

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R K Harmer (Chairman)
 Mr. E C Beale
 Mr. I G Davison (from item 14/043)
 Mrs. J O'Halloran
 Miss K M Felton
 Mr. A G Jones
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)
 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/029	The Chairman welcomed the press to the second meeting of May and wished to extend his congratulations to Kate Jerry for organising the WOSAT event. The Chairman also congratulated Peel Clothworkers School for winning the Guild and for their victory in the chess competition. Lastly the Chairman thanked the Peel Vikings who did a fantastic job in carrying the Commonwealth Games baton while it was visiting Peel.	
MINUTES	14/030	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 st May 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
7 PATRICK STREET	14/031	The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 14/016 regarding planning application 14/0041/B. The owner of the property Mr. Dunworth wished to erect a detached garage and rebuild the rear outlet, this meant that he would have to realign the proposed spaces within the car park. Mr. Quayle informed Members that he had visited the site and marked out the proposed amended footprint. The Technical Officer reported that if the parking spaces were reversed there would be more space.	TQ

Mrs. Moughtin stated that she had asked for proper plans of the site to be drawn up as the current sketch was insufficient. Mr. Lace informed Members that he was of the

opinion that Mr. Dunworth was being treated unfairly as the Commissioners had never asked applicants to submit detailed plans in the past.

The Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer contact Mr. Dunworth and request that he submit detailed plans of the work he wished to undertake. This would then enable Members to make an informed decision as to whether Mr. Dunworth's proposals were feasible or were likely to cause an issue for other users of the car park.

PEEL HARBOUR 14/032

The Chairman referred back to Minute 14/027 and informed Members that a meeting had been arranged for 22nd May 2014 at 7.00p.m. with Peter Winstanley and Mr. A Cannan, MHK to discuss the various issues facing Peel Harbour.

Mr. Jones reported that the Board needed to ascertain what the facts were with regards to the perceived problems with Peel Harbour rather than making emotive statements to the press. Mr. Jones stated that Peel Town Commissioners should not make any statements regarding Peel beach failing to meet minimum water quality standards until they had received the readings from the Government Analyst. *NOTED*

STREET TRADERS LICENCE 14/033

The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 14/028 and reported that the Town Clerk had written to Mrs. Reynolds, Director of Ports regarding her Departments refusal to allow Mr. Barrow to site his mobile food unit on the harbour tongue. The Finance Officer informed Members that Mrs. Reynolds had now agreed that Mr. Barrow would be able to continue to operate from this site selling his flash fried queenies.

Letter sent

The Board *AGREED* to send a letter to Mrs. Reynolds thanking her Department for reconsidering their decision.

POORTOWN ROAD 14/034

Members noted a letter that had been received from Mrs. Joan Bradley of 4 Ballaquane Park, Peel. Mrs. Bradley stated that Poortown Road was an accident waiting to happen. This was due to the ever

Letter sent

increasing volume of traffic from Rearyt ny Cronk and the adjoining Heritage Homes estate which all travelled east along the Poortown Road.

Mrs. Bradley suggested that a speed limit of 50mph be imposed. She also had concerns about the roundabout situated at the bottom of Ballaquane Road which had been planted with dense shrubs and severely affected the visibility across the roundabout.

Miss Felton informed Members that there was need for a speed limit on the Poortown Road. The Board *AGREED* to forward Mrs. Bradley's letter onto the Department of Infrastructure who were responsible for the highways.

EXPENDITURE ON
OPEN SPACES 14/035

The Board considered a letter from Mr. S Moore of 29 Castle Street, Peel. Under the code of access to information as to what areas were designated as open spaces/leisure areas in the Town of Peel. Mr. Moore also enquired what expenditure had been spent on these areas. The Board *AGREED* to provide Mr. Moore with a brief résumé of what had been spent on public open spaces in the Town.

RECYCLE BINS
SHOPRITE CAR
PARK 14/036

Members considered a letter from Mrs. Natalie Skillicorn of 20 Close Cubbon, Peel. Mrs. Skillicorn informed the Board that she had recently moved to Close Cubbon and was concerned about ongoing litter problems resulting from the positioning of the recycling bins in Shoprite car park. Due to the bins being situated directly behind her garden wall litter was constantly being blown in. A further problem was the excessive noise pollution resulting from people depositing glass bottles into the bins.

TQ

Mrs. Skillicorn explained that another pressing concern was that she frequently saw young children climbing onto the bins and running up and down the connecting wall and was worried one may fall. Mrs. Skillicorn requested that the Commissioners remove the recycling bins away from her property.

