

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Thursday 1st May 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

APPOINTMENT OF 14/001 The Town Clerk took the Chair for this item
CHAIRMAN and requested proposals for the appointment
 of Chairman. In accordance with standing
 orders Mr. Davison seconded by Mr. Jones
 proposed Mr. Harmer as Chairman. With no
 other nominations it was *AGREED* that Mr.
 Harmer be appointed to the position of
 Chairman for the Municipal Year 2014/15.
 Mr. Harmer was presented with the Chain of
 Office and he took the chair for the remainder
 of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 14/002 Upon a proposal from Mrs. Moughtin
DEPUTY seconded by Miss Felton it was unanimously
CHAIRMAN *AGREED* that Mrs. O'Halloran be appointed
 Deputy Chairman for the Municipal Year
 2014/2015.

LEAD MEMBERS 14/003 After having been proposed and seconded it
 was *AGREED* that Mr. Harmer be Lead
 Member of Finance, Mr. Beale be Lead
 Member of Works, Mr. Jones be Lead
 Member of Housing, Mr. Davison be Lead
 Member of Recreation.

APPOINTMENT TO 14/004 It was *AGREED* that the following
OUTSIDE BODIES appointments to outside bodies be made:-

Peel Heritage Trust – Mr. D J Lace with Mr.
Harmer as Chairman being an ex-officio
Member.

Peel and Western District Housing – Mrs. C A Moughtin and Mr. A G Jones.

Western Civic Amenity Site – Mrs. J O’Halloran.

Western Pool Authority – Mr. I G Davison.

Young Persons Representative – Miss K M Felton.

Peel Chamber of Trade and Commerce – Miss K M Felton.

Regeneration Committee – Mr. R K Harmer and Mrs. J O’Halloran.

Municipal Association – Mr. A G Jones and Mr. D J Lace.

Western Traffic Management Group – Mr. E C Beale and Mr. D J Lace.

MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD	14/005	The attendance record of Members for the year 2013/14 was <i>NOTED</i> .
MINUTES	14/006	The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 th April 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
LEECE MUSEUM REPORT	14/007	Mr. Baker, Curator of the Leece Museum was in attendance for this item.

Mr. Baker outlined the details of his quarterly report and indicated that he had been invited to give a talk on the sinking of the Lusitania during World War 1 at the Maritime Museum, Liverpool. Arising therefrom Mrs. O’Halloran reported that she had been in contact with the local Fisherman’s Association and other groups to be involved in the commemoration ceremony marking the sinking of the Lusitania scheduled for May 2015. She also stated that she would approach Cunard regarding this commemoration as the Lusitania was a Cunard ship. It was also likely that the Peel Lifeboat would lead out the flotilla to the back of the castle where the ceremony would take place. Arising therefrom it was suggested that a small committee be formed to plan ahead for this event and it was *AGREED* that Mrs.

Moughtin, Mr. Davison and Mr. Baker join Mrs. O'Halloran on such a committee to plan for this event. It was agreed that the ceremony take place on 4th May 2015 which was a bank holiday.

Mr. Baker indicated that the Trust meeting scheduled for the previous evening had been adjourned following a minor injury to one of the trust members, Mrs. Quine. Mr. Baker indicated that there was a need to attract younger members to become Friends of the Museum and involved in the trust work of the museum.

CLOSE Y CHIARN 14/008

Members gave further consideration to the letter from the Manx Utilities Authority dated 14th April 2014 regarding the street lighting and the condition of the road. It was noted that the Manx Utilities Authority would be prepared to the share in a fair proportion of the cost of repairs to the surface of the access road but would not accept any responsibility for the provision of street lighting. Members indicated that the condition of the street light columns were less than satisfactory when the properties were conveyed to the Commissioners and it was *AGREED* that the Town Clerk discuss this matter further with Mr. Dobbins the Director of Network Services at the Authority.

DOMESTIC RATING 14/009
SYSTEM

Further consideration was given to the Select Committee of Tynwald investigation into a possible review of the domestic rating system. The Town Clerk advised that a letter indicating the need to reform the present system had been sent to the Select Committee with a suggestion that the water rate element on the annual rates bill was investigated as it was a common commodity of uniform quality used by all island residents and should be charged on the quantity used and not on a rates based system of payment. The Town Clerk had also requested an extension to the relatively short consultation period over what was a significant and important matter. It looked unlikely as if the consultation period would be extended as an acknowledgment had been received from the Clerk of Tynwald's Office indicating that any evidence submitted may be published.

