

# GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00p.m.

Present                    Mr. R K Harmer (Chairman)  
                                 Mr. E C Beale  
                                 Mr I G Davison  
                                 Miss K M Felton  
                                 Mrs. J O'Halloran  
                                 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	14/251	The Chairman welcomed the public and press to first meeting of October and wished to extend his thanks to all who were involved in his Civic Sunday Service. He also wished to thank Ramsey, Lonan, Patrick and Marown for their recent Civic Sundays Services.	
MINUTES	14/252	The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> .	
GRASS CUTTING COSTS	14/253	The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/231 and indicated that the conveyance for the transfer of public open space from Heritage Homes Limited had been transferred to a different advocate and would be progressed as a matter of some urgency. <i>NOTED</i>	
CAMPSITE ADVERTISING	14/254	Mr. Davison referred back to Minute 14/242 and indicated that he was scheduled to meet Mr. Tinnion, Business Development Manager of Visit Isle of Man the following week to discuss the possibility of including advertising of the campsite with his new website. Mr. Davison confirmed that there would be no cost to the Commissioners to advertise on the website and that Mr. Tinnion's company would act as a booking	IGD

agent. The Town Clerk indicated that this matter needed further investigation prior to a decision.

HERITAGE HOMES  
LIMITED

14/255

The Town Clerk and Mr. Davison updated Members on the recent appeal hearing against the approval granted for 144 new dwellings at the site adjacent to Rearyt ny Cronk.

The Commissioners case had been put to the Planning Inspector and he was scheduled to prepare a report on the appeal hearing for the consideration of Minister Gawne at the Department of Infrastructure.

Comment was made as to the statement made by Minister Gawne at the recent meeting to discuss the Big Debate when he indicated that he would take on board the Commissioners views very strongly in various matters. It would be interesting to note whether this would apply in respect of the planning appeal. The Town Clerk indicated that it was important for the Planning Department to progress the review of the Peel Local Plan which needed updating.

TRAFFIC  
MANAGEMENT  
SCHEMES

14/256

Members noted a schedule prepared by the Department of Infrastructure listing the various traffic management schemes across the Island and in particular those schemes relating to Peel.

PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS FOR  
COMMENT

14/257

The following planning applications were considered as follows: Letter sent

14/01136/B

Erection of 40 unit sheltered housing scheme with associated car parking, site adjacent to Croit ny Greiney, Douglas Road, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01086/B

Replacement of existing upvc lean-to roof with supalite structural hipped roof, Wavecrest, Belle Vue Lane, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01107/B

Replace existing window with new French

doors with existing aperture, new 700mm high timber fence on perimeter sod hedge to provide windbreak, relocate existing sign one metre towards southwest on to sod bank, new 1.2m timber fence to south east car park boundary, new 1.4m high timber screen to hide bins at rear of property, The Highwayman, Poortown Road, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01076/B

Removal of 2 x redundant dormer windows and repair to roof using the same materials as currently in place, 35 Douglas Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01129/B

Replacement of windows to rear of the property with new Veka white upvc windows, 3 Christian Street, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/01124/B

Proposed extension to rear and internal alterations to form additional living accommodation, 31 Queens Drive, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/00928/B

Demolition of existing building and erection of two terraced dwellings with associated parking, part of former Peel Gas Works site and adjacent showroom 15 Mill Road, Peel (amended plans). *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

14/001151/B

Widening of existing driveway by 600mm, 9 Mountain View, Peel. *RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL*

PLANNING DECISIONS 14/258  
NOTIFIED

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

14/01000/B Installation of replacement windows to rear elevation and replacement front door at 21 Mona Street, Peel for Mr. Robert Benjamin Cain. *APPROVED*

14/00944/B Erection of a sun lounge extension to replace existing conservatory at

36 Oak Road, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Colin Williamson. *APPROVED*

14/00943/B Erection of an extension to rear elevation of dwelling at 14 Close Caaig, Rearyt ny Cronk, Peel for Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Stoddart. *APPROVED*

14/01027/B Erection of extension to provide baby care facility at Busy Bears Nursery, Close Beg, Ballawattleworth Estate, Peel for HoneyPot Nurseries Limited. *APPROVED*

14/00838/B Change orientation of units 1 and 2 and replace units 3 to 8 with eight two storey units at Plots 1 – 8 McLeods Field, Peel for Time & Tide Homes Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 14/00729/B ON APPEAL

14/259

Members noted an Appeal had been lodged in respect of the approval for the erection of an extension and installation of two roof dormers to the rear elevation of 10 Station Road, Peel. It was *AGREED* to make no comment on the planning appeal.

