## **GENERAL MEETING**

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.00p.m.

Mrs. J O'Halloran (Acting Chairman) Present

> Mr. E C Beale Mr. I G Davison Miss K Felton Mr. A G Jones Mr. D J Lace

**Apologies** Mr. R K Harmer

**MANAGEMENT** 

Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S 13/477 The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr. T WELCOME

M Crookall, MHK to the first meeting

of February.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> 13/478 **MINUTES** 

January 2014 were taken as read and

CONFIRMED.

CAPITAL PROJECT Mr. Jones referred back to Minute 13/479

**COSTS** 13/458 and confirmed that he had been in contact with Mr. Lincoln Forest of Silva Consulting Limited and that he was due to inspect the kitchens installed at Ian Cannell Court to enable a suitable

comparison to be made. *NOTED* 

Minute 13/461 and tabled a draft

The Town Clerk referred back to Letter sent MUNICIPAL WASTE 13/480

response to Mr. Wrigley, Head of Waste at the Department of Infrastructure regarding his Department's proposals for an alternative service delivery of waste management on the Island. Members were unanimous in their view that Jones Services Limited provided an excellent refuse collection service to the residents of Peel. It was AGREED that

the draft response be accepted and forwarded to Mr. Wrigley accordingly.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

13/481

Reference was made back to Minute 13/462 and following the Commissioners consultation on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014 it was AGREED that Members forward their individual views online to the Planning Division in response to the Strategic Plan proposals. The Chairman indicated that the West already was over quota in terms of new dwellings and Mr. Lace commented on the need for the Town's infrastructure to be of a standard to cater for the increased housing in Peel.

## SHOPRITE STORE – 13/482 CAR PARK

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/464 and after discussion the Board confirmed that it would not seek to discuss or negotiate a further exchange of land at the Shoprite Store car park until the store's retrospective planning application with regard to the former medical centre was completed.

The Town Clerk indicated that with the Technical Officer he was also looking at the possible provision of recycle bins at the entrance to the former brickworks yard on Glenfaba Road. *NOTED* 

PEEL DAY 13/483

Mr. Davison updated Members on the PGL current position regarding planning for Peel Day on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014. He confirmed that the sum of £10,000 was required to properly run the event and pay for the various performers.

Discussion ensued over the proposed charge to spectators and the Town Clerk advised that a small number of residents had queried whether it was legal to prevent access along part of the promenade at the Creg Malin location for the event. It was AGREED that the Town Clerk investigate the legal aspect further. Mr. Davison confirmed that as Central Government through Tourism Department would no longer fund this event in 2015 it was critical that a charging structure was in place to enable the event to continue. conclusion it was AGREED that an

appropriate charge should apply but that access for residents to affected properties should apply.

In conclusion the Town Clerk referred to the draft road closure order and it was *AGREED* that Mr. Davison and the Police be consulted prior to submission of the order to the Department of Infrastructure.

YEAR OF CULTURE 13/484

Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 13/470 and updated Members on the current position regarding the planning of events for the Year of Culture. He had submitted an application for funding to the Arts Council and if successful part of this sum would include arrangements for Peel Day particularly relating to the Viking Festival which would take place on the beach. It was Mr. Davison's view that the Town should build on its strong Viking heritage and tradition in Peel and it was hoped that this could become an annual event.

BOARDROOM 13/485 MICROPHONES

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/476 and indicated that a system for amplification in the Boardroom had been sourced by the Technical Officer. The cost was in the region of £5,000 and after discussion the Board *AGREED* that Mr. Lace's proposal was somewhat of a luxury and was not required.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT 13/486

The following planning applications Letter sent were considered as follows:-

14/00066/GB Erection of a two storey cloister building connected to the Cathedral by two single storey glazed links, to provide facilities ancillary to the use of the Cathedral (in association with 14/00067/CON), Cathedral Isle of Man formerly St. German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*.

14/00067/CON Registered Building Consent for erection of a two storey cloister building connected to the Cathedral by two single storey glazed links, to provide facilities ancillary to the use of the Cathedral (RB no 204 in association with 14/00066/GB), Cathedral Isle of Man formerly St. German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*.

## PLANNING 13/487 DECISIONS NOTIFIED

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

PA 13/01383/CON Amendments to approved landscaping scheme relating to Cross Garden (RB no 204 in association with 13/01382/GB) at St. German's Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel for The Vicars and Wardens of St. German's Cathedral. *APPROVED* 

PA 13/91382/GB Retrospective application for amendments to approved landscaping scheme relating to Cross Garden (in association with PA 13/01383/CON) at St. Germans Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel for the Vicars and Wardens of St. Germans Cathedral. *APPROVED* 

PA 13/01471/D Erection of illuminated and non illuminated signage at Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel for the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture. *APPROVED* 

PA 13/91477/B) Erection of a ground floor extension to rear elevation at 5 Campion Close, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel for Mr. Russell Miller. *APPROVED* 

PA 13/00888/B) Extend kitchen extraction system (retrospective) at Corrin Memorial Home, Albany Road, Peel for the Board of Governors of Corrin Memorial Home. APPROVED

