

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies Mr. A G Jones
 Miss K M Felton

In attendance Mr. P G Leadley (Town Clerk)
 Miss G Quilliam (Ward Librarian)
 Mr. R Baker (Curator)

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| CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME | 14/278 | The Chairman welcomed Members to the second meeting of October and wished to extend his congratulations to Peel Charity Shop which had recently handed out the sum of £50,000 to deserving causes. Mr. Harmer referred to the community spirit in Peel and indicated that the Peel Charity Shop was an asset to the Town. | |
| MINUTES | 14/279 | The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 th October 2014 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> . | |
| WARD LIBRARY REPORT | 14/280 | Miss Quilliam presented her quarterly report for the Ward Library. She indicated that membership figures had increased and as an example stated that on 24 th September a record thirty new borrowers had signed up to join the Ward Library. The new computer system was in place and Miss Quilliam was aiming to have all the books catalogued on the system by the end of the year. The summer reading scheme had been successful and for 2015 Miss Quilliam intended to participate in the National Reading Scheme and would seek sponsorship. In particular reference was made to the sponsorship from the Harbour | Letter sent |

Lights for the summer reading scheme and it was *AGREED* that an appropriate letter of thanks be sent to the proprietors.

Discussion ensued over the acquisition of a redundant old style phone box which would be used for an “out of hours” library whereby books freely given would be available to members of the public. Discussion ensued over the best location for the siting of the phone box and its adaptation requirements. It was *AGREED* that Miss Quilliam liaise with Miss Felton who had instigated the acquisition of the phone box over this matter. It was also noted that future book purchases would be via The Lexicon Bookshop in Douglas. *NOTED.*

Mr. Beale referred to the depositing of books at the Western Civic Amenity Site and it was *AGREED* that he would obtain good copies of such books and bring them to the library. It was also noted that the upstairs area would be available for storage shortly. The Chairman indicated that this area could also be utilised for additional research purposes.

LEECE MUSEUM
REPORT

14/281

Mr. Baker presented his quarterly report for the Leece Museum and was pleased to indicate that some 4,811 visitors had visited the museum in 2014. Of particular note was the Knockaloe exhibition which had proved to be very successful and brought many visitors to the museum during the autumn period. Mr. Baker indicated that a lot group visits had been undertaken and discussion ensued over the museum plans for 2015. It was noted that the Lusitania commemoration ceremony to take place on 3rd May 2015 could also involve a lecture/presentation perhaps at the Centenary Centre and it was *AGREED* that Mr. Baker liaise with the Committee over this matter.

Miss Quilliam and Mr. Baker left the meeting at 7.25p.m.

CAMPSITE
ADVERTISING

14/281

Mr. Davison referred back to Minute IGD
14/254 and indicated that a meeting with

Mr. Tinnion was scheduled for the following day 22nd October 2014. It was *AGREED* that this matter be held over accordingly.

REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE

14/282 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/270 and reported that the National Service of Remembrance would in fact take place at the Royal Chapel, St. Johns on Sunday 9th November 2014 at 3.00p.m. As a result the local Service of Remembrance at St. Germans Cathedral would take place at the same time. Members *AGREED* that they would attend the local service and not the National Service of Remembrance.

PETROL SALES

14/283 The Town Clerk referred back to Minute 14/271 and outlined the contents of an email received from an economist at the Office of Fair Trading. It was noted that the Office of Fair Trading undertook regular investigation into fuel costs on the Island and in conclusion with a free market economy forecourt operators were able to set a pricing structure that suited their purposes. As a result variations in the cost of fuel would occur.

PUBLIC ART

14/283 Reference was made back to Minute 14/277 and Mrs. O'Halloran indicated that a recent site visit had taken place with Colette Davies, the Town Clerk and Technical Officer to progress her art project involving the projection of historical images onto walls. St. Peters Church grounds on the Market Place were investigated and the Technical Officer was currently liaising with Douglas Corporation over possible costings for a projector.

PGL/TQ

The Chairman referred to the possibility of murals being painted on suitable walls and it was *AGREED* that this idea merited further consideration and promotion. Mrs. O'Halloran suggested that a mural scheme could elevate Peel into an artist colony which would be a first for the Island. In conclusion the Commissioners *AGREED* that a murals project be pursued.

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| ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT | 14/284 | Members noted receipt of two Orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985. The first provided for the creation of a reserved parking place on the south east side of Albany Close. The second notice related to a temporary closure of part of Atholl Street between 27 th October and 31 st October 2014 for resurfacing work. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| WEST VIEW PLAY PARK | 14/285 | Members considered the provision of improved lighting on the boundary of the West View play park. It was <i>AGREED</i> that two street light columns be installed by Manx Utilities at a cost of £5,206.80. | TQ |
| PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT | 14/286 | The following planning applications were considered as follows:- 14/01171 New roof to rear annex, 24 Mountain View, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 14/01152 Replacement of roof light and additional roof light to front elevation, 6 Charles Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> 14/01107 Alterations, erection of boundary fencing, timber screen and re-location of sign, The Highwayman, Poortown Road, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL</i> | Letter sent |
| PLANNING DECISION NOTIFIED | 14/287 | The following planning decision was notified by the Planning Committee as follows:- PA 14/01033/D Erection of illuminated advertising signage at Co-op Store, Michael Street, Peel for Co-operative Food. <i>EXPRESS CONSENT</i> | |
| KITCHEN COST REVIEW REPORT | 14/288 | Members gave initial consideration to the report received from the Department of Health and Social Care regarding the cost comparison report into the provision of new kitchens prepared by Silva Consultants, Chartered Quantity Surveyors. The Chairman indicated that as | |

this was a matter originally raised by Mr. Jones that it be held over to the next meeting when Mr. Jones and the Technical Officer submit their views on the report prior to responding to the Department.