MEANS TESTING

14/260

Members considered an update report from the Department of Health and Social Care regarding means testing for public sector rents. It was noted that following research into the feasibility of introducing means testing for public sector rents it had become clear that additional legislative powers would be required to bring the measure forward and as a result the Department had *AGREED* to defer implementation provisionally set for April 2015. *NOTED*

Email sent

Consideration was also given to a request from the Department to recommend whether a rent increase should be implemented from April 2015. After due consideration and noting that rents had increased by 10% in April 2012, 12-13% (following adjustments to the pointing criteria) for April 2013 and 5% from April 2014 it was the Board's view that a recommendation be made to the Department for no increase for the period commencing April 2015.

JURBY CIVIC SERVICE 14/261

Consideration was given to an invitation to ECB

attend the Jurby Parish Civic Service on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Jurby Parish Church at 11.00a.m. The Chairman indicated that he was unable to attend and it was *AGREED* that Mr. Beale represent the Commissioners.

Arising therefrom the Town Clerk indicated that he had received a letter from the Queen Elizabeth 11 High School Association thanking the Commissioners and in particular the Chairman for the generous donation of £133 received from the recent Civic Sunday collection. *NOTED*

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS 14/262

The Town Clerk indicated that an invitation had been extended for the official launch of a new set of Isle of Man postal stamps incorporating the various town banners prepared by the Guild of Silk Painters. The launch was scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 11.00a.m. at the House of Manannan. Mrs. O'Halloran, Miss Felton and the Town Clerk indicated that they would attend.

WOODLAND TRUST 14/263

Consideration was given to a letter from the Isle of Man Woodland Trust which was enquired as to the possible acquisition of an area of level land near a road of approximately one acre that could be utilised for a dedicated memorial tree planting site. Members were supportive of the proposal in principle but were unable to identify a suitable area of land. It was *AGREED* to enquire of the Woodland Trust whether they had a particular site in mind.

Letter sent

STREET TRADING LICENCE 14/264

Consideration was given to a request from Mr. J Thomas of the Viking Boxing Club which wished to obtain a street trading licence on the occasion of the town's firework display on 5<sup>th</sup> November when they would sell children's novelties etc. Funds raised would go towards the community programme at the boxing club. *AGREED*

Licence issued

Arising therefrom it was *AGREED* to invite the Vikings of Man to light the bonfire that proceeds the firework display on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

SOAPBOX DERBY 14/265

Consideration was given to a suggestion from Mr. Oliver regarding the staging of a

soapbox derby race in Peel. Similar events had been successfully arranged in Port Erin and Douglas. The proposal was discussed and Mr. Davison also suggested the possible use of the headlands paths utilising wet tarpaulin and lilos. It was *AGREED* that the matter be looked into in greater detail with the Technical Officer.

PEEL CEMETERY	14/266	Members noted a letter sent by St. Germans Cathedral to the Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division regarding its proposed implementation of a 50mph speed limit outside the cemetery. The letter had been copied to the Commissioners for information and it was <i>AGREED</i> to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Western Traffic Management Group to seek an update on when this scheme would be implemented.	PGL
SEWAGE	14/267	The Chairman reviewed the recent meeting with Mr. Alf Cannan, MHK, Chairman of Manx Utilities regarding plans for a proposed sewage treatment works for Peel. The Commissioners were pleased that Manx Utilities wished to work closely with the Commissioners to provide the best possible facilities including a plant that would achieve the 2006 standard for discharge and would be a closed plant rather than open. It was noted that Manx Utilities would progress the matter with the Treasury for pink book funding and undertake appropriate public consultation together with the preparation of an environmental impact assessment. <i>NOTED</i>	
POLICE CODES OF PRACTICE	14/268	Consideration was given to a consultation document issued by the Department of Home Affairs regarding police codes of practice under the Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998. Mr. Jones indicated that the document provided satisfactory proposals on a number of matters and should be supported. The Board had no other comments to make on the draft code.	
LEGAL AID	14/269	Initial consideration was given to a letter from the Legal Aid Committee which was looking to undertake a fundamental review of provision of legal representation on the	

