

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance            Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)  
                                 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)  
                                 Mrs. C Horton (Ward Library)  
                                 Mr. R Baker (Curator)

## Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	13/456	The Chairman welcomed the press and public to the second meeting of January and wished to indicate his honour in welcoming Princess Anne to Peel for her visit to St. Germans Cathedral earlier that day. The Chairman also referred to a letter of congratulations from Mr. Geoff Corkish, MLC Chairman of the Arts Council and Island of Culture 2014 with regard to the torchlight procession, the lighting of the beacon and the firework display held on 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2014. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter of thanks be extended to Mr. Shakespeare of the Vikings of Mann and Mr. Davison for organising this event.
MINUTES	13/457	The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
CAPITAL PROJECT COSTS	13/458	The Town Clerk advised that a letter had been forwarded to Mrs. Reeve at the Department of Social Care outlining the costs of the kitchen replacement scheme at Ian Cannell Court. These figures had been provided by Mr. Jones. The Town Clerk further advised that a recent email

received that day from the Department had requested further details to enable a cost comparison to be undertaken. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Jones contact the Department's consultant Mr. Lincoln Forest of Silva Consulting Limited over this matter.

WARD LIBRARY  
REPORT

13/459

Mrs. Horton presented her Ward Library report for the period July to December 2013. Due to adverse weather December had been relatively quiet in terms of borrowing. Mrs. Horton indicated that at a recent meeting with other island librarians comment had been at the lack of a panic button at the Ward Library. It was *AGREED* that this matter be investigated into the types available and their cost. Mrs. Horton referred to the increase in library funds through the selling of crochet Christmas angels made by Mrs. Verity Gorry. It was *AGREED* that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Gorry. Reference was made to an anonymous donation of £250 to the library in December and it was *AGREED* that this sum be utilised for the purchase of replacement children's books to be used in the refurbished children's section. Mrs. Horton referred to the parking in the layby immediately outside the library and indicated that there was still an issue with vehicles owners leaving their vehicles in excess of the time limit. It was suggested that the Police be advised to target this area to ensure enforcement of the parking restrictions. In conclusion Mrs. Horton indicated that four new adult members and four new junior members had joined the Ward Library. Mr. Jones wished to record his thanks to Mrs. Horton for all her hard work at the Ward Library. These remarks were endorsed by the Board.

LEECE MUSEUM  
REPORT

13/460

Mr. Baker presented the Leece Museum report for the period ending December 2013. It was noted that 5073 visitors had visited the Museum during 2013. Mr. Baker referred to a number of new acquisitions made by the Museum including some important books, a series

of Isle of Man Examiner Year Books dating from 1948 and a Knockaloe cigarette box donated by Mr. Alfred Bray of Port Erin. Mr. Baker also referred to the number of exhibitions held at the museum during 2013 together with the significant number of group visits made to the Museum and by Mr. Baker attending schools and other organisations to give talks and presentations on the history of Peel and the West. In conclusion Mr. Baker confirmed that he was working with others to prepare an exhibition in the summer to commemorate the first world war. Mr. Jones again wished to record his thanks and appreciation for the work of the Leece Museum. These comments were endorsed by the rest of the Board.

Mrs. Horton and Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.15p.m.

MUNICIPAL WASTE  
MANAGEMENT

13/461

Members noted that a meeting had been arranged with Mr. Wrigley Head of Waste at the Department of Infrastructure to discuss his Department's proposals for an alternative service delivery for waste management on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m. It was noted that Mr. Crookall, MHK had also been invited to the meeting and Mr. Jones the Commissioners refuse contractor would also be in attendance.

STRATEGIC PLAN

13/462

The Town Clerk confirmed that a consultation of the review of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan would take place in the Boardroom at the Town Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 from 4.00p.m. to 8.00p.m. Members of the Planning Department would be in attendance to advise and answer any relevant questions.

