

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	13/521	The Chairman welcomed Mr. T M Crookall, MHK and the press to the first meeting of March 2014.
MINUTES	13/522	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
BY-ELECTION	13/523	The Chairman referred to Minute C13/429 from 29 <sup>th</sup> January and Minute C13/441 from 4 <sup>th</sup> February both of which had been held "In Committee" and sought approval to transfer these Minutes to the public record. <i>AGREED</i>

*The Town Clerk advised that no nomination papers had been received by the deadline date of 5.00p.m. on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014. It was discussed that the Commissioners consider a reduction in the Board from nine members to seven members by the 2016 general election. After discussion the Board AGREED to request the Local Government Unit at the Department of Infrastructure that it wished to make the reduction accordingly. The Town Clerk undertook to contact the Department to ascertain the steps to be taken.*

*Following the decision on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to not re-advertise for the vacant Commissioners position following the resignation of Mr. Cushing and the fact that no person submitted a nomination form by the election deadline date it was noted that the Board had agreed to advise the Department of Infrastructure that it wished to continue with eight Members with a proposal that the number be reduced to seven at the 2016 General Election for local authorities. Members noted the advice from Mr. Willoughby the Local Government Unit Manager and the Town Clerk undertook to submit the necessary request to the Department to reduce the number of Commissioners accordingly.*

FIXED TERM TENANCIES	13/524	Mr. Jones referred back to Minute C13/504 and requested that this matter be considered “In Committee” as part of the Department of Social Care’s written reply related to an individual tenancy. With regard to the fixed term tenancy it was noted that these would apply from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2014 to new applicants on the waiting list and run for five year terms.	
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BILL	13/525	The Chairman referred to the substantial consultation document relating to the Freedom of Information Bill and suggested that it was a somewhat weak document as it excluded any matters before 2011. Mr. Jones was of the opinion that it provided some good guidelines but there were many caveats applicable to Central Government but not local authorities. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be further considered at the next meeting prior to responding to the consultation document.	
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	13/526	The following planning application were considered as follows:-  PA 14/00192/B Proposed erection of a portal framed building to provide garaging and service facilities, Isle of Man Food Park, Mill Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i>	Letter sent

PA 14/00196/B

Replacement of existing polycarbonate conservatory roof with new lightweight roof tiles to match existing roof tiles, 38 Derby Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PA 14/00222/B

Replacement front door, 4 Bridge Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING  
DECISIONS

13/527

The following planning decisions had been notified:-

PA 14/00038/B Alterations, erection of extension and widening of vehicular access and driveway at 5 Ballaquane Park, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. I McCauley. *APPROVED*

PA 13/01521/D Erection of signage at Manx Transport Museum, Mill Road, Peel for Manx Transport Heritage Museum. *APPROVED*

PA 10/00544/B

13/528

The Town Clerk referred to the previous discussion regarding the removal of a sod hedge at Rearyt ny Cronk by Heritage Homes Limited whilst developing the Rearyt ny Cronk Estate. The Commissioners continued concern at the breach of planning was noted and the Town Clerk advised that Mrs. Jennifer Chance, Planning Officer had advised that this minor breach had been considered by the Planning Department and deemed it was not appropriate to take any further action. She indicated that the matter had not been referred to by the Planning Inspector and that no member of the public had written in at the time to request reinstatement. Members continued to express their concern and were of the view that this was a minor breach of planning regulations more major. Mr. Davison referred to a letter from Mr. Gallagher, Director of Planning to Mr. Trevor Cowin in which he had indicated that the matter was closed following his decision under the delegated powers function. In conclusion it was *AGREED* that the