Mr. Lace enquired if Peel Town Commissioners already had plans to relocate the bins. The Technical Officer reported that the bins had been moved while the parking spaces were being done but there were currently no plans to relocate them. Mr. Quayle reported that it was possible to reverse the bins the other way which meant they would no longer be against Mrs. Skillicorn's property. This would also free up more spaces for car parking. The Board *AGREED* that the Technical Officer draw up a sketch of his proposals to relocate the bins for Members to consider at their next meeting.

WESTERN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT LIAISON GROUP MEETING 14/037

Members *NOTED* the Minutes of the Western Traffic Management Liaison Group from 15th May 2014.

DERBY ROAD (PEEL) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PARKING 14/038

The Board *NOTED* a road traffic order from the Department of Infrastructure under Section 3 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985. The Department would suspend parking on the south side of that section of Derby Road, Peel from its junction with the Cathedral car park to a point adjacent to the bus stop situated opposite the rear of 10 Mona Street and the Town Hall to enable the Public Transport Division to allow for extra bus services during the T.T. period. The notice would come into force on 26th May and run to the 8th June 2014.

BUSES – OAK ROAD 14/039

The Board considered an email from Isobel Crook who questioned the decision made by Peel Town Commissioners to allow buses along Oak Road. Mrs. Crook stated that she was under the impression that there was a weight limit in place to deter such heavy traffic. Mr. Lace informed Members that he was of the opinion that it had always been intended that there would be a bus route along Oak Road. Mr. Jones reported that a number of the residents on the Ballawattleworth Estate had requested a bus service. The Board *AGREED* to enquire on Mrs. Crook's behalf from the Department of Infrastructure as to whether they had placed a weight limit on Oak Road.

Email Sent

PEEL BAY

14/040

Members considered an email from Keith Drewett of 6 Queen Street enquiring if the Board were going to put up notices informing people that Peel bay water was unsafe. The Chairman suggested that the Commissioners ascertain whether it was necessary to erect signs when they met with the Department *NOTED* TQ

Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin reported that the picture published in the Isle of Man Newspapers of a dredger pipe discharging black silt from Peel Harbour into the bay was the worst possible publicity that Peel could have received. Mrs. O'Halloran informed Members that Government should have considered the wider picture and put a program in place to stop the Marina from silting up instead of having to employ dredgers.

Mrs. Moughtin suggested that Peel Town Commissioners employ their own independent analyst to measure water quality standards. Mr. Beale informed Members that the Board could look into purchasing a commercial water analyst testing machine. Members *AGREED* that the Technical Officer obtain costings for both options for Members to consider at the next meeting.

PARKING STUDY
REVIEW BY AMEY

14/041

The Commissioners considered a letter from Mr. Christopher, Director of Estates Shared Services from the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. Christopher reported that he had noted the advice in the letter sent to him by Peel Town Commissioners dated 21st May 2014 that Members expressed a degree of concern that parking charges in Peel may have a serious detrimental impact on local businesses and shops. The outcome of the Commissioners deliberations being that upon Central Government financial assistance to provide increased parking the Commissioners would accept an element of pay and display in the town centre car parks. TQ

Mr. Christopher explained as the Board were aware the Department advanced Peel Town Commissioners grant aid funding a number of years ago on condition that the

Commissioners would introduce pay and display parking. The Commissioners were therefore obliged to progress with pay and display parking to comply with the terms of the grant aid funding. It would be unlikely that the Department would be prepared to provide any further funding to Peel Town Commissioners in respect of additional parking until the Commissioners had complied with the previous condition.

The Chairman reported that the Board had previously approached the Department of Infrastructure and offered to install 14 pay and display parking spaces. However the Department were not satisfied with this amount as they wanted at least 30 spaces to be installed. The Technical Officer informed Members that he had a meeting with the Department so he would discuss with them what the minimum number of spaces they would be prepared to accept and report back to the Board. *AGREED*

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

14/042

The following planning applications were considered:- Letter sent

14/00258

Erection of a pair of two storey semi-detached dwellings plot of land adjacent to 54 Glenfaba Road (re-advertised due to amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR REFUSAL* due to the drainage foul and service set up and lack of parking provision.

14/00501

Installation of replacement double doors to rear elevation 44 Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/00518

Installation of replacement window Flat 5, 20-22 Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/00421

Demolition of existing garage workshop accommodation and erection of single replacement dwelling, site at eastern corner of Stanley Mount and Circular Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/00572

Removal of existing sod hedge at boundary and replacement with timber fence, 1 Fuchsia Road, Reayrt ny Keylley, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

Mr. Davison joined the meeting at 7.30p.m.