AUDIT AND FINANCIAL  
REPORTING

13/463

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/453 and indicated that a suitable response to the Treasury consultation document would be forwarded based on the comments made by the Finance Officer and the Commissioners accountant. *AGREED*

SHOPRITE STORE CAR PARK	13/464	<p>The Chairman referred back to Minute 13/429 regarding the current position over the car park at the Shoprite Store, Derby Road, Peel. Mrs. O'Halloran referred to a complaint she had received regarding the parking within the car park by a Commissioner that was not on the Commissioners spaces. Mr. Davison stated that he lived opposite and ensured that he parked on the Commissioners area of land. Mr. Davison indicated that part of the Commissioners land was not clearly marked in yellow paint as there were two more additional spaces available behind the existing row of marked spaces. Discussion ensued over the suggested relocation of the recycling bins which would create additional spaces. In conclusion it was suggested that further contact be made with the Shoprite management to discuss a further exchange of land.</p>	
WESTLANDS	13/465	<p>Members considered a consultation submitted by the Department of Infrastructure which would amend the parking arrangements at Westlands. The proposals indicated that eight disabled bays with signage would be reserved in front of the Westlands bungalows with three parking bays at the lower end and nine parking bays at the upper end of the Westlands road for general use. It was noted that all residents had been consulted with a letter drop and the Board were in favour of the proposal which would move the parking bays to the other side of the road nearer the properties. Mrs. Moughtin indicated that she would raise the Board proposal for specific permits to residents at the next Westlands Committee meeting.</p>	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	13/466	<p>Members considered the following planning applications:-</p> <p>PA 14/00038/B Proposal alterations and extension including widening of an existing vehicular access and vehicular hard standing, 5 Ballaquane Park, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i></p>	Letter sent

PA 14/00041/B Erection of garage and re-building outlet to rear of 7 Patrick Street, Peel. This application was discussed at length and it was noted that in August 2013 Mr. Dunworth had been advised by the Board it would not approve the provision of a garage as it would impact upon the availability of parking spaces in the Commissioners Douglas Street car park. Mr. Lace reported that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Dunworth and met on site with the Technical Officer when it was proposed that the existing parking bays be re-aligned by 90 degrees which would enable garage access without loss of any parking spaces. Mrs. Moughtin referred to two previous garages built to the rear gardens of properties on Patrick Street exiting onto the car park and indicated that they were required to follow the building line. It was *AGREED* that approval be recommended for this planning application subject to the garage being moved back to the building line of the other two garages.

PA 10/01265/C

13/467

The Town Clerk referred to a copy letter received from the Planning Committee in which the Committee had agreed to a variation of Condition 3 of the approval of planning application 07/01465/B to allow a commuted sum to be paid instead of the provision of affordable dwellings on the site of field 311788 adjacent to Brickworks entrance, Glenfaba Road, Peel. Members expressed some concern at the decision made by the Planning Committee and questioned whether the commuted sum would be directed to provide affordable housing elsewhere in the Town.

PLANNING DECISIONS  
NOTIFIED

13/468

The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 13/91303/B Alterations to front façade of building at The Old Bus Station, Atholl Street, Peel for Invescom

Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91193/B Alterations and erection of a first floor extension to detached garage to provide additional living accommodation at Ebor, Peveril Road, Peel for Mr. John Kneen *REFUSED*

PA 13/01359/CON Registered Building consent for the demolition of outbuilding (in association with 13/91358/F) The Central Hotel, 14 Castle Street, Peel for Mr. Barry Gelling. *SUPPORTED*

PA 13/91304/B Alterations and the creation of a roof terrace at Bay View House, 3 Victoria Terrace, Peel for Mr. Michael Everton-Jones. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91424/B Erection of a detached bike shed/store to rear of dwelling at 16 Albany Road, Peel for Mr. Jim Condra. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91437/B Installation of replacement windows, roof windows and creation of patio doors to dwelling, 12 Lyndale Avenue, Peel for Mrs. Nicola Louise Winchester. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91427/B Erection of a conservatory to dwelling at Sea Point, Peveril Road, Peel for Mr. Stephen Blackford. *APPROVED*

