

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

In attendance         Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/125	The Chairman welcomed the Press and public to the second meeting of July and wished to extend his congratulations to the organisers of Peel Secret Gardens which had proved to be a fantastic advert for Peel over the previous weekend. The Chairman also wished to congratulate Peel resident Ana Dawson on her success in the Ladies Manx Golf Championship held at Peel the previous week.	
MINUTES	14/126	The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
PA 13/91289/B ON APPEAL	14/127	The Town Clerk advised that after consideration at the previous meeting a letter of appeal had been submitted to the Planning Appeal Section of the Cabinet Office. The main appeal point related to the number of dwellings being built in the West exceeding the 1000 maximum indicated in the Government's Strategic Plan.  Further consideration was given to the Appeal and it was <i>AGREED</i> that reference be made to the lack of public open space with the developer's proposal to include Peel Golf Club and the QE11 School fields as part of the requirement for public open space. It was the Commissioners views that these areas were restricted and did not form true public open spaces. Further comment was made	Email sent

over sewage issues with specific regard to the discharge of treated sewage from the private treatment works. The Chairman also commented on the provisions of the Strategic Plan and suggested that with one developer a uniform appearance applied to the estates which were not then sustainable under the cultural aspect of Peel as required by paragraphs 3.2.1 of the Strategic Plan. The Chairman also stated that Heritage Homes Limited had not yet completed conveyance of public open spaces in other estate developments at Ballawattleworth and Reayrt ny Keylley. Members expressed concerns at the ability of the town's infrastructure being able to cope with this further development.

In conclusion the Commissioners were of the view that the Planning Committee needed to listen more closely to the concerns of the Commissioners and it was *AGREED* that a further submission be made to the Commissioners Appeal already lodged.

WARD LIBRARY  
REPORT

14/128

Miss Gemma Quilliam attended the meeting to present her Ward Library quarterly report for the period April to June 2014. Miss Quilliam indicated that membership had increased over the period and could be partly attributed to the introduction of free membership. Reference was made to the antiquated tracking system for books at the Ward Library and suggested that the old card system was obsolete in all other libraries in the United Kingdom. Miss Quilliam indicated that at a cost of no more than £3,000 a computerised system could be purchased. The Board gave consideration to this request and noting the surplus in the general account it was *AGREED* that a computerised system be purchased accordingly. It was further *AGREED* that a suitable Press Release be issued to publicise this matter.

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Miss Quilliam referred to the presentation of a Ward Library book voucher at the Clothworkers School Prize Giving Day and indicated that it would be of benefit to obtain an annual cup that could be presented to the recipient each year. *AGREED*

The Chairman referred to the necessary works

required to the upper level of the Ward Library and it was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer provide a timeline of improvements to deal with damp issues and provide additional archive/storage facilities.

Miss Quilliam left the meeting at 7.30p.m.

PEEL CARNIVAL 14/129

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Baker and Mrs. Jones to the meeting to update the Board on arrangements for this year's carnival scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Mr Baker wished to thank the Commissioners for all their help on the day and their financial assistance in running the event. It was noted that a number of acts had been booked including the Panfire Steel Band, Jazz Aces, Ramsey Town Band, a flame/fire show to be held on the beach from 6.30 – 9.00p.m. and a group of Irish street entertainers and acrobats. The Houghton Weavers would perform at the Weatherglass Corner and in addition the local Scouts, Cubs and Brownies would take part in the carnival procession. This year Mr. Baker indicated that a set of flags would be displayed on the promenade and that the entertainment would conclude with a firework display at 10.00p.m.

It was further *AGREED* that the headlands field be made available for car parking and the Chairman wished to thank Mr. Baker and his fellow organisers on the Peel Carnival Committee for all their hard work in making Peel Carnival the premier carnival event on the Island.

12 MARKET STREET 14/130

Consideration was given to an email from Mrs. Stout of 14 Market Street, Peel in which she had expressed concern at the condition of the adjacent property 12 Market Street. The bad state of repair of the property had created damp problems with the party wall at the rear of the dwellings. It was *AGREED* that Mr. Blacker the Environmental Health Officer be requested to inspect the property with a view to a letter being issued to the property owner to carry out any necessary remedial works.

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MEMORIAL BENCH 14/131

The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/105 and advised that a letter of response had been received from Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson

Letter sent

of Castle Street, Peel. It was noted that they did not favour the placement of Mr. Coulson's memorial bench on their land at East Quay due to problems over the existing memorial bench seat being used by members of the public leaving litter and making noise with late night drinking. As a result the existing memorial bench to Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson's parents would be removed.

The Chairman referred to the original request from Mr. Coulson to place the memorial bench in the Castle Street gardens and after discussion it was *AGREED* that the Castle Street Gardens could be developed as a memorial garden with additional street lighting and possible CCTV coverage. It was *AGREED* that the existing seat and litter bin be moved from its current position to the other side of the garden which provided a more open aspect.

In conclusion it was *AGREED* to advise Mr. Coulson that permission could be given for the proposed memorial bench seat and plaque to be placed in the Garden accordingly.

