

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 10th June 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

Apologies Mrs. C A Moughtin

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/064	The Chairman welcomed the press and Mr. Crookall, MHK to the first meeting of June 2014. He wished to extend his thanks to the Commissioners staff, the local scouts and Western Viking Rugby members for all their hard work in making Peel Day successful. In particular he wished to make special thanks to Mr. Davison, Lead Member for Recreation who had worked extremely hard to bring this event to fruition. A great many visitors attended the town and it was deemed by all to be a very successful event.
MINUTES	14/065	The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 th May 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
REGENERATION SCHEME	14/066	<p>The Chairman welcomed Mr. Steve Prescott, Architect to the meeting to update Members on the design proposals for Market Place and the lower part of Douglas Street and Michael Street.</p> <p>Mr. Prescott tabled amended plans for the Market Place which incorporated a wider stepped access into St. Peter's Church grounds which also incorporated disabled access. The pavement area also provided space for displays etc which would not be affected by through traffic. The proposals for the Market Place would result in the loss of two parking spaces.</p>

Members reviewed the lower Douglas Street and entrance into Michael Street proposals which provided for the removal of kerbstones in Michael Street and the provision of a new road surface/pavement which included ground based uplighters. The materials to be used would be the same as for the Derby Road scheme and when the top part of Michael Street and Atholl Place was completed the whole area would be of uniform appearance.

It was noted that public consultation was available on the proposals at the Town Hall and the plans would also be placed on the Commissioners website. In conclusion and subject to any public comment the Board expressed its agreement to progress the scheme accordingly.

Mr. Prescott advised that planning approval for the Derby Road scheme had been received.

Mr. Prescott left the meeting at 7.15p.m.

DOUGLAS STREET CAR PARK	14/067	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/031 and reported that Mr. Dunworth had not yet submitted detailed plans over his proposal as to whether his request would create a problem for other users of the car park. After discussion Members <i>AGREED</i> that the application be supported.	PGL
EXPENDITURE ON OPEN SPACES	14/068	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/035 and indicated that a response had been forwarded to Mr. Moore with regard to his question over expenditure on open spaces. An expenditure summary on the cost of maintaining public open spaces in the town over the past three years was <i>NOTED</i> .	
RECYCLE BINS SHOPRITE CAR PARK	14/069	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/036 and tabled a sketch proposal from the Technical Officer involving the relocation of the recycle bins from the rear boundary wall of the Shoprite car park. Members noted the plans in which the bins would run out parallel to the rear boundary wall and thereby free up six to seven additional car parking spaces. After consideration the Board <i>AGREED</i> to relocate the bins accordingly.	TQ

14/00613
Replacement of front window, 9 Christian Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/00672
Alteration to previously approved PA 13/91304/B for creation of external roof terrace, Bay View House, 3 Victoria Terrace, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

14/00609/B
Replacement of timber windows and doors to the rear of property with new veka white pvc frames, Kions Turrys, Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.*

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

14/073 The following planning decisions were notified by the Planning Committee:-

PA 14/00003/B Re-construction of the highway and footpaths, drainage, services, street lighting, street furniture and signage, section of Derby Road from junction of Mona Street and Atholl Place, Peel for the Department of Infrastructure. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00407/B Alterations, erection of an extension and demolition of existing two storey extension to rear of dwelling at Geay Varrey, 1 Ballaquane Road, Peel for Dr and Mrs. James Heath. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00424/B Alterations and extension to dwelling at 15 Imman Stronnag Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Paul Murtagh. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00393/B Erection of a detached garage at 38 Derby Road, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. H Budd. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00497/B Erection of a conservatory to front elevation of dwelling at 25 Ballaquane Park, Peel for Mrs. Linda Grainger. *APPROVED*

PA 13/91229/B ON
APPEAL

14/074 Members noted the Appeal Inspector's decision with regard to the appeal by Mr. Malcolm Geoffrey Wells in respect of the refusal for the erection of a conservatory on

first floor flat roof rear extension (retrospective) at 5 Michael Street, Peel. Minister Skelly, MHK had concurred with the Inspector's conclusions and allowed the Appeal for the conservatory. *NOTED*

HERITAGE HOMES LIMITED	14/075	The Town Clerk referred to a telephone conversation with Mr. Downey of Heritage Homes Limited who had enquired what the Commissioners intentions would be with regard to the planning approval granted for the 144 new dwellings at Rearyt ny Cronk. The matter was discussed at some length and Mr. Jones recommended that the Commissioners look to seek planning gain from the developer rather than taking the matter to Appeal. The Chairman stated that until the approval notice was received then it would be inappropriate to make a decision at this time. The matter would be reviewed with regard to the Commissioners detailed submission on the planning application when the decision was received.	
ARMED FORCES DAY	14/076	Members considered an invitation from Brigadier Butler, Chairman of the Armed Forces Day Committee with regard to its celebrations at the Villa Marina on Sunday 29 th June 2014. The Chairman indicated that he would consider his attendance at this event and advise the Town Clerk accordingly.	
PEEL TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	14/077	Members noted receipt of a letter of thanks from the Chairman of the Peel Traditional Boat Committee regarding the support from the Commissioners for its event which would take place between 25 th and 27 th July 2014. The Chairman confirmed that he would be pleased to attend the prize presentation on the 26 th July at 7.30p.m. and present the prizes.	
PEEL CIVIC SUNDAY	14/078	The Town Clerk referred to arrangements for Civic Sunday and indicated that it was proposed to take place on Sunday 21 st September 2014 at 11.00a.m. at Peel Methodist Chapel. Castletown Silver Band would lead the procession to the Chapel. Invitations would be sent out nearer the date.	PGL
VISIT OF NYBAKKS VENNER	14/079	The Town Clerk tabled a press release from Manx National Heritage regarding the visit on	