The Chairman stated that the payment of rates should start with a look at the principles which should be simple fair and based on ability to pay. The rates should represent what local authorities do and should be fair across the whole community. It was his suggestion that the issue of the rates should be linked to local authority reform. Mr. Jones indicated that Douglas Corporation had recently debated this subject and that more ideas and suggestions from the general public would better inform the Select Committee of Tynwald to formulate the appropriate changes that were required. The overriding view was that the rating system must be fair to all.

SLIEAU WHALLIAN 14/010
VIEW

Reference was made back to Minute 13/598 and Members gave consideration to the naming of the individuals roads within the new Slieau Whallian View Estate. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the following names be used, Meadow Lane, Rockmount Road, Ballacross Close, Primrose Avenue, Clucas Close and Maddrell Drive.

RATING APPEAL 55 14/011
KERROO COAR

The Town Clerk referred to the decision of the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners in respect of an objection to property 55 Kerroo Coar, Peel. It was noted that the appeal had succeeded in a 10% reduction being allowed. *NOTED*

SAND RACING 14/012

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/608 and advised that the organisers of the annual sand racing event in Peel on the Thursday of TT Week had confirmed that due to the high tide no sand racing would be possible this year.

HGV VEHICLES 14/013

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 13/601 and reported that the Department of Infrastructure had not made any changes to the permitted tonnages on the A1 road. *NOTED*

GOVERNMENT 14/014
CONSULTATION

Mr. Jones referred back to Minute 13/612 and indicated that in respect of the proposed establishment of a Public Service Commission he was of the view that there was a need to streamline the procedure which

would aid future negotiations between employers and employees. He expressed some concern at the proposal not to replace the Whitley Council which provided a useful mechanism in setting standards rates of pay for both public and private sectors. It was Mr. Jones hope that the proposed new Public Services Commission would provide an improvement on current arrangements. With regard to local authority staff it was anticipated that this organisation would follow the direction of the new body.

PLAYGROUND
REPORT 14/015

Members noted the report received from Wicksteed in relation to the condition of the various playgrounds within the Town. The Town Clerk advised that any necessary maintenance issues would be attended to. Reference was made to the suggestion that additional signage be included at all playgrounds. The matter was discussed and whilst signage could address health and safety requirements it was nevertheless the case that display of a sign did not absolve the Commissioners from any liability claim if equipment was found to be defective. Members accepted that the playground equipment must be fit for purpose and it was noted that ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the playgrounds would continue.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT 14/016

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

14/00450
Resurfacing of site to form car parking (following demolition of the Doctors Surgery), Derby Road, Peel. Retrospective Application. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00444
Take down dilapidated Manx rubble boundary wall to rear of store. Re-build like for like in Manx random rubble to same levels, Co-operative Store, Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/0041/B
Erection of a detached garage and re-build rear outlet, 7 Patrick Street, Peel (additional parking plan). Discussion ensued over the

proposed amendment plan submitted by Mr. Dunworth to realign the proposed parking spaces within the Commissioners car park. The Town Clerk advised that Mr. Dunworth had not approached the Town Hall prior to submission of his amended plans. Mr. Lace indicated his support for the proposal. However, Mrs. Moughtin indicated that the proposal could cause an issue by rotating the two car parking space 90 degrees. After discussion it was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer liaise with Mr. Dunworth and mark out on a temporary basis the proposed amended footprint to ascertain whether it was feasible or likely to cause an issue within the car park. Mr. Quayle was required to report back to the meeting accordingly.

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

14/017

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

PA 14/00282/B Erection of a porch extension to front elevation, 23 Mountain View, Peel for Mr. Robert Quayle. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00277/B Alterations to three windows to front elevation at Filbeys Bistro, East Quay, Peel for Mr. John McGillion. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91492/B Installation of ventilation and extraction units/grills (retrospective) at 12 Atholl Pace, Peel for Ms. Zubeyde Turkan. *APPROVED*

PA 13/09089/B ON
APPEAL

14/018

Members noted receipt of the decision of the Appeal Inspector with regard to the refusal for the erection of a conservatory to rear elevation of 12 Ballatessan Meadow, Peel by Mr. & Mrs. Perry. The Inspector had reversed the initial refusal decision and allowed the Appeal.

