

GENERAL MEETING

The MINUTES of a GENERAL MEETING held in the Boardroom, Town Hall, Derby Road, Peel on Tuesday 18th September 2012 at 7.00p.m.

Present Mr. E C Beale (Chairman)
 Mr. N A Cushing
 Mr. I G Davison
 Mr. A G Jones
 Mr. D J Lace
 Mrs. C A Moughtin
 Miss K Felton

Apologies Mr. R K Harmer
 Mrs. J O'Halloran

In attendance Miss P L Bampton (Finance Officer)
 Mr. J T Quayle (Technical Officer)

			Action
CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME	12/251	The Chairman welcomed members of the public and Press to the second meeting of September and stated that he wished to welcome new Commissioner Miss Kate Felton to the Board.	
MINUTES	12/252	The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 th September 2012 were taken as read and <i>CONFIRMED</i> subject to an amendment to Minute 12/230 where reference was made to Members it should state each Member.	
RAMSEY ROAD DEVELOPMENT	12/253	The Chairman referred back to Minute 12/223 and informed the Board that a letter had been received from Miss E J Callow, Planning and Building Control Divisional Complaints Officer, from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the complaint that the Commissioners had made about Miss Chance. Miss Callow stated that in accordance with the Department's policy she had investigated the formal complaint that the Commissioners had made against Miss Chance and was able to acknowledge that the calls made and the messages that had been left by Peel Town Commissioners staff had been	

forwarded to Miss Chance. Unfortunately due to meetings, workload and leave commitments, Miss Chance had been unable to respond to the Commissioners on the matter at that point in time.

Miss Callow informed Members that the Division had now revised internal administration procedures to ensure message were handled and responded to more effectively.

Mr. Cushing declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the debate. Mr. Jones reported that the Commissioners were unlikely to get any further with their complaint regarding the conduct of Miss Chance. The Board *AGREED* not to take the matter any further. They would however, monitor any future correspondence that they had with Miss Chance and take further action if she failed to answer the Commissioners enquires in the required timeframe.

WAR MEMORIAL 12/254

The Chairman referred back to Minute 12/224 and informed Members that a letter had been received from the Right Reverend Robert Paterson, Bishop of Sodor and Man. Members *NOTED* the contents of the Bishop's letter in which he stated the Dean had apologised to the Royal British Legion. Since, however, the Commissioners had been fully briefed on the considerable improvements to the Cathedral grounds, it would be unexpected for the Dean to apologise to the Commissioners. However, if the Commissioners still felt that there was a need for an apology, then it would be helpful for the Commissioners to let the Dean know what he had done to offend them as this would enable him to deal with the matter.

The Bishop informed Members that he was disappointed with the view of the Commissioners that they wished to have the wall reinstated. In the Bishop's

opinion the new layout undoubtedly enhanced the memorial and to reinstate the wall would be a great shame.

Mr. Jones reported that the remarks made by the Dean that the wall was in an unsafe condition was inaccurate. Mr. Jones informed Members that the wall could have been repaired at a relatively low cost. Mr. Jones reported that he was shocked to hear that the Dean thought that the British Legion did not have any interest in the war memorial which showed a complete lack of understanding on his part as to what the war memorial was about. Mr. Jones informed Members that the British Legion were currently looking into the legality of who owned the war memorial which had been built by public subscription for the people of Peel regardless of their religion or creed. The Board *AGREED* to write to the Bishop and request a meeting with him to discuss the matter. The meeting would also be attended by representatives from the Royal British Legion and the War Memorial Committee.

WESTERN
TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT
PLAN

12/255

Reference was made to Minute 12/226 regarding an email that had been received from Mr. Derek Sewell, Network Planning Manager from the Department of Infrastructure regarding the public consultation to create a one-way system in Glenfaba Road and Patrick Street. Mr. Sewell informed the Board that the Department had received 15 responses during its consultation period which opposed the proposal primarily because it would increase traffic speeds and they did not wish to see the imposition of traffic cushions on a terrace street. As a result the Minister had reviewed the outcome of the consultation and the Department had decided not to pursue the one way traffic order for this location.