Saturday 14th June to Peel of the Norwegian motor vessel Nybakks Venner which was an old fishing boat turned into a floating museum. In addition to the vessel berthing in Peel Manx National Heritage would host a free seminar from 1.45p.m on 14th June at the House of Manannan. This seminar would be followed with a presentation on Tynwald Hill between the crew of the Nybakks Venner and the President of Tynwald. *NOTED*

WESTERN
SWIMMING POOL

14/080

Members noted receipt of a copy letter from the Cabinet Office addressed to each of the Island's swimming pool authorities regarding a meeting to be held on 12th June 2014 at the National Sports Centre, Douglas. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Government funding of the Island's regional pools. It appeared that the current government subsidy of almost £1.5 million per annum was no longer sustainable in its current form and a request had been made to the Department of Education and Children to develop a plan to reduce operating costs. IGD

Notwithstanding that the invitation had been extended only to Mr. Dale of the Western Swimming Pool Board it was *AGREED* that Mr. Davison the Commissioners representative on the Western Pool Board also attend the meeting.

Members were of the view that it was vital to retain swimming facilities in Peel. Currently the Commissioners contributed 2.5% of its rateable value to the running of the pool. The Chairman indicated that there was a need for more efficiency so the pool operation could pay its way and this could be accomplished with the provision of additional facilities such as a gym and a better café facility to increase income streams. Mr. Davison indicated that the control of the pools had been taken over by the Department of Education and Children from the former Department of Community Culture and Leisure and was of the view that would be a good move. However, it would appear that may not now be the case if Government was looking to reduce its subsidy to the regional swimming pools on the Island.

WARD LIBRARY AND CORRIN TOWN PARK ACCOUNTS	14/081	Members noted the completed accounts for the Ward Library Harry Hill Memorial Fund and the Corrin Town Park Trust accounts for the year ended March 2014. Members approved the accounts and the Chairman and Town Clerk signed them accordingly.	
SEWAGE	14/082	The Chairman referred to the Corrin Town Park account in the sum of £4,326.00 and suggested that it be utilised for the purchase of play equipment. After discussion it was <i>AGREED</i> that this course of action be followed.	
YOUTH POD	14/083	Members noted the issue of a press release from Manx Utilities regarding a review of the controversial sewage charge. Members noted the press release and were keen to see the removal of this unfair tax that had been imposed on Manx rate payers without proper consultation.	
WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATIONS	14/084	The Town Clerk advised that the new youth pod was currently being erected on site at the headlands overlooking the skateboard park. It was noted that the Police who had funded the shelter through its seized asset fund would look to undertake a formal opening of facility for the youth of the town. The Chairman indicated he would be happy to attend any small ceremony arranged between the Town Hall and the Police.	PGL
DOG FOULING	14/085	Mrs. O'Halloran reported on the first meeting of the small sub-committee to look into an event marking the involvement of the Peel fishing boat "The Wanderer" in rescuing 160 men, women and children from the Lusitania. It was proposed to hold a ceremony involving a flotilla of ships at the back of Peel Castle on either 3 rd or 4 th May 2015. In the first instance contact had been made with Cunard to see if it was possible for that shipping company to become involved with the commemoration ceremony.	
DOG FOULING	14/085	Miss. Felton referred to the continuing problem of dog fouling around the town. She indicated that there was a specialist machine available that could pick up dog muck and it was <i>AGREED</i> that this be investigated and considered as a budget item for the next	PGL

financial year.

BEACH CLEANING	14/086	Mr. Lace referred to the cleaning of Peel beach and enquired whether it was possible to loan the beach cleaning machine held by Port Erin Commissioners. He indicated that a number of large stones required removal from the beach. The Town Clerk undertook to make suitable enquiries and also indicated that it may be of value to contact Mr. Bill Dale of the Beach Buddies Group to come to Peel beach for a further litter pick. <i>AGREED</i>	PGL
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QUEENIE FISHING	14/087	Reference was made back to Minute C14/038 and Members considered a letter of response from the Chief Executive Officer at the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture regarding queen scallop fishing in 2014.	Letter sent
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Mr. Davison indicated that he had spoken to various fishermen and producers who were concerned at the Department's stance over this issue. In essence local fishermen had asked for proof over the tonnage of queen scallops allowed and taken. Reference was made to the 12 mile limit and whilst Manx catches were recorded others from the adjacent shores were not. This resulted in issues over the lack of enforcement of the 12 mile limit. Mr. Davison was of the view that Minister Gawne, M.H.K., under protocol three did not want to exclude Irish and Scottish and other nationalities from fishing in or near to the Manx limit as it could result in repercussions including possible exclusion from markets. Mr. Davison was of the view that Manx fishermen wanted a strict 12 mile limit enforced and available only to Manx boats. It was his view that if the Department moved further in the direction sought then it could result in the loss of up to three quarters of the Manx fleet.

In conclusion the Board *AGREED* that a letter of support for our fishermen be sent to the Department.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.05p.m.

