

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 19th August 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr R K Harmer
 Mr I G Davison

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)

Action

ACTING CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	14/181	The Acting Chairman welcomed Mr Crookall MHK and the press to the second meeting of August.
MINUTES	14/182	The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 th August 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .
PEEL RING ROAD	14/183	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/158 and reported that the Lhergy Dhoo Quarry had ceased operation and was now being reinstated. The planning division had advised that the works would be completed by September 2014. <i>NOTED</i> .
POST OFFICE LETTER BOX	14/184	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/160 and updated Members on the position regarding the removal of the old style post box outside the Douglas Street Post Office. A further letter from Mr Kelly Chief Executive at Isle of Man Post Office had been received dated 7 th August 2014. Mr Kelly explained the reasoning why the post box had been replaced and that there were Health and Safety aspects with the old style box when they became blocked.

The Post Office was prepared to return

the old style box to Peel and suggested that it could be relocated to an alternative site. A suggestion had been made that a location where there was more social mail as opposed to business mail would be acceptable and the House of Manannan suggested as a possibility. After discussion the Board *AGREED* that this would be appropriate and it was *AGREED* to advise Mr Kelly accordingly.

Mr Jones referred to the earlier promise from the Post Office that it would reposition the old style box outside the Town Hall on the opposite side of the road. It was *AGREED* to make enquiries as to this matter also.

PEEL BEACH 14/185 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/164 and indicated that arrangements had been made to meet Mr Chris Mooney of PSS Services Limited at the next Board Meeting on 2nd September 2014 at 8.15pm to discuss his proposals for a beach entertainment agreement. *NOTED*.

PEEL IN BLOOM 14/186 The Acting Chairman referred back to Minute 14/171 and as Mr Davison was not available it was *AGREED* that the matter be held over until the next meeting on 2nd September 2014.

ROAD TRAFFIC 14/187 Members *NOTED* a Road Traffic REGULATION ACT 1985 Prohibition Order for Derby Road from 18th August to 31st August 2014 to enable Highway resurfacing works. Comment was made over the timing of this Prohibition Order as it impacted upon the many campsite visitors during the Manx Grand Prix period. It was suggested that an appropriate letter be sent to Mr Robinson Director of Highways.

Members also *NOTED* a Prohibition of traffic for that section of Douglas Street from its junction with Michael Street to its junction with Atholl Street for the period 1st September to 14th September 2014 to enable Highway resurfacing works. *NOTED*

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

14/188 The following Planning Applications were considered as follows:-

14/00928/B

Demolition of existing building and erection of two terraced dwellings with associated parking, part former Peel Gas Works Site and Adjacent Showroom, 15 Mill Road, Peel.

Mrs Moughtin referred to the proposal to erect two terraced dwellings on the former Gas Works site on Mill Road and indicated that there was no clear indication of provision for off street parking, the proposed location would impact upon the traffic at the Mill Road traffic lights and also that the strategic plan for the Isle of Man and in particular for the west of the island provided for 1000 dwellings limit. This proposal continued to increase the number of houses in the west and in particular in Peel. It was *AGREED* to *RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

14/00838/B

The Town Clerk referred to an email he had received from Melissa McKnight Assistant Planning Officer regarding the planning application to change orientation of units 1 and 2 and replace units 3 to 8 with 8 two storey units at Macleod's Field, Ramsey Road, Peel. Ms McKnight had indicated that the planning application would only result in an increase of one new property. Noting that the Commissioners had previously recommended refusal and having regard to the strategic plan for housing it was *AGREED* to confirm the Commissioners decision to *RECOMMEND REFUSAL*.

14/00930/B

Erection of a block of four storage/distribution unit and refurbishment of existing office building together with associated parking and service compound former Peel Gas Works, Mill Road, Peel
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

14/00933/B

Erection of a sunroom to rear elevation of dwelling (retrospective) 6 Lhoan Pibbin Vane, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

14/00940/B

Replace existing glazed conservatory roof with roof tiles, 9 St. Patrick's View, Peel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

14/00943/B

Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling, 14 Close Caaig, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING DECISIONS 14/189
NOTIFIED

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

PA14/00819/B Removal of garden wall to widen vehicular access (retrospective) at 29 and 29A Albany Road, Peel for Mr Simon Marshall. *APPROVED.*

14/00066/GB For the erection of two storey cloister building connected to the Cathedral and to provide facilities ancillary to the use of the Cathedral at St Germans Cathedral at Derby Road Peel for the Vicars and Wardens of German *APPROVED.*

14/00067/CON Registered Building Consent for the erection of a two storey cloister at St Germans Cathedral, Derby Road by the Vicars and Wardens of German *SUPPORTED.*

BEACH MOTO-CROSS 14/190

Consideration was given to a request from Mr Watterson of the Ramsey Motorcycle Club to stage a Beach Moto-cross event on Peel Beach on Thursday 28th August 2014 at 7.00pm. Permission had been requested for use of the Creg Malin car park area. After consideration it was *AGREED* to approve the request and provide a financial contribution as in previous years.

