

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 18th March 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
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin

Apologies Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 13/544 | The Chairman welcomed the public to the second meeting of March and wished to extend his congratulations to the work of the Peel Charity Shop which had recently donated £40,000 to various Island charities. The Chairman also commented upon the recent passing of Mr. David Rushton who was a stalwart of the Charity Shop and its work. | |
| MINUTES | 13/545 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th March 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . | |
| FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL | 13/546 | The Chairman referred back to Minute 13/524 and enquired as to whether Members had any additional comments to make further to the remarks made at the previous meeting. No further comments were suggested and it was <i>AGREED</i> to advise the Department of the Commissioners views accordingly. | Email sent |
| THE PEDLARS AND STREET TRADERS ACT 1906 | 13/547 | The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/535 and indicated that two responses had been received from the public notice namely from Mr. Martin Birchenough and from the Department of Infrastructure. The Department of Infrastructure had | Letter sent |

indicated that it did not believe it was appropriate for the Commissioners to make such an Order when it had the potential to apply to land owned by the Department such as the East Quay park area. The Town Clerk advised that the Department had missed the point in that in addition to the requirement for a licence under the 1906 Act the siting of any mobile unit would also require the relevant landowner's permission. The Chairman confirmed that the Commissioners were only seeking clarification under the requirements of the Act and at this stage it was agreed to refer the responses from the Department and Mr. Birchenough to the Commissioners Advocate for comment prior to progressing the matter for an appropriate designation Order from Tynwald.

LOCAL AUTHORITY 13/548
REFORM

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/536 and indicated that Mr. Ronan, MHK was able to meet the Board on a date in late April. After discussion it was *AGREED* to suggest a meeting on 23rd April 2014 at 7.00p.m.

DERBY ROAD – REAR 13/549
LANE

Reference was made back to Minute 13/542 and Members considered two responses to the Department of Infrastructure's proposal to place double yellow lines on the rear lane of Derby Road. The comments of Miss Corlett and Mr. Makin of 28 Derby Road and Mr. Gimbert of 30 Derby Road were noted.

Email sent

Mr. Jones and Mr. Davison took no part in this discussion due to a vested interest of living on Derby Road.

The matter was considered and Mr. Lace indicated that the blockage of the rear lane should be cleared by the Police. Mrs. Moughtin was of the view that residents were able to police the lane themselves and there was no significant issue for the requirement of double yellow lines. It was *AGREED* to advise the Department of Infrastructure that the Commissioners did not favour any traffic restriction on the rear lane.

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| STREET CLEANING | 13/550 | <p>The Town Clerk referred to an email from a concerned resident regarding the previous lack of cleaning of the hedge row on Oak Road. An accumulation of litter had occurred at this location and the Town Clerk advised that instructions had been given and recently carried out to clear this area of litter. It was noted that all the new estate hedge rows would be cleaned periodically of litter.</p> <p>Arising therefrom the Town Clerk advised that following a meeting with an officer from the Department of Infrastructure it had been indicated that the current three year street cleaning agreement which was shortly due to expire would be continued for a further period from April 2014 on a recharge basis.</p> | |
| MAPLE AVENUE | 13/551 | <p>The Town Clerk updated Members on the current position regarding the flooding issue at Maple Avenue. Contact had been made with the Department of Infrastructure and the Water and Sewerage Authority to address the issue of flooding from the farmer's lane at the rear of the Maple Avenue properties. The Town Clerk advised that the Technical Officer had also been in contact with the appropriate authorities to rectify this matter.</p> <p>Arising therefrom reference was made to the clearance of a plot adjacent to the Busy Bears Nursery on the Ballawattleworth Estate. Mrs. Moughtin suggested that the grounds been cleared by the owner prior to the building of a new gym.</p> | TQ |
| DERELICT PROPERTIES | 13/552 | <p>Consideration was given to an email from Mr. John Slater, Chairman of Peel Heritage Trust regarding the Trust's concerns at the number of properties in Peel that were in a state of disrepair. Mr. Jones indicated that the legal position required the service of notices on the property owners with dilapidated properties to carry out the required repairs. He indicated that in Douglas notices had been served on owners who then undertook the bare minimum of work. The situation would then revert to its previous condition</p> | TQ |

thereafter. This area was difficult to take action under and in conclusion the Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer inspect the Orry Lane property owned by Mr. O'Hanlon which appeared in a dilapidated state of repair.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

13/553

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

14/00259/B

Erection of extension on rear of property to provide en-suite facilities 3 Cubbons Close, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00258/B