4 VICTORIA
TERRACE

14/019

Members noted receipt of a letter addressed to the owner of 4 Victoria Terrace by the Environmental Health Officer on behalf of the Commissioners regarding damp penetration into both 3 and 5 Victoria Terrace and an issue over loose slates and defective roof at 4 Victoria Terrace. The Environmental Health Officer had requested the owner Mr. Hide to make contact to arrange an inspection to

		ascertain the required works that had previously been indicated. <i>NOTED</i>
DOUGLAS CIVIC SERVICE	14/020	Members noted receipt of an invitation to attend the Douglas Civic Sunday Service on 8 th June 2014. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.
BATON RELAY	14/021	The Town Clerk advised that the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay would visit Peel on 18 th May 2014 at 11.00a.m. The Chairman indicated that he would be available to attend the event at the House of Manannan.
REARTY NY CRONK PLAY AREA	14/022	Consideration was given to an email from Mrs. White regarding her concerns over youths congregating at the Rearyt ny Cronk play area and causing a nuisance. A suggestion had been made by Mrs. White for the erection of signage limiting the play area to children under a certain age. This matter was discussed and it was generally felt that it would be virtually unenforceable. It was suggested that Mrs. White be advised accordingly and that if she wished to discuss the matter in detail she could attend a Commissioners surgery.
TYNWALD GARDEN PARTY	14/023	Reference was made to the invitation to the Tynwald Garden Party and it was <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Lace and guest attend the event on 6 th July 2014.
FIXED PENALTY NOTICE	14/024	Consideration was given to a letter from Mrs. Jordan of Quarterbridge Road, Douglas who had received a fixed penalty notice for allowing her dog onto Peel beach in breach of the byelaws. The Commissioners gave consideration to the letter and <i>AGREED</i> that the fixed penalty notice should stand as there were a sufficient number of signs attached to the railings leading on to the beach. Arising therefrom Mr. Davison requested that a number of litter bins be placed on the beach for the summer season. <i>AGREED</i>
YOUTH ISSUES	14/025	Miss Felton referred to young persons gathering behind the castle on St. Patricks Isle and drinking and leaving litter. It was also noted that there was a significant amount of

litter including empty bottles on the headlands. It was *AGREED* that this matter be referred to the Police.

BOILLEY SPITTAL 14/026 Mrs. Moughtin referred to the Department of Infrastructure salt container situated on Boilley Spittal and advised that dog owners were depositing bags containing dog muck behind the salt bin. It was *AGREED* that the area be cleaned and the bin be relocated pending its requirement in the winter months to avoid continuation of this problem. TQ

PEEL HARBOUR 14/027 Members raised the issue of the clearing of the silt from the bed of Peel harbour and enquired whether the expensive pipe was working. Reference was also made to the tanker depositing material within the harbour from the disused Raggatt landfill site. The Chairman suggested that the Department displayed an appalling attitude to the deposit of deleterious material in the harbour. The toxic waste from the Raggatt would impact upon the harbour and Peel Bay and was deemed to be completely unacceptable. It was *AGREED* to invite Minister Skelly to a future meeting to discuss this issue.

STREET TRADERS LICENCE 14/028 The Town Clerk referred to the Department of Infrastructure's refusal to allow Mr. Barrow to site his mobile food unit on the harbour tongue directly opposite the Weatherglass Corner. Mr. Barrow had operated from this site in selling his flash fried queenies for the past four summer seasons and had now been advised by Mrs. Reynolds, Director of Ports that due to operational and maintenance requirements he would no longer be able to place his unit at this location. The Commissioners were concerned at this decision and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter be sent to her requesting a review of her initial decision.

Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin complained at the untidy state of the fishermen's compound on West Quay and suggested that prior to the summer season it should be tidied up. Reference was also made to the Fenella Beach car park and the issue of motorhomes parking there particularly during the TT fortnight. The Town Clerk was requested to

raise these particular issues with Mrs. Reynolds within his letter and enquire as to what the Department's contingency plans were to keep motorhomes out of the Fenella Beach car park.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.35p.m.