PEEL BAY WATER      14/131  
QUALITY

The Chairman referred back to Minute 13/103 and advised that the meeting scheduled with Mr. Cannan, MHK Chairman of Manx Utilities to discuss sewage issues in the Town had been confirmed. In addition the Authority's feasibility study and report would be available well in advance of the meeting for the Commissioners perusal prior to the matter being discussed.

Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that she did not support any sewage treatment works for Peel based on the outdated 1976 standards and would only encourage that best practice be adopted with the more modern up to date standards for bathing water quality.

WEED SPRAYING      14/132

The Chairman referred back to Minute 14/106 and indicated that removal of weeds from the Town centre together with spraying the outer areas would continue and that possible use of community workers to assist the outdoor staff could be considered.

ST GERMANS CATHEDRAL SIGNAGE	14/133	The Town Clerk reported that upon comments made from visitors that the signage in Peel indicating the Cathedral was somewhat lacking. It was <i>AGREED</i> that appropriate tourist information signs directing visitors to the Cathedral from the House of Manannan and the promenade be purchased at an approximate cost of £50 per sign.	PGL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	14/134	The following planning applications were considered as follows:-  14/00729 Erection of an extension and installation of two roof dormers to rear elevation of dwelling, 10 Station Road, Peel (amended plans). <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> .  14/00806 Application for planning approval and registered building consent for landscaping works in the Cathedral grounds relating to the erection of 3 no. Sculptures, Cathedral Isle of Man (St. Germans), Derby Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> .	Letter sent
PLANNING DECISIONS NOTIFIED	14/135	The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Committee as follows:-  PA 14/00609/B Installation of replacement windows and doors to rear elevation at Kione Turrys, Douglas Street, Peel for Miss Deirdre Clucas. <i>APPROVED</i>  PA 14/00608/B Installation of replacement windows and doors to rear elevation at Balley Beg, Douglas Street, Peel for Miss Deirdre Clucas. <i>APPROVED</i>  PA 13/91358/F Demolition of outbuilding (in association with 13/01359/CON) at The Central Hotel, 14 Castle Street, Peel for Mr. Barry Gelling. <i>APPROVED</i>  PA 14/00672/B Alterations and creation of a roof terrace (amendment to PA 13/91304/B) Bay View House, 3 Victoria Terrace, Peel for Mr. Michael Everton-Jones. <i>APPROVED</i>	
PA 14/00421/B ON APPEAL	14/136	Members noted the submission of an Appeal against the approval of the demolition of	

existing garage workshop and erection of dwelling at 20 Stanley Mount, Peel for Mr. Robert Quayle. It was *AGREED* to make no comment on the Appeal application.

ISLE OF MAN FIRE SERVICE	14/137	<p>Consideration was given to a letter from the Deputy Chief Fire Officer dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014. In future the Fire Service would no longer attend calls whereby automatic fire alarm signals had been set off which resulted in non-fire situations. It was assumed that this policy decision had been made to make savings due to budget pressures with possible cutbacks in the Fire Service including staff and stations. Mr. Beale expressed concern at this policy decision. The Chairman suggested that the Fire Service could impose a call out fee when a false alarm had been made. It was <i>AGREED</i> to respond accordingly to the Deputy Chief Fire Officer.</p>	Letter sent
NOVEMBER FIREWORK DISPLAY	14/138	<p>Consideration was given to two quotations received from Galaxy Fireworks and Pains Fireworks for the 5<sup>th</sup> November firework display. Mr. Davison expressed his preference for the Galaxy proposal who had provided a firework display on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and on Peel Day. The matter was discussed at some length and comments were made as to the quality of display. The Board <i>AGREED</i> with Mr. Beale opposing that the contract be offered to Galaxy Fireworks this year.</p>	Completed
PEEL CAMPSITE	14/139	<p>Members noted receipt of the Tourism Department campsite grading report. The report was positive and indicated an award of two stars. This could not be increased unless permanent staff attendance was available at the campsite seven days per week. This was not feasible on cost grounds and as a result an award of two stars only could be given.</p> <p>Members also noted two email comments received from campsite users via peelonline which indicated their complete satisfaction with the campsite and its attendant Mr. Quane. It was <i>AGREED</i> to advise Mr. Quane of the comments received.</p>	
YOUNG PEOPLE	14/140	<p>Miss Felton referred to her concerns over the behaviour of a minority of youths in the</p>	KF

Town. She referred to residents of Castle Street being harassed and was concerned at the situation. It was noted that the Police took appropriate action with youths and required them to make suitable apologies when caught. It was suggested that additional CCTV provision could assist in this issue. Reference was also made to the previous work of the Outreach Workers which had assisted the situation in recent times.

Specific reference was made to the Castle Street Gardens and it was *AGREED* that quotations be obtained for additional CCTV coverage and street lighting at this location for consideration at the meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014. In conclusion Miss Felton indicated that she would liaise with the Youth Service to see if the Outreach Workers could be utilised once more.

WORLD WAR ONE SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION 14/141

Consideration was given to an invitation from the Chief Minister in respect of a Service of Commemoration for the Centenary of the outbreak of the First World War to take place at St. Georges Church, Douglas on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 at 3.00p.m. The Chairman indicated that as Peel Carnival would be held on that day he would be unable to attend. However, it was *AGREED* that Mr. Jones attend this service on behalf of the Commissioners.