Mr. Cushing stated that he was confused by the Department's policy

regarding the one way system and questioned if this meant that the Traffic Management Plan had now been shelved by the Department and if this was the case were the Department going to draw up a new traffic management plan for Peel. The Board *AGREED* to write to Mr. Sewell and ask him to clarify the situation.

<p>QUEEN ELIZABETH 11 HIGH SCHOOL</p>	<p>12/256</p>	<p>The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 12/227 and reported that Mr. Crookall, MHK had still not responded to the Commissioners request that a boundary extension be applied for to bring the Queen Elizabeth 11 High School within the Town boundary. Members <i>AGREED</i> to send a further letter to Mr. Crookall requesting him to support the Commissioners in their bid to have the Town boundary extended.</p>	<p>Letter sent</p>
<p>VANDALISM</p>	<p>12/257</p>	<p>The Chairman referred back to Minute 12/229 and informed the Board that a meeting had been arranged with Peel Police to discuss the problem of vandalism in the Town. <i>NOTED</i></p>	
<p>ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT</p>	<p>12/258</p>	<p>Mr. Jones referred back to Minute 12/238 and reported that the Armed Forces Community Covenant was very commendable as the consultation set out to address the issues that affecting armed service personal once they had left the Armed Forces. Mr. Jones stated that the main impact it would have that affected the Commissioners was that they would be required to give priority when allocating houses to people who had left the Armed Forces. Mrs. Moughtin stated that in her opinion ex-service personnel should be prioritised for first time buyers housing and given the opportunity to purchase their own home. Mr. Cushing commented that he supported what Mr. Watterson had set out to achieve in this consultation and he agreed with Mr. Jones that ex-service personnel should be given priority for public sector housing as they may have insufficient funding to purchase their own home and find it very difficult to</p>	

gain employment once they left the armed forces. *NOTED*

PEEL BEACH
MISSION 12/259

Reference was made to Minute 12/241 and the Board *NOTED* an email that had been sent to Mr. Michael Clarkson, Organiser of Peel Beach Mission suggesting that the Commissioners organise a small celebration on Friday 2nd August 2013 to celebrate his 50th anniversary of running the Peel beach mission. The event would involve games with the children on the beach at 7.00p.m. and the adults would then retire to the Sailing Club at 8.00p.m. to mark the occasion. The Finance Officer reported that a reply was awaited from Mr. Clarkson as to whether this proposal was acceptable.

BIG TIDY UP 12/260

The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 12/242 and informed Members that she had received an email from Mr. Harmer who was unable to attend the meeting informing her that it would be impossible to co-ordinate the beach clean with the Big Tidy Up Campaign. However a date for a beach clean would be arranged in due course. *NOTED*

Arising therefrom the Finance Officer reported that a response from the schools in Peel as to whether they would like to become involved in the Big Tidy Campaign was still awaited. *NOTED*

WESTERN
SWIMMING POOL 12/261

The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/244 and informed Members that the outdoor staff had sprayed the weeds at the swimming pool the previous day. *NOTED*

BMX TRACK 12/262

The Technical Officer referred back to Minute 12/245 and informed Members that it would cost £50 per day to hire a mini digger and £30 per ton for the fine grit that would be required by Mr. Cain to enable him to upgrade and improve the BMX track on the headlands. The Board *AGREED* that Mr. Quayle contact Mr. Cain and instruct him to TQ

carry out the necessary improvements.

