

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 16th September 2014 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. R K Harmer (Chairman)
 Mr. E C Beale
 Mr I G Davison
 Miss K M Felton
 Mr. D J Lace

Apologies Mr. A G Jones
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)

Action

CHAIRMAN'S
WELCOME

14/228 The Chairman welcomed Members to the second meeting of September. He informed the Board that he had recently attended the prize giving at QE11 High School. The Chairman stated that he was most impressed with the total number of prizes that were presented during the evening, including a number of outside awards.

The Chairman reported that the Head Teacher had informed him, she was keen to make sure that a sixth form class was maintained at the school rather than there being an all Island sixth form college.
NOTED

MINUTES

14/229 The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2014 were taken as read and *CONFIRMED*.

POST OFFICE –
LETTER BOX

14/230 The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 14/203 and informed the Board that a further email had been received from Mrs. Griffiths. Mrs. Griffiths stated that she had read in the Manx Independent that the Commissioners had agreed to have the Douglas Street post box restored at the House of Manannan not Douglas Street.

Email Sent

Mrs. Griffiths reported that this was not what the Commissioners had originally promised. Mrs. Griffiths requested that the Commissioners reconsider their decision and install the post box back in Douglas Street.

Mr. Lace reported that the post box slot was getting blocked up with large letters and packages which made it difficult for staff to empty. The Board *AGREED* that the post box was no longer fit for purpose and needed to be relocated.

Arising therefrom the Finance Officer reported she had received a telephone call from the Manager of the House of Manannan who was disappointed that neither the Isle of Man Post Office nor Peel Town Commissioners had communicated with Manx National Heritage regarding their intention to site the post box there. Members *AGREED* to contact Peel Heritage Trust to ascertain whether it would be possible to locate the box outside the Transport Museum.

GRASS CUTTING
COSTS

14/231

The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 14/208 and reported that she had contacted Heritage Homes Limited regarding the transfer of ownership of the public open spaces to Peel Town Commissioners. She had been informed that the matter rested with the Commissioners advocates. The Board *AGREED* to pursue the issue with their advocates as a matter of urgency.

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Arising therefrom Mr. Lace enquired whether it would be more cost effective to engage a contractor to cut the public open spaces on the new estates. The Finance Officer reported that the Commissioners used to employ a contractor however the Board had made a decision that it was more economical for the Commissioners to use their own staff. *NOTED*

Discussion ensued over the grass cutting of a small strip of land that Heritage Homes wish to retain ownership of. The Finance Officer reported that she invoiced the company for the work undertaken by the Commissioners staff. *NOTED*

PUBLIC ART	14/232	<p>The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 14/213 and informed the Board that Collette Davis would attend the next Board meeting on 7th October 2014 at 7.45p.m. to discuss various public art projects around Peel.</p> <p>Miss Bampton reported that Stephanie Quayle had indicated that she would attend the budget meeting on 11th November 2014 to discuss the seal sculpture. <i>NOTED</i></p>	Email sent to confirm.
PEEL HERITAGE TRUST	14/233	<p>The Chairman referred back to Minute 14/221 regarding Peel Heritage Trust's request for help from Peel Town Commissioners to pay towards the annual maintenance of its new culture website for Peel and the West. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to donate £200.00 towards the cost.</p>	Letter Sent
REGENERATION IN PEEL	14/234	<p>The Board <i>NOTED</i> an email from the Hon. T Crookall, MHK Chairman of the Peel Regeneration Committee. Mr. Crookall informed Members that the Regeneration Committee would take into account the Blind Welfare Society comments regarding the colour of the paving stones that had been used as part of the Regeneration Scheme in Ramsey and ensure that the colour used in Peel made it possible for visually impaired people to define where the kerb ended and the pavement began.</p>	
7 PATRICK STREET	14/235	<p>The Chairman referred back to Minute 14/226 regarding the detached garage being built by Mr. Dunworth of 7 Patrick Street. He informed the Board that the intention was that Minute 14/067 stated that after discussing the matter Members <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Dunworth's application be supported provided, the garage however had to be built within the building line so that it did not encroach on the car park. Unfortunately the planners had not been made aware of this fact and building work had now commenced. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that there was no further action that they were able to take.</p>	