YOUTH ISSUES	14/191	Miss Felton updated Members on the position regarding various youth issues. Discussions had taken place over the proposal to reform the Peel Boxing Club. Discussions had taken place over the use of the upper floor at the former mill property on Mill Road. Miss Felton indicated that she would update Members as matters progressed.
BIOSPHERE RESERVE	14/192	Members <i>NOTED</i> a proposal to designate the Isle of Man as a Unesco Biosphere Reserve. Mr Jones indicated this had been raised at the recent Municipal Association meeting and stated that Biosphere Reserves had been established by Unesco in 1972 to recognise spaces on the planet where people and nature strived to live sustainably. At present there were 610 recognised sites in 117 countries. The main functions of biosphere reserves were conservation leading to sustainable development and then learning by way of research, monitoring and education and training. Mr Jones favoured the proposal. However Mr Lacey indicated that he objected to the proposal as it would possibly lead to the employment of more Civil Servants. <i>NOTED</i> .
EQUALITY BILL	14/193	Members gave initial consideration to the substantial Draft Equality Bill. Having regard that submissions were required by 14 th November 2014 it was <i>AGREED</i> that the matter be deferred to the next meeting for further consideration and discussion.
2 nd SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATIONS LIST	14/194	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of the 2 nd Supplemental valuation list for 2014.
REGIONAL SWIMMING POOLS	14/195	Consideration was given to a preliminary document issued by the Cabinet Office regarding Government discussions over the future funding of the Islands three regional swimming pools. It was <i>NOTED</i> that in the previous financial year the total contribution from Government to regional pools was £1,490,034 and that in respect of the Western Swimming Pool there was an outstanding loan debt of £1.7 million

pounds. The Cabinet Office was considering the options for this matter and of the five options, option (4) related to the cessation of all Government subsidy and transfer of cost to Local Authorities. Members expressed deep concern at the discussions so far and were of the view that the Western Swimming Pool was of particular importance not only for the teaching of children how to swim but for general leisure use. However concern was expressed as the Government proposal whilst reducing the tax burden would possibly transfer the costs to the rate payers. Mr Jones indicated that whilst Government may save expenditure the general public did not as they would still have to pay for these facilities in Peel, Ramsey and Castletown. Members appreciated that the pool was vital resource but concern was expressed as to what the impact would be on the town's rate payers if this option was pursued.

In conclusion it was *AGREED* that the Board should engage in dialogue with the Cabinet Office as appropriate but indicate that the Commissioners wished to retain its Swimming Pool provided the cost burden was acceptable.

LANDLORD AND
TENANT BILL

14/196

Mr Jones updated Members on the previous discussions regarding the Landlord and Tenant (Private Housing) Bill. A request to send a representative to the committee dealing with this matter had been made. However Mr Jones indicated that in reviewing the matter with the Town Clerk and Finance Officer there was no aspect of the Draft Bill that would impact upon the Commissioners. It was therefore *AGREED* not to send a representative to make submissions to the Committee.

BEACH BARBEQUE

14/197

The Town Clerk referred to an email addressed to Chairman from Mr Bill Liddell who wished to hold an office social get together involving a barbeque on the beach for fifteen people. The proposal provisionally included either

Peel or Port Erin and it would take place on Sunday 24th August. After discussion and noting previous objections to beach barbeques it was *AGREED* to refuse the request and suggest that if he still wished to have his social get together in Peel then the grassed area at the former swimming pool at the northern end of the Promenade could be utilised. It was *AGREED* to advise Mr Liddell accordingly.

PEEL CHAMBER OF
TRADE

14/198

Miss Felton updated Members on the recent meeting of the Peel Chamber of Trade. A suggestion had been made to reinstate the Farmers Markets in Peel. The Board was not adverse to a Farmers Market resurrecting itself in Peel subject to a suitable location. Miss Felton referred to the finances of the Chamber of Trade and it was suggested that she contact the previous Treasurer Mr Gimbert over this matter. Miss Felton indicated that the next meeting of the Chamber of Trade was scheduled for 2nd September 2014 at 2.00pm.

KNOCKALOE FARM

14/199

Mrs Moughtin referred to the recent press article regarding Governments proposal to possibly sell the land at Knockaloe Farm, Patrick. Mrs Moughtin urged the Board to support any objection to sell off this farmland and it was *NOTED* that a Public Meeting had been arranged for 9th September 2014 in Patrick to express public objection to this proposal.

RENT AND RATING
APPEALS

14/200

The Town Clerk referred to a number of rating appeals considered by the Tribunal. It was *NOTED* that the applications in respect of Flat 3 and Flat 8 Atholl Buildings, Derby Road had been dismissed, the application in respect of 19 Bridge Street had been refused and that the application in respect of 2 Peveril Terrace had *AGREED* a twenty per cent reduction subject to a possible revaluation. *NOTED*.

This part of the meeting ended at 8.00p.m.