Island. The Legal Aid Committee was looking at the existing system and considering how best it might be provided for the in future.

Members *AGREED* to hold this matter over to the first meeting in November for further consideration prior to a response by the deadline date of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	14/270	Mr. Jones referred to indications he had received that Government was looking to hold the National Service of Remembrance in St. Germans Cathedral. In previous years this had occurred at St Johns and any move to the Cathedral might impact upon the Town's local service which always took place at 3.00p.m. and was preceded by a parade from the Market Place. Mr. Jones was concerned that no consultation had been undertaken by Government and as Peel had its own service which was a community based event including the reading of the names of those that had fallen in the two world wars that came from Peel whether this would still be incorporated into any national service. It was <i>AGREED</i> that a letter be sent to the Chief Minister indicating that no consultation had taken place and that the Commissioners were concerned at the possible impact on our own local service.	PGL
PETROL SALES	14/271	Mrs. O'Halloran referred to the recent occasion when she had purchase petrol from the EVF Douglas garage and noted that it was cheaper than the rate offered in Peel. She felt this was discrimination against independent garages and it was <i>AGREED</i> to raise this matter with the Office of Fair Trading.	PGL
SKATE PARK	14/272	Mr. Davison referred to incidences of youths breaking empty bottles at the skateboard park the previous Saturday. There were also similar incidences at the rear of the Clothworkers School and the QE11 school field. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be raised with the Police at the forthcoming meeting.	
LIBRARY BOOKS	14/273	Miss Felton referred to the offer of the old style phone box that could be purchased for	

£300 which could be adapted for provision of free library books. She suggested it could be sited in the library yard adjacent to the main entrance and after discussion it was *AGREED* to raise this matter with the Ward Librarian Miss Quilliam at the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014.

CHRISTMAS MARKET	14/274	Miss Felton referred to recent discussions of the Peel Chamber of Trade meeting when the traders had agreed to hold a Christmas market on 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2014. It was noted that Filbey's would provide turkey burgers and Shamy Hey Tea Rooms would provide tea, bonnag and scones together with roasted chestnuts. The Town Clerk indicated that the traders would require a street trading licence and Miss Felton agreed to arrange for the necessary application to be made.	KF
CHRISTMAS FAIR	14/275	Miss Felton indicated that the traders had hired the Philip Christian Centre for a Christmas fair on 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2014.	
LETTERBOX	14/276	Mr. Lace indicated that a representative from Isle of Man Post had met with Peel Heritage Trust and agreed a suitable site for the repositioning of the old style post box. This work would be progressed in due course.	
PUBLIC ART	14/277	The Chairman welcomed Colette Davies to the meeting to discuss her public art project. Miss Davies indicated that she would require an external projector and it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners could provide this item. She also confirmed that Wi-Fi provision was not required for the mobile phone apps which would provide the necessary historical information on the Town and link into various tours that could be undertaken by members of the public. It was <i>AGREED</i> that public consultation would be of benefit and that this could be included in the October edition of the Commissioners newsletter. The consultation could take place at the House of Manannan or the Leece Museum depending on availability over the half term period 27 <sup>th</sup> October – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2014.	



In conclusion it was *AGREED* that Miss Davies meet with the Town Clerk and Technical Officer on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 10.00a.m. to undertake a site visit to the proposed locations for the art project. Mrs. O'Halloran suggested that the art project could also be linked into the Lusitania ceremony proposed for 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.

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