Erection of 2no. 3 bedroomed 2 storey semi-detached houses, land adjacent to 54 Glenfaba Road, Peel. The Board noted this application and reaffirmed its previous view that inadequate and insufficient parking had been provided. *RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL*

14/00254/B

Proposed erection of a new steel portal framed building to provide new food processing unit with associated facilities, Unit 14/15 Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00228/B

Revise the orientation of plots 25 and 26 and introduce single garages to each, Units 25 and 26 of planning permission 02/02106/B field 311037 Ramsey Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00233/B

Replacement of wooden framed casement windows on front aspect of house with pvc double glazed sliding sash windows, 9 Church Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00282/B

Erection of a new porch in white PVC with a G.R.P. flat roof to front elevation, 23

Mountain View, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00277/B

Deepening of front windows, Filbey's Bistro, East Quay, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00293/B

Replacement of garage door with window and replacement front boundary wall, 38 Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00290/B

Replacement of front door and part of surround, Sunnyside, Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

13/554

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

PA 14/00135/B Replacement of existing conservatory roof with light weight roof tiles, 1 Rowan Avenue, Ballawattleworth, Peel for Mr. Malcolm Hartley. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91266/GB Repair works to the great west window (in association with PA 13/01267/CON) St. Germans Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel for the Vicar and Wardens of St. German's Cathedral. *APPROVED*

PA 13/01267/CON Repair works to the great west window (in association with PA 13/91266/GB) registered building Nos. 204 St Germans Cathedral, Derby Road, Peel for Vicar and Wardens of St. German's Cathedral. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00125/B Installation of a replacement front door 17 Market Street, Peel for Mr. Ian and Mrs. Lynn Chambers. *APPROVED*

PEEL DAY

13/555

Mr. Davison updated Members on the current position regarding arrangements for Peel Day on 1st June 2014. It was noted that the Town Clerk had submitted IGD

an application for a road closure to the Department of Infrastructure and this was being progressed. Mr. Davison advised that the Art Council had allocated a £5,000 grant towards the staging of the Viking Festival element of Peel Day. It was noted that this would centre on the beach with various Viking orientated games and boat races. A number of Vikings from the UK would also be in attendance and the festival would conclude with a firework display

Mr. Davison had also met with Angela Crebbin and Michael Dougherty of the Tourism Department and he had been advised that there would be no specific entertainment in Douglas this year. Two motorcycle acts had been booked by the Department and these would be offered to various location around the Island during the TT fortnight. It was noted that these would be providing a show in Peel on Peel Day. In conclusion Mr. Davison indicated that he would shortly be meeting with the safety representative to ensure arrangements were in order with regard to the risk assessment requirements.

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| PEEL GOLF CLUB | 13/556 | Members noted a letter from the junior organiser of Peel Golf Club thanking the Commissioners for their continued support of the Junior Town Cup. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a £50 sponsorship cheque be sent to the club for the 2014 Junior Town Cup. |
| MANX SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS | 13/557 | Members noted a press release from the Manx Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which indicated that the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture had decided to terminate the current dog warden contract as a cost cutting measure. Mr. Jones commented that the service provided by the dog warden across the Island was excellent and after consideration the Board <i>AGREED</i> to support the views of the Society in protecting the interests and welfare of animals on the Island. Members agreed that the loss of this service was a retrograde step. |

BLUE FLAG STATUS
PEEL BEACH

13/558

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from Mr. Peter Karran, MHK regarding the status of Peel Beach. Mr. Karran had referred to the expensive investment in the renewal of the Island's sewage system. Mr. Karran commented upon the declaration from the Minister of Environment Food and Agriculture indicating that a sewage works in Peel would be unlikely to produce an effluent discharge that would comply with the EU 2006 bathing directive standard. This directive had been used as a guideline for a number of years but becomes operationally effective from 1st January 2015. The Minister for the Environment had indicated that the Water and Sewerage Authority would adhere to the EU 1976 Bathing Water Directive which would be superseded by the EU 2006 Directive. Mr. Karran indicated that certain members of Tynwald were of the opinion that Peel should receive the cheapest possible method of sewage treatment provision as any option provided would be better than the current situation of pumping sewage straight into the bay. Members concurred with Mr. Karran's stance and wished to indicate that its objective and aim was to ensure the best possible sewage treatment system was provided in Peel particularly bearing in mind the 2006 Bathing Directive due from 1st January 2015. It was indicated that the Minister for the Environment had stated that the sewage system for Peel would be built to the 1976 standard with the ability for further adaption at a later date. Mr. Jones stated that this was a retrograde step and that the building of a sewage treatment works should be to the highest possible standards without future adaptations at a later date.