6 ORRY LANE	14/236	The Chairman referred back to Minute 14/227 and informed Members that the Board would discuss the dilapidated state of 6 Orry Lane when they met with Mr. Blacker, Environmental Health Officer.	
SEAGULLS	14/237	The Board <i>NOTED</i> a letter of response from Mr. Horne regarding the number of seagulls in Peel particularly in relation to the food park and “the vast number of seagulls nesting there”.	Letter sent
		<p>Mr. Horne stated that he had been operating his business for over 30 years in Mill Road and had never seen a seagull nest there. However if he walked up Michael Street, Bridge Street, Market Street or Peveril Road to name just a few there were many more nesting seagulls than could be found at the food park.</p>	
		<p>Clearly due to the food related nature of the business at the food park it attracted seagulls looking for food. He reported however that there had been a decline in the number of gulls in search of food. This was due to ridged measures which had been put in place.</p>	
		<p>Mr. Horne then explained that he had found that the seagulls were more of a problem on the promenade than in the food park where they were attracted by members of the public who ate and disposed of food there. Furthermore he stated that the seagull population does not appear to be limited to Peel. The Isle of Man Examiner last week reported of a seagull problem in Ramsey where there are no seafood businesses.</p>	
		<p>The Board <i>AGREED</i> that they would write to Mr. Horne and thank him for his letter and inform him that the Commissioners were going to introduce byelaws banning the feeding of the seagulls and apply for a licence to remove their nests and eggs. The Commissioners hoped that they would be able to work together with seafood processors to tackle the problem of seagulls in the Town.</p>	

ROAD CLOSURE
DERBY ROAD

14/238

The Board *NOTED* a letter from Alan Hardinge, Civil Maintenance Manger from the Department of Infrastructure who thanked Members for their letter which was received by the Highway Services on 27th August 2014.

Mr. Hardinge explained that he had taken on board the Commissioners comments. He could confirm these works had been scheduled during the school holidays and although the work coincided with the Festival of Motorcycling the Department were not of aware of any traffic management issues being caused and he was confident that due to the planned diversion routes that had been put in place no significant impact had been caused to road users.

He reported that having spoken to the site engineer who had confirmed that consultation took place with Shoprite and account was taken of movements from the campsite, swimming pool and residential properties in the area and the works were programmed to maintain access at all times. The site engineer confirmed that he had not received any adverse comments. The resurfacing work had also been completed in a timely manner.

As Derby Road was in a very poor condition it was not acceptable to delay these works until next year and therefore decided that minimal disruption would be outweighed by the benefits of the community as a whole.

After discussing the matter Members *AGREED* that the work, despite Mr Hardinge reassurances, had caused inconvenience to vehicle users and visitors to the campsite.

PLANNING
APPLICATIONS FOR
COMMENT

14/239

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

14/01027/B

Proposed extension to provide baby wing providing care for under 2 year olds. Extension to be at the side of the existing building – extending into garden. The new

area will use the existing entrance area, which is securely controlled. The office will relocate to the new area, providing a coat and storage area to the front, Busy Bears Nursery, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01033/B

Advertising signage to the exterior of the building painting the outside of the building in keeping with the Conversation Area, The Manx Co-operative Society, Michael Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01054/B

Taking down existing conservatory and building on same site a pitched roof building to create additional living area, 2 The Grove, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00977/B

Installation of two roof lights, 6 Charles Street, Peel. (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING
DECISIONS NOTIFIED

14/240 The following planning decisions had been notified by the Planning Department:-

14/00940/B Replace existing glazed conservatory roof with roof tiles at 9 St. Patricks View, Peel for Mrs. Victoria Groydon. *APPROVED*.

14/00944/B Erection of a sunroom to rear elevation of dwelling (retrospective) 6 Lhoan Pibbin Vane, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Heritage Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

14/00881/B Alterations and erection of extension to rear of dwelling at 3 Ballaquane Road, Peel for Mr & Mrs. Kieran O'Donoghue. *APPROVED*

14/00848/B Installation of replacement windows to front and side elevations at 19 Stanley Road, Peel for Mr. Paul Lewin and Mrs. Claire Lewin. *APPROVED*

14/00739/B Erection of an extension and installation of two roof dormers to rear elevation of dwelling at 10 Station Road, Peel for Mr. Ian Jones. *APPROVED*

PEEL BEACH MISSION	14/241	<p>The Commissioners <i>NOTED</i> an email from Michael Clarkson of the Peel Beach Mission who wished to thank the Board and the Town Hall staff for the welcome and help they received for the Peel Beach Mission this summer. He explained that the whole team always enjoyed such a welcome from the children and adults and this year was no exception. Mr. Clarkson stated that they were grateful for the prizes supplied by the Commissioners for the sand modelling competition which was well supported.</p> <p>Mr. Clarkson informed Members that next year's beach mission would take place from the 25th July - 8th August 2015.</p>	
CAMPSITE ADVERTISING	14/242	<p>Members considered an email from Darrel Tinnion, Business Development Manager of Visit Isle of Man. Mr. Tinnion explained that his company had recently launched a new website which was designed so that the traveller to the Isle of Man was able to plan and book their trip with ease without going to multiple websites. This allowed the individual to book their flight or ferry along with their accommodation at the same time.</p> <p>Mr. Tinnion enquired if the Commissioners would be interested in featuring Peel Camping Park on their website. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that Mr. Davison contact Mr. Tinnion to discuss the matter further.</p>	ID
KNOCKALOE PATRICK	14/243	<p>The Board considered an email from Mr. Jones who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Jones informed his fellow Commissioners that he had recently attended a meeting in Patrick with regard to the proposed selling of Knockaloe Farm. Mr. Jones stated he would be grateful if the Board would consider the resolution put forward by David Anderson and voted in favour of at the meeting. He suggested that the Commissioners write to the Minister of the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture and state that the Department had failed to make a good economic argument for the sale.</p>	Letter Sent

Mr. Jones commented that Knockaloe was an all Island asset and should not be disposed of for short term gain.