Letter sent

		Commissioners forward a letter to the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure indicating that it was in their opinion a serious breach of planning regulations.	
PA 13/00686/B ON APPEAL	13/529	Members noted a decision of the Minister to concur with the Inspector's conclusions and confirmed approval on appeal for the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings, plot of land adjacent to 56 Glenfaba Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. R Bawden.	
PA 13/90989/B ON APPEAL	13/530	Members noted an appeal hearing scheduled for 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 in respect of the appeal against refusal for the erection of a conservatory to the rear elevation of 12 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel. It was <i>AGREED</i> not to make any representation at this appeal hearing.	
PEEL BEACH MISSION	13/531	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Michael Clarkson for use of the beach during the Peel Beach Mission scheduled for 26 <sup>th</sup> July to 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2014. <i>AGREED</i>	Email sent
MANX TELECOM PARISH WALK	13/532	Consideration was given to a request from the Race Secretary for use of the Town Hall facilities during the forthcoming Parish Walk scheduled for 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2014. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
STREET TRADERS LICENCE	13/533	Consideration was given to a request from Mr. Anthony Barrow for a street traders licence in respect of his fish catering business based on the harbour tongue. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a licence be issued to Mr. Barrow subject to him carrying the necessary health certificates, gas certificates and public liability insurance.	Letter sent
PEEL TRADITIONAL BOAT WEEKEND	13/534	Consideration was given a letter from the Secretary to the Peel Traditional Boat Committee in which permission was sought for the organisers to carry out a street collection on 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 on the harbour tongue during the "quick and dirty boat building and race" competition. The Committee were exploring additional means of raising revenue to ensure the continued running of the Peel Traditional	Letter sent

Boat Weekend event. *AGREED*

THE PEDLARS AND STREET TRADERS ACT 1906	13/535	Members noted the response to the consultation advert placed in the local press in respect of the Commissioners intention to seek Tynwald approval to designate certain streets and roads within Peel for compliance with the designation of “open spaces” under Clause 2 of the Pedlars and Street Traders Act 1906. The comments of Mr. Birchenough were noted and the Town Clerk advised that a formal response from the Harbours Division at the Department of Infrastructure was also awaited. It was noted that comments were required by Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2014.
LOCAL AUTHORITY REFORM	13/536	It was <i>AGREED</i> to suggest to Mr. Ronan, MHK a meeting on either the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 to discuss local authority reform.
SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION LIST	13/537	The first supplemental valuation list for 2014 from the Treasury was noted.
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1985	13/538	The Town Clerk referred to a further road closure Order in respect of a section of Peveril Road from 10 <sup>th</sup> March to 21 <sup>st</sup> March to enable resurfacing works to be completed. <i>NOTED</i>
BREAKWATER SEWAGE	13/539	The Town Clerk referred to a letter from a Mr. Collins regarding the sewage pipe at the back of the breakwater which served the breakwater toilets and kiosk. It appeared that the pipe was blocked as sewage had escaped from the manhole cover adjacent to the rock pools. It was <i>AGREED</i> to refer the matter to the Harbours Division for necessary action to remove the blockage. Letter sent
SHELL TIPPING	13/540	The Chairman referred to recent complaints over dirty shells being taken through the town via Station Road which had caused an obnoxious smell. It appeared that this isolated incident had ceased and was unlikely to reoccur. Members felt any spillage from such transportation could be addressed with appropriate containers. <i>NOTED</i>

MANX CREDIT UNION	13/541	Mr. Jones referred to a recent information leaflet with regard to the Manx Credit Union. Mr. Jones indicated that this was a community scheme run for the benefit of the public and should be publicised and supported. <i>NOTED</i>
DERBY ROAD – REAR LANE	13/542	Mr. Davison referred to the Department of Infrastructure proposal to put double yellow lines at the rear lane of Derby Road. The Town Clerk advised that an occupant of one of the properties on Derby Road had written in objecting to the matter and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this be considered in detail at the next meeting.
REPLACEMENT GAS BOILERS	13/543	Mr. Lace referred to the earlier Board decision to replace defective oil central heating boilers with gas boilers where appropriate. He complained that a ten day time lag was excessive in terms of carrying out the necessary replacement for one particular tenant. Mr. Jones indicated that the Commissioners works staff needed to liaise with Manx Gas to accomplish the change over and the turnaround time was not deemed to be unusual.

This part of the meeting ended at 7.30p.m.