Letters sent

Mr. Beale expressed his deep concern at the current position and that he was concerned at the possible impact on bathers on Peel beach this summer. Mr. Beale indicated that he would bring forward an item for consideration at a future meeting regarding the possibility of the display of warning notices to bathers.

In conclusion the Board confirmed that it should aim for the best standards available and that appropriate letters be sent to the Water and Sewerage Authority the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture and Mr. Crookall, MHK to outline the Commissioners view on this matter and enquire as to why any sewage treatment works for Peel should not meet the 2006 EU bathing directive standard.

PEEL CHAMBER OF
TRADE

13/559

Miss Felton updated Members on a recent meeting of the Peel Chamber of Trade which was attended by eight members. It was noted that the traders would organise an Easter Bunny competition with posters on display and tickets available in certain shops with appropriate prizes for the winners. In addition the traders wished to hold a craft stall and farmers market on Peel Day situated on Atholl Place and Michael Street. Mr. Davison indicated he would progress the matter and it was *AGREED* that a road closure for Atholl Place be sought from the Department of Infrastructure. In conclusion Miss Felton stated that the traders were concerned at the possibility of the Commissioners granting traders licences for mobile fast food units on Peel Day. Whilst the Board appreciated the view of the permanent business operators it was nevertheless noted that a balance needed to be struck when significant numbers of visitors would be visiting the Town.

CIVIC SUNDAY

13/560

The Town Clerk advised that this year's Civic Sunday was scheduled to take place on Sunday 13th July 2014 and that Castletown Silver Band had indicated their availability for this date. The appointment of the new Chairman at the Annual General Meeting would enable the decision then to be made as to which church the service should take place in.

DAY CARE CENTRES

13/561

The Town Clerk referred to a Government consultation document regarding minimum standards for Child Day Care Centres. Members had no comment to make on the consultation document.

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| VICTORIA ROAD PRISON SITE | 13/562 | Members considered a consultation document regarding a draft development brief for the former Victoria Road Prison Site. Members had no comment on the document. | |
| RATING OBJECTION | 13/563 | Members noted a letter from the Valuation Section of the Treasury regarding a rating objection application by Mr. Cawley of 55 Kerroo Coar, Peel. It was noted that the Treasury did not agree to a proposed reduction as sought. | |
| LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT | 13/564 | The Town Clerk referred to an email from Mr. Geoffrey Bolt, Douglas Borough Treasurer in which he referred to the requirement for a statutory audit by the seven largest local authorities on the Island. The Treasury Consultative Committee had asked Mr. Bolt to represent the interests of the seven authorities and after discussion the Board <i>AGREED</i> that this be approved. | |
| PEEL BEACH | 13/565 | Mrs. Moughtin enquired as to the current position regarding the dog control byelaws for Peel beach during the summer season. The Town Clerk advised that the correct signs preventing access onto the beach for the summer season namely April to September would be in place prior to the end of the month. | |
| 15B FACTORY LANE | 13/566 | Mrs. Moughtin referred to the yard and buildings at 15B Factory Lane owned by Mr. O'Hanlon and enquired as to the current position regarding the tidiness of area. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer carry out an inspection of the property in terms of Section 14 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984. | TQ |
| PEEL HILL | 13/567 | Mr. Lace wished to convey his thanks to the outdoor staff for clearing out the gully at the bottom of Peel Hill along the West Quay pavement. Arising therefrom it was noted that a contractor would be appointed to move the sand back down the beach prior to the | |

Easter Holiday.

PUBLIC ART

13/568

The Chairman welcomed Stephanie PGL Quayle and Colette Davies to the meeting to discuss their public art proposals.

Mrs Quayle provided a slide show presentation of her project which involved the design and creation of a life size brass seal. It would be cast and fixed to the rock within the harbour adjacent to the harbour slipway alongside the entrance into Fenella Beach. The cost of the project was estimated at £16,000 and would take three to four months to complete.

Mrs Davies art project centred on multi-dimensional provision of images of old Peel including the extensive fishing heritage. Sound recordings along with visual images would be provided on mobile apps and projected onto walls. A mural was also discussed and it was felt that the wall of the Leece Museum could provide a suitable site. The project involved community participation at various times

The Chairman indicated that both proposals were excellent and that the Commissioners should consider making application to the Isle of Man Art Council, the Lottery Trust and other similar organisations for financial assistance. It was also agreed to publicise the projects on the Commissioners website with a sponsorship/donation link.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Quayle and Mrs Davies for attending and they left the meeting.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.45p.m.