committee to report what had taken place at their meeting. If the lead members wished to bring forward a proposal a specific agenda item was required. The Chair stated these issues could be raised as part of the Commissioners vision and strategy meeting when the Board's key objectives would be decided for the next four years.

#### Item 8 Peel Day Review

The Board noted the background information provided by the Events and Commercial Innovation Lead Member Committee at Item 7 of the agenda. Mrs Baptist stated the Commissioners should write to the Department for Enterprise to seek a return to the original TT race schedule or guarantee a rest day. Mr Crompton stated the event could be held on a Sunday

when racing could not take place in the evenings. The Town Clerk reported he had received representations from the Quay and Promenade Traders for their involvement in this review. The Chair proposed the Lead Member Committee for Events and Commercial Innovation should evaluate all the options and report back to the Board with their proposals for the 2026 event. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Moughtin and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

## FINANCE ITEMS

25/026

### Item 9 Finance, Operations and Staff Resource Lead Member Committee

The lead members reported a Finance, Operations and Staff Resource meeting had taken place on 30 May 2025. Minutes for this meeting were not available at this time because the officer was preparing the 2024/25 statement of accounts and had assisted in the finalising the previous two years' statement of accounts with the external auditor reported earlier in the meeting. Mrs Moughtin reported in addition to the signing off of the accounts the lead members had reviewed the 2024/25 income and expenditure that were in accordance with the approved Commissioners' budget. Ms Lambert reported meetings were scheduled to review the standing orders in June 2025.

## GENERAL ITEMS

25/027

### Item 10 Peel Youth Club Summer Holiday Club Funding

The Board noted the content of the communication from Peel Youth Club. The Town Clerk advised the £7,500 request for funding was the same as that approved in 2024 by the Commissioners. He advised the funding provided activities for thirty children and up to four adult supervisors over a three week period. The Town Clerk advised not all these children received subsidized funding to undertake a variety of educational and adventure activities. The decision on which children received financial support was made based on the local knowledge of the Youth Club workers. Mr Cubbon-Wood asked if all the children lived in Peel and if funding was being sought from neighbouring local authorities. The Town Clerk advised the Youth Club had stated the thirty children lived in Peel. Mrs Baptiste stated 50% of children are subsidized. Mrs Baptist proposed the Commissioners should provide £5,000 of this funding subject to ensuring the funding was used for providing a holiday club for Peel residents. This proposal was seconded by Mr Cubbon-Wood and the Board unanimously **agreed**. Mrs Baptiste stated next year the Commissioners' funding should be provided with the Budget set in January alongside selection criteria

for free places.

Item 11 Local Government (amendment) Bill

The Board noted the content of the communication from the Department of Infrastructure dated 5 June 2025 providing consultation feedback on part of Local Government (Amendment) Bill as prescribed in the Department's communication dated 5 March 2025. The Board noted the content of the Department of Infrastructure's communication dated 5 June 2025 advising this legislation would be considered by the Legislative Council on 10 June 2025. The Board noted the content of the communications between local authorities and the Legislative Council between 5 June and 11 June 2025 advising the Legislative Council would undertake a call for evidence stage on this legislation. The Chair reiterated the scope of this legislation was minor amendments to tidy up the Local Government Act and not to introduce major changes. The Chair stated this is a further example of rushing through legislation and providing limited notice over a bank holiday weekend of the consultation outcome and taking it through a branch of Tynwald. The Board **agreed** the Chair and Town Clerk should provide evidence on this matter.

Item 12 Environment Protection Bill Consultation

The Board noted the content of the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture consultation document for the Environmental Protection Bill. The Chair advised this consultation closes on 7 August 2025 and this matter could be deferred until the July 2025 meeting. This proposal was seconded by the Deputy Chair and the Board unanimously **agreed**.

ITEM 13 ANY 25/028  
OTHER  
BUSINESS

No any other business items were reported by the Commissioners or the officers at the meeting.  
The meeting ended at 8.17pm