PA 13/00686/B ON APPEAL	13/488	The copies of the rebuttal statement made in respect of the Appeal against the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings, plot of land adjacent to 56 Glenfaba Road, Peel b Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Bawden were noted.	
PA 13/90930/B ON APPEAL	13/489	Members noted the Appeal decision of the Inspector with regard to the application for the erection of five lock up garages at the Empire Garage Yard, Stanley Road, Peel. The Inspector had found for the appellant Empire Garage Limited and recommended that the appeal be allowed. <i>NOTED</i>	
FIXED TERM TENANCIES	13/490	Members noted receipt of an email from the Department of Social Care regarding the implementation of fixed term tenancies from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014 in respect of new housing applicants. Mr. Jones indicated that his concern that this was a management/committee decision involving local authority staff and the Department without direct discussion with elected Members. Mr. Jones had concerns over the particular issues in relation to fixed term tenancies and indicated that he wished to forward a letter to the Department of Social Care. He would liaise with the Town Clerk regarding these concerns. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
POKERSTARS RALLY	13/491	Mr. Davison referred to contact with Mark Ellison of the Pokerstars Rally organisers. The organisers were seeking the Commissioners support to stage two sections of the rally which would take place in November 2014. It was possible that the organisers would arrange for the first two stages of the rally to take place in Peel which would take place on the Friday evening. Members fully supported the proposal and it was <i>AGREED</i> that an appropriate letter be sent to the organisers by the Town Clerk.	Letter sent
TT RACES	13/492	Consideration was given to a consultation paper issues by the Department of Economic Development in relation to the provision of an	Email sent

additional qualifying session for the TT Races to take place during the morning or afternoon of the Thursday or Friday of practice week. Mr. Davison indicated that adverse weather seriously impacted businesses on the Island if it resulted in racing taking place on the Sunday at the start of TT week as occurred in 2013. He favoured the proposal for additional practice sessions on either Thursday or Friday. After discussion Members AGREED that it would support an additional practice session as proposed by the Department.

FLAG DAY

13/493

The Town Clerk referred to a request Email sent from the Secretary to the Sailing for the Disabled charity which intended to raise funds with a flag day in Peel on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014. AGREED

Letter sent

**SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP** REGULATIONS

13/494

Consideration was given to consultation document from the Department of Social Care with regard to amendments in relation to Special Guardianship Regulations. Mr. Jones indicated that the draft Bill was good legislation and provided an extra option in dealing with children. The Board AGREED that a letter of support to the proposed changes be sent to the Department of Social Care.

LEGAL AID 13/495 CONSULTATION

Members considered a consultation document regarding legal regulations on the Island. Mr. Jones suggested that legal aid only benefitted those members of society that did not earn sufficient income to pay legal fees. The costs to Government were too high and there was a need to reduce the same. After discussion it was AGREED that the consultation document be noted.

REGENERATION 13/496 COMMITTEE

Members noted the current position PGL regarding the work of the Regeneration Committee. It was AGREED that Mr. Steve Prescott, architect be invited to the next meeting of the Board on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 8.00p.m. to discuss his initial proposals for regeneration of the Market Place.

REQUISITION
MEETING

13/497

The Town Clerk indicated that a request had been made by Mr. Geoff Birkett of Belle Vue Park, Peel to the Captain of the Parish, Mr. John Kennaugh, to call a Requisition Meeting to discuss the Government's proposed new toilet tax. It was noted that the meeting was likely to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

Mr. Davison indicated that the matter was due before the February sitting of Tynwald for approval and he was extremely concerned that this proposal had come about with little or no public consultation. A request to the Chief Minister and Mr. Crookall to attend the meeting had been made and a response was awaited. Mr. Houghton, M.H.K., Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority had already indicated that he would not be able to attend. Members indicated their concern and opposition to the proposed toilet tax and felt it was unfair and regressive.

**RNLI** 

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13/498

The Town Clerk referred to a letter Letter sent from the Peel Branch of the RNLI

Boardroom on this date.

13/499 The Town Clerk reference.

The Town Clerk referred to an Order from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the temporary prohibition of through traffic and a suspension of parking on a section of Atholl Place from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014 to enable resurfacing work to be undertaken. *NOTED* 

which wished to hold its Annual General Meeting in Boardroom on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at 7.30p.m. It was *AGREED* to allow the Lifeboat Committee to hold its meeting in the

WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

**ROAD TRAFFIC** 

REGULATION ACT

13/500

The Town Clerk referred to the Peel Feasibility Study and indicated that a reminder had been sent to Mr. Winstanley enquiring as to the production of the Peel Feasibility Study which had been delayed from July 2013 to February 2014. *NOTED* 

PLANNED MAINTENANCE SCHEME 13/501

Mr. Lace referred to the improvements involving the replacement of windows at Fenella Terrace. He indicated concern that following these improvements a letter had been sent to tenants indicating an increase in their points for the dwelling which would increase their rent. He was concerned that such improvements resulted in increased rents. Mr. Jones expressed a degree of sympathy with Mr. Lace and stated that he would raise these issues with the Department of Social Care.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10p.m.