Mr. Davison informed Members that Minister Ronan stated at the meeting that Knockaloe had been discounted as a location for the Peel Sewerage Treatment Plant. The Chairman reported that the Commissioners had not received the feasibility report by the deadline that had been promised by Manx Utilities. This would provide the details as to where the plant was to be sited. The Board *AGREED* to contact the Manx Utilities Authority urgently and ask them to provide them with a copy of the report forthwith. Members required time to be able to digest the contents of the report before they met with Mr. Cannan, MHK Chairman of the Manx Utilities on 30th September 2014.

The Chairman reported that the Department had requested ideas from the public as to how they would like to see Knockaloe used. Mr. Davison stated that his idea would be to use the site as a Manx Cultural Centre. The Chairman informed Members that he would like the land to remain in Government ownership with leasehold being granted to businesses using the site or if it was sold then a covenant needed to be placed to determine what the site would be used for.

Mr. Davison reported that there was a large whiskey distiller who would like to set up a unit there who would produce Manx Whiskey. Mr. Davison would also have a unit producing Manx ice creams. Further shop units would then be developed. This would enable an income to be generated.

The Chairman stated that the Department should have undertaken the consultation work first as to best use of the site. He informed the Board that any future use needed to reflect the historical significance of the site. The Chairman reported that the Ward Librarian had historical details regarding the site and suggested that a copy of these be forwarded on to the Minister for his perusal. Mr. Davison suggested that the

site needed to be a tourist attraction and visitor centre. He reported that he had forwarded his ideas on to the Minister but had still not received a reply.

The Chairman reported that the Department needed to draw up a vision for the site and encourage businesses to invest there. The Board *AGREED* to write to the Minister and inform him of their views on how they would like to see the site developed.

<p>REQUISITION MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT OF 144 HOUSES</p>	<p>14/244</p>	<p>The Board <i>NOTED</i> a letter from John Kennaugh Captain of the Parish who informed Members that he was obliged to call a requisition meeting to be held on Monday 22nd September 2014 in the Corrin Hall, Peel at 7.30p.m. to discuss the proposed new development of 144 homes between Poortown Road and the QE11 High School east of Rearyt ny Cronk. The request had been signed by twelve resident of Peel.</p> <p>Mr. Kennaugh invited Peel Town Commissioners to attend the meeting. Members <i>AGREED</i> they would attend.</p>	<p>Members to attend</p>
<p>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2014</p>	<p>14/245</p>	<p>The Board <i>AGREED</i> to a request from the Royal British Legion to allow them to sell poppies at the Town Hall from 26th October until 11th November 2014.</p>	
<p>ISLE OF MAN ADVENTURE RACE</p>	<p>14/246</p>	<p>The Board <i>AGREED</i> to a request from Kieron Tastagh to use the car park and beach at Fenella on 20th September 2014 between 8.00a.m. and 10.30a.m. for the official beginning of the Isle of Man Adventure Race.</p>	<p>TQ</p>
<p>PEEL CLOTHWORKERS SCHOOL</p>	<p>14/247</p>	<p>Mr. Davison reported that following on from his email that he had sent to the Department of Education regarding the disposal of the old tables and chairs from Peel Clothworkers School before the new ones arrived. This meant children having to lie down on the floor to undertake their lessons. Mr Davison stated that he had been informed that the new furniture was due to arrive this week.</p> <p>Members expressed their concern that the</p>	<p>Letter sent</p>

tables and chairs had been taken to the Western Civic Amenity site and disposed of before the new ones had arrived. The Board were also disappointed that the furniture had not been offered to other organisations who would have been able to make use of it. Members *AGREED* that they would write to the Minister expressing their concerns.

FENELLA BEACH STATUE	14/248	Mr. Davison reported that the statue of Fenella was looking a bit weather beaten. The Board <i>AGREED</i> to contract Nick Barlow who sculptured the figure and seek his advice on restoring it.	Nick Barlow contacted awaiting a date to undertake work
OFFICE SPACE IN PEEL	14/249	Miss Felton informed Members that she had received a request from a Mr. Christian who was seeking office space in Peel to run a business from. Mr. Davison suggested contacting Barfords who rented out office space in their building to small businesses. <i>NOTED</i>	KF
BOXING CLUB IN DOUGLAS	14/250	Miss Felton reported that she had been contacted by Peter Roberts who ran a boxing club in Douglas. Miss Felton suggested that Members visit his premises to ascertain how the proposed club for Peel would be administered. <i>NOTED</i>	

This part of the meeting ended at 7.50p.m.