The Chairman also referred to a vigil service commemorating the outbreak of the First World War to be held at St. Germans Cathedral on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 10.00p.m. at which all the Commissioners had been invited. The Chairman indicated that he would attend this service.

REDUCTION IN COMMISSIONERS 14/142

The Town Clerk updated Members on the previous discussions regarding the proposed reduction in Commissioners numbers. To ensure the matter was properly considered by the Chairman of the public enquiry that would be established by the Department of Infrastructure the proposal must be properly discussed in public. As a result the matter had been included on the agenda for discussion and after consideration the Board were in favour by a majority of six to two in reducing

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the Commissioners numbers from nine to seven. It was stated that within the current political climate and also the lack of public interest in the earlier advertising of the vacancy following Mr Cushing's resignation the Board's view was that the reduction to seven Members was appropriate.

The Board *AGREED* that the Town Clerk progress the matter with the Department of Infrastructure accordingly.

RATING  
OBJECTIONS

14/143

The Town Clerk referred to five residents submitting rating objections to the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners.

Letter sent

The Appeal Commissioners would deal with the objections at their meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and after perusal of the individual disputed rating assessments the Board *AGREED* that they oppose the objections. It was noted that with regard to Mrs. Watterson's objection in respect of 2 Peveril Terrace, Peel Mrs. O'Halloran was the next door neighbour took no part in this discussion in respect of this objection.

DOUGLAS STREET  
POST BOX

14/144

Consideration was given to a resident's complaint over the removal of the old post box outside the Douglas Street Post Office and its replacement with a modern post box on a pole. Reference was made to the removal of the Derby Road post box also and it was the Board's view that the old post boxes were part of the town's heritage and worthy of conservation. It was *AGREED* that a request be made to the Postal Authority for the restitution of the former post box.

Letter sent

PEEL RING ROAD

14/145

The Town Clerk referred to a letter he had received from Mrs. Kneen of 41 Stanley Terrace, Peel in respect of the purchase of her house in Stanley Terrace on the understanding that a ring road would be built. This had not occurred and Mrs. Kneen complained about living on a main road with heavy goods vehicles using streets that were never designed for such usage. In addition cars speeding down Church Street were a danger to pedestrians in the area and the problem was exacerbated by cars parking outside the shop and chip shop. Mrs. Kneen referred to the

Letter sent



increased residential development in Peel and asked what would be done to address the traffic issue.

Comment was made to the continued use of Peveril Road and Church Street by heavy goods vehicles including JCK wagons allegedly still using the quarry to the North of Peel. It was the Commissioners view that this quarry had supposedly ceased operating and it was *AGREED* that the matter be checked out. It was indicated that there had never been agreement for a ring road in Peel although it had been suggested and discussed.

BALLAQUANE ROAD	14/146	The Town Clerk referred to a request from Mrs. Corkill of Ballaquane House, Ballaquane Road for use of the headlands field for parking on the occasion of her 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday party when a significant number of guests would attend on the afternoon of 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2014. <i>AGREED</i>	Letter sent
WESTERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE	14/147	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to her attendance at a recent meeting of the Western Civic Amenity Site Committee and indicated that the site was operating on budget and very efficiently. It was possible that a partial refund could revert to the Commissioners. Members also noted the statistical report for the operation of the site.	
WEST VIEW PLAY PARK	14/148	Mr. Davison referred to the recent additional items of play equipment installed at the West View playground. It was of deep concern to note that youths had dismantled part of the new play equipment including the climbing frame which would now require repair.  Arising therefrom Mr. Davison referred to the BMX track on the headlands field and indicated that Mr. J Teare was prepared to offer his services as a digger driver to dig out and improve the track. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the sum of £250 be allocated for digger hire and purchase of sand accordingly.	TQ
MEMORIAL SEAT	14/149	Miss Felton referred to a request for the placement of a memorial seat in the grounds of St. Peters Churchyard on the Market Place. The matter was discussed and it was suggested, bearing in mind earlier discussions	PGL

that a location within the Castle Street Gardens be offered instead. Miss Felton indicated that Mrs. Losh's relatives also wished to plant a memorial tree next to the bench. *AGREED*

PROMENADE BENCHES	14/150	Mr. Davison referred to the pastel multi coloured bench located on Station Road and indicated that he had received a lot of positive comments regarding the bench despite his initial reservations. The Chairman proposed that the promenade benches could benefit from repainting in various pastel colours. The matter was discussed and with six Members in favour and two opposed it was <i>AGREED</i> that the promenade benches be repainting accordingly.	TQ
PEEL TRADITIONAL BOAT FESTIVAL	14/151	The Town Clerk referred to a request from the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and from the Manx Society for Marine Conservation to set up stalls selling gifts and memorabilia and provide information about marine research projects. It was <i>AGREED</i> that permission be given for both organisations to set up stalls accordingly and that an appropriate street trading licence be issued.	Letter sent

This part of the meeting ended at 8.50p.m.