PEEL DAY

13/469

Mr. Davison updated Members on his recent meeting with Mr. Laurence Skelly at the Department of Tourism. It was noted that the Department would offer grant aid of £5000 towards the running of the event this year. For future years it was noted that these types of events would have to be self-funded as there would be no assistance from Central Government. To address the issue Mr. Davison proposed a fairly nominal entrance fee at the Creg Malin car park area where the events and displays would take place. He suggested that a £3 entrance ticket apply with £2 going to fund the various acts and £1 being distributed to suitable charitable causes

such as the TT Helicopter Fund or the Marshalls Association. Mr. Davison referred to the need to obtain volunteers for marshalling the event and collecting the tickets money. It was proposed that the promenade from the Empire Garage Showroom be blocked off whereby entry would be required by purchase of a ticket. It was also noted that the Vikings of Mann would assist with displays on the beach together with children's entertainment which would all be free of charge. Mr. Davison confirmed that all the 2013 sponsors were in place to assist in this year's event and that in addition the likes of Kawasaki and Ocean Ford may also come on board. After consideration the Board *AGREED* the proposed charge to make the event more self-sufficient.

YEAR OF CULTURE

13/470

Mr. Davison referred to a meeting with Mr. Ian Baker of the Peel Carnival Committee and the Town Clerk to discuss plans for marking the Year of Culture. It was noted that Mr. Baker would investigate the hire of a suitable circus tent to be relocated on the Creg Malin car park area for various events and shows which might include live music together with the possibility of a pantomime and the sale of food from a continental style market. All these matters would be explored further and in addition Mr. Davison suggested that consideration be given to staging a Manx international lawn mower championship on the headlands fields and arrange for a tin bath race in the harbour. The Board *AGREED* in principle to support the range of entertainment and events suggested to mark the Year of Culture during July 2014.

The Chairman also referred to contact he had received from Kate Jerry regarding the arrangements for the Western Open Studio Art Trail which would take place in Peel between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014. A number of new artists' studios would be open and various artistic displays would be taking place in Peel during that

weekend. It was *AGREED* that the Town Hall boardroom be opened at appropriate times during the period so that the public could view the Commissioners art work. In conclusion it was *AGREED* to offer Mrs. Jerry the sum of £200 sponsorship towards the event.

MEMORIAL SEAT	13/471	Consideration was given to a request for a memorial seat in memory of Barbara Byrne (nee Quilliam). The request related to a memorial seat at Fenella Beach. The matter was discussed at some length and it was noted that there were a number of memorial seats on Peel Hill overlooking Fenella Beach. It was suggested that Manx National Heritage may permit a suitable memorial seat to be placed alongside the path beneath the castle wall.	Letter sent
FLAG DAY	13/472	Members noted a letter from St. John Ambulance showing that £458.69 had been raised in Peel during their 2013 flag day. Permission was sought for a flag day on 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 and it was <i>AGREED</i> that approval be given.	Letter sent
MALEW PARISH COMMISSIONERS CIVIC SERVICE	13/473	Consideration was given to an invitation to the Malew Parish Commissioners Civic Service to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2014 at 3.00p.m. at Abbey Church, Ballasalla. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.	Letter sent
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE BILL	13/474	Members noted a consultation document from the Department of Home Affairs regarding the Fire and Rescue Service Bill. Members had no comment to make on the bill.	
TYNWALD GARDEN PARTY	13/475	The Town Clerk referred to an invitation to the Tynwald Garden Party to take place on Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2014. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Chairman and partner appointed for the Municipal Year 2014/15 attend the event.	
BOARDROOM MICROPHONES	13/476	Mr. Lace enquired whether the Commissioners could consider the acquisition of a microphone system for	

the boardroom. It was *AGREED* that costings be obtained.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.05p.m.