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

14/043

The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 14/00389/C For additional use of residential apartment as tourist accommodation at Apartment 3 Castle View Apartments, 5 Marine Parade, Peel by Rev Paul Benyon Barrow and Mrs. Marian Frances Barrow. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00293/B Replacement of existing garage door with window and replacement front boundary wall at 38 Derby Road, Peel for Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Kathleen Beryl Budd. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00290/B Installation of replacement front door at Sunnyside, Derby Road, Peel for Mr. Edward Francis Quayle. *APPROVED*

PLANNING
APPLICATION PA
14/00421/B

14/044

Members *NOTED* a letter from Mr. John Collins of 5 Stanley Road, Peel who expressed disappointment that Peel Town Commissioners had agreed to recommend approval of planning application 14/00421/B at their meeting held on 15th April 2014. Mr. Collins reported that this meeting took place three days before notice of the application was first published in the Courier on 18th April 2014 and precluded the opportunity for any interested parties to make their objections known to the Commissioners.

Mr. Collins stated that after reading the application in the newspaper and studying the plans he submitted his objection to the Planning Committee at the earliest opportunity. He had however little doubt that the Planning Committee would be influenced by the Commissioners recommendations for approval, a recommendation which Mr. Collins felt was

made without the Commissioners having all the relevant information.

PLANNING APPLICATION PA14/00358/B	14/045	The Board <i>NOTED</i> a copy of a letter from Mrs. J Tatchell which she had sent to the Secretary to the Planning Committee. Mrs. Tatchell reported after studying the revised parking survey she still thought that these proposed properties should be built with off road parking and as a result she confirmed her objection to this planning application as it contained no provision for parking.
REGENERATION SCHEME	14/046	The Chairman reported that he had recently attended the Regeneration meeting on 8th May 2014. Plans for the regeneration of the Market Place, Peel had now been drawn up which would be put out to public consultation next month. The Chairman explained that the plans contained a fantastic lighting concept, there would however be a slight reduction in car parking spaces. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to invite Steve Prescott, Architect for the Regeneration Scheme to a future meeting to explain the plans in more detail.
REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2014 AND REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE REGULATIONS 2014	14/047	The Board noted receipt of a consultation on the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 2014 and the Representation of the People Regulations 2014. Members had no further comments on the document.
LICENCE APPLICATION BY TARTAN GROUP LIMITED	14/048	<p>The Board considered a copy of a letter from Claire Turner from the Creek Inn Limited, Scott Filbey from Filbey's, Kevin Kelly from the Peveril Hotel and Michael Hewer from the Marine Hotel that had been sent to the Clerk to the Licensing Court objecting to the licence application by Tartan Group Limited of 9 Ridgeway Street, Douglas for an on licence at the property known as The Boatyard Restaurant, Mariners Wharf, East Quay, Peel.</p> <p>The objection to the Tartan Group Limited application was that a further public "on" licence in the area was not warranted as there was already enough public houses in the area and the quayside in particular was</p>

unsuitable for the establishment of a further public house and would be detrimental to Peel.

The complainants explained that they would continue to support the existing licence with restaurant condition as Peel required eating establishments rather than more public houses.

Mrs. O'Halloran informed Members that she had sympathy with all the other restaurants and existing public houses on the Quay who did not wish for another drinking establishment, Mr. Davison reported that he would also like to support the businesses who had voiced their objections as they did a great job providing fantastic food and drink for residents and visitors. The Board *AGREED* to voice their objections to the proposal.

TYNWALD
ADVISORY
COUNCIL FOR
DISABILITIES

14/049

Members *NOTED* receipt of a report from the Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities for the year ending December 2013.

Letter sent

The Chairman enquired if the Board knew whether the Council had considered the problem of blind people having to negotiate overhanging hedges and looked at measures to overcome any problems they may face. The Board *AGREED* to write to the Tynwald Advisory Committee and request that they consider the matter.

PEEL PUBLIC
AUTOMATED
EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR
CABINET

14/050

The Board considered an email from Shaun Cannan, Ambulance Technician who requested if the Commissioners would assist in the fitment of a public use automated external defibrillator cabinet on the wall of the Peel Police Station. Mr. Cannan explained that the cabinet required fitting to the wall and an electrical feed needed to be wired into power a small heater and a light in the box. *AGREED*

DOUGLAS CIVIC
SUNDAY

14/051

Members *NOTED* a letter from Paul Cowin, Assistant Town Clerk to Douglas Borough Council informing them of the arrangements for the annual Civic Sunday to be held on 8th June 2014 at St. George's Church, Douglas.

The Board *AGREED* that the Chairman and Mr. Jones would attend the service.

MOTORHOMES
FENELLA BEACH

14/052

Members considered a letter of complaint from Susan King from Derbyshire regarding the number of motorhomes parked at Fenella Beach car park who were blocking the view out to sea for other visitors to the area.