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| BONFIRE NIGHT | 14/289 | <p>Consideration was given to an email from the Vikings Of Mann regarding their possible involvement at the Commissioners bonfire night and firework display on 5th November 2014. As the group was seeking a base fee of £250 plus the costs of additional items such as torches etc., the Board agreed that it was not appropriate and that the Vikings of Mann be advised accordingly.</p> | Letter sent |
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Consideration was given to an application from Mr. Birchenough to operate his mobile hot food unit on the promenade near to the Sailing Club. Subject to payment of the street trading licence fee of £5 it was *AGREED* to approve the request.

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| HOP TU NAA | 14/290 | <p>Consideration was given to a request from Mrs. Hannan regarding the usual support for the Hop Tu Naa celebrations to take place on 31st October 2014. It was <i>AGREED</i> that the Commissioners offer the prize money as provided in previous years.</p> | Completed |
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| CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON CEREMONY | 14/291 | <p>Mr. Davison updated Members on arrangements for the switching on of the Christmas lights on Saturday 29th November 2014. Arrangements had been made for the Cathedral bell ringers to take part along with the Crosby Silver Band. A hot chestnut stall would be operated with the involvement of the police as money raised would be given to the Police Charity. The Chairman indicated that the Carnival Princess would assist him in judging the lantern competition and also switch on the Christmas lights. Mr. Davison indicated that he was exploring the possibility of obtaining a horse drawn carriage to lead the lantern parade up Michael Street prior to the switch on ceremony.</p> | |
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In terms of future years the Chairman requested Members give consideration to a

possible VIP that could be invited to switch on the lights as an early request would have to be made. *AGREED*

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| KNOCKALOE FARM | 14/292 | Members noted receipt of a response from Mr. Lole the Chief Executive Officer at the Department of Environment Food and Agriculture regarding the Commissioners concerns over the future of Knockaloe Farm. The Commissioners views had been noted that the farm should be retained in Government ownership. The Department was currently reviewing the best way forward and hoped to come to a conclusion within the next six months. <i>NOTED</i> | |
| STREET LIGHTING | 14/293 | Consideration was given to an email from Mrs. Ann Leece of 45 Kerroo Coar regarding her concerns over the lack of lighting in the rear lane between the houses at Kerroo Coar Estate. In Mrs. Leece's opinion the situation had been exacerbated as a result of higher fencing being erected between the properties. At this stage it was <i>AGREED</i> that the Technical Officer obtain costings for possible street lighting which would then be considered by the Board in due course. | TQ |
| REARYT NY CRONK PLAY AREA | 14/294 | Members considered a letter from Mrs. White of 16 Close Caaig, Rearyt ny Cronk regarding her concerns over the possible health and safety issues at the new play area at Rearyt ny Cronk. Mr. Davison indicated that the estate layout including the provision of the play area had been designed without pavement provision. Mrs. White referred to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and indicated that play areas should be accessed safely by use of pavements and should not exit onto roadways. The concerns of Mrs. White were discussed and it was <i>AGREED</i> that when the play area was offered to the Commissioners for adoption by the estate developers then it would need to comply with appropriate health and safety requirements before transfer. | |

NEW DRIVER
PROPOSALS

14/295 Consideration was given to a consultation document issued by the Department of Infrastructure for safety proposals aimed at the younger driver. Mr. Davison indicated that support for a speed limiter on cars used by learner and recently qualified younger drivers should be introduced with a speed limit of no more than 60mph. The Chairman referred to the specific points raised and numbered in the consultation document and after discussion the Board were supportive of points 1, 2, 3, (with the Chairman opposing item 3) and were not supportive of point 4. Support was also given for points 5 and 6 in the document.

PGL

Mr. Lace raised the further issue that in his opinion cars used by learner drivers and recently qualified youths should not have radios contained within them. After discussion Members opposed such a proposal.

GEOCACHING SWISS
ARMY KNIFE

14/296 The Town Clerk referred to receipt of an email from Braddan Commissioners regarding a request from the Manx Geocaching Group seeking copies of all local authority logos for a project currently being worked on by the group relating to map data on Geocaching Swiss Army Knife. Geocaching involved outdoor treasure hunting using GPS enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of co-ordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

Completed

After consideration the Board had no objection to forwarding its Commissioners Town logo to the group.

SCHOOL FAYRE

14/297 The Town Clerk referred to a letter from the parent/teacher association at Peel Clothworkers School in which arrangements were in hand for the planning of this year's Christmas Fayre on 5th December 2014. A request had been made as to whether the Commissioners would again make another Christmas hamper. *AGREED*

SKATEBOARD PARK 14/298 The Chairman referred to the skateboard park and the fact that one of the ramps had deteriorated and was in need of repair. It was *AGREED* that it be repaired accordingly. TQ

FENELLA BEACH 14/299 Mr. Lace referred to the wooden statue of Fenella situated at the entrance to Fenella Beach car park and indicated that it was in need of a coat of varnish. It was *AGREED* that this be undertaken accordingly. TQ

This part of the meeting ended at 8.10p.m