Mrs. King suggested that the Commissioners introduce some signage to prevent motorhomes using the spaces nearest the sea or a barrier could be erected to prevent vehicles over a certain height entering.

Mrs. O'Halloran reported that she agreed with Mrs. King that something needed to be done and the Department of Infrastructure who owned Fenella Beach car park were not taking sufficient action to rectify the problem. Suggestion was made that the Board meet with Anne Reynolds, Director of Harbours to discuss the matter further.

The Technical Officer informed the Board that the problem would be easily solved by installing a height barrier. Mr. Davison suggested that signs could be erected to restrict motorhomes from being parked overnight on the car park.

The Chairman reported that Castletown Commissioners had taken over the running of the Department of Infrastructure's car parks in Castletown. Members *AGREED* to meet with the Department to ascertain as to whether the Commissioners would be able to manage Fenella Beach car park on their behalf.

ELECTRIC BIKES

14/053

The Board considered a letter from Richard Cuthbert from Pedego Isle of Man Electric Bike Tours and Trial. Mr. Cuthbert explained that Pedego Isle of Man was a new company which had been set up to offer tours, rentals and sales of pedego electric bicycles. Mr. Cuthbert reported that his company were writing to seek permission to operate tours and trails from Peel. The Board *AGREED* they were in favour of the proposal in principle. The Finance Officer

undertook to contact the company and ask them to submit more detailed plans for consideration.

RHIANNON WIND FARM CONSULTATION	14/054	Members <i>NOTED</i> a letter from Kirsty McGuinness, Rhiannon Wind Farm Development Manager who wrote to confirm further to her letter dated 7 th March 2014, in which she notified the Commissioners that Celtic Array was planning to undertake its second stage of statutory consultations for the proposed Rhiannon Wind Farm. She informed the Commissioners that the consultation period had been extended to 3 rd July 2014.
DELIVERING SAFE SERVICES ON THE TT COURSE	14/055	The Board <i>NOTED</i> the advice that had been forwarded to them from Mr. Black, Chief Executive of the Department of Infrastructure regarding delivering safe services on the TT Course during practice and race week. Mr. Black requested that the Commissioners undertake appropriate route risk assessments which would identify the safety issues associated with motorcycles and other vehicles which could approach at high speeds.
PEEL DAY NOTICE 2014	14/056	The Board <i>NOTED</i> a road closure Order in respect of Peel Day 2014 closing various roads in Peel.
LOOSE PAVING SLABS - PEEL PROMENADE	14/057	Mr. Davison enquired when the loose paving slabs opposite Moria's were likely to be repaired. The Technical Officer reported that he had emailed the Department of Infrastructure who had undertaken the necessary repairs. <i>NOTED</i>
MR AND MRS ANDERSON	14/058	Miss Felton informed the Board that she wished to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Anderson of Knockaloe Beg Farm who had recently appeared on the Channel 4 programme "Four in a Bed" for their excellent bed and breakfast establishment. <i>NOTED</i>
PEEL POLICE STATION	14/059	Mrs. Moughtin reported that Peel Police Station was looking shabby and there were weeds growing around the building which was an eyesore. Mrs. Moughtin stated this was no way to treat a listed building.

Arising therefrom Mrs. Moughtin expressed her concerns regarding the House of Manannan whose external appearance was also suffering due to lack of maintenance. The Board *AGREED* to write to both Peel Police Station and the House of Manannan and request that they undertook the necessary work to improve the façade of the building. Mr. Davison suggested that maybe some of the youth of the community or a prisoners working party would be able to help undertake the work. *NOTED*

ROCK CLIMBING	14/060	Mrs. Moughtin expressed her concern regarding people climbing up the rock face above the old swimming pool as the climbers were drilling holes into the cliff. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to monitor the situation and ascertain who it was that was causing the damage and take any action that was necessary.	
WEED SPRAYING	14/061	The Chairman enquired if there was a programme in place to spray the weeds around the Town. The Technical Officer informed Members that the outdoor staff were currently engaged in spraying weeds. <i>NOTED</i>	
MOUNTAIN VIEW	14/062	The Chairman reported that there was currently a 7.5 tonne limit sign located on Mountain View. The Chairman expressed the view that the sign was pointless as it would be impossible for heavy goods vehicles to travel along this route. The Technical Officer undertook to contact the Department of Infrastructure and request removal of the sign.	TQ
COMMUNITY FACILITIES	14/063	The Chairman referred to the land owned by Mr. Simon Marshall at Ballawattleworth in respect of which a sports/gym facility was to be provided. The Chairman reported that no further detail had been received from Mr. Marshall as to how he proposed to proceed with his plans. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a further letter be sent to Mr. Marshall requesting that an update.	Letter sent

This part of the meeting ended at 7.55p.m.