IRIS SCHEME	12/263	Mr. Cushing referred back to Minute 12/246 and enquired if a response had been received from the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority as to whether they had some unspent finances that could be directed towards work on an IRIS Scheme for Peel. The Finance Officer reported that to date a response had not been received from the Chairman of the Authority. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that a further letter would be sent asking for the Department to respond to their request.	
ARMY CADETS	12/264	The Finance Officer referred back to Minute 12/247 and reported that a response was still awaited from the Army Cadets as to whether they had made contact with the group that operated the Fisherman's Shelter on the East Quay to see if they were able to utilise their building as a meeting place. <i>NOTED</i>	
PEEL TOWN CENTRE PARKING STUDY	12/265	Mr. Cushing referred back to Minute 12/250 and enquired if a response in writing had been received from Mr. Crookall, MHK regarding the Commissioners concerns as to his non contribution to the study and his non-attendance at the special Board meeting held on 9 th August 2012 when the draft study was discussed. The Finance Officer informed Members no response had been received. The Board <i>AGREED</i> that a further letter be sent to Mr. Crookall asking him to address the Commissioners concerns.	Letter sent
PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT	12/266	The following planning applications were considered as follows:- PA 12/01221/B Installation of replacement windows to front elevation, 10 Duke Street, Peel. <i>RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.</i> PA 12/01231/B Clearing and levelling of garden and erection of raised decking (retrospective), 4 Stand Street, Peel.	Letter sent

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

PLANNING
DECISIONS
NOTIFIED

12/267

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

PA 12/01059/B Installation of replacement shop window, 19 Douglas Street, Peel for Clear Pharmacy (IOM) Limited. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01011/B Installation of wrought iron gates to replace existing gates, 15A Factory Lane, Peel for Veronica Vondy. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01030/B Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation, 23 Factory Lane, Peel for Ms. Jane Hinchcliffe. *APPROVED*

PA 12/01121/B Alterations and extension to rear of dwelling, 10 Stanley Road, Peel for Mr. Bruno and Mrs. Jill Cavellec. *APPROVED*

PA 12/00628/C

12/268

The Board *NOTED* a letter from the Planning Office informing them that the change of use of ground floor of dwelling as a recording studio, The Old Bakery, Factory Lane, Peel had now been withdrawn. *NOTED*

PA 12/01123/B

12/269

Mr. Cushing informed Members that there had been a number of amendments to the original application that had been submitted for the 101 houses by Heritage Homes. The Board *AGREED* that they did not have a problem with the amendments to the house types that had been approved under PA 10/00544/B they would however have a problem if Heritage Homes wished to increase the number of properties being built on the site. It was further *AGREED* that the Commissioners would carefully monitor any future applications that were submitted by Heritage Homes.

PEEL MEDICAL
CENTRE

12/270

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that Peel Heritage Trust had gained a

Building Preservation Order for a four month period for the Old Surgery, Derby Road. Mrs. Moughtin commented that Peel Heritage Trust were quite within their rights to obtain the order. This four month period would allow them time to put together their case on why the building should not be demolished.

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that Shoprite clearly wanted to take over the whole of the area and create more parking for their new store.

Mrs. Moughtin reported that Peel Heritage Trust did not have a problem with the expansion of the Shoprite Store they were merely looking to preserve the Old Doctors Surgery. Mrs. Moughtin explained that for people to suddenly hear that old doctors surgery was going to be demolished had caused people to panic and this had lead to Peel Heritage Trust obtaining a four month Building Preservation Notice.

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that they need to let events run their course and wait to see what happened when the Building Preservation Notice had expired. Mrs Moughtin reported that she was able to understand both sides of the argument Shoprite wanted to demolish the old surgery and build car parking space whereas Peel Heritage Trust wanted to preserve what used to be part of the old school and an important part of the heritage of Peel.

Mr. Cushing reported that he had spoken to Andrew Thomas, Chief Executive of Isle of Man Enterprises who had informed him that Shoprite had agreed to buy the old doctors surgery in January 2012. Mr. Cushing requested that Mr. Thomas's letter that had been received by the Board be discussed in public rather than "In Committee".

The Chairman asked Members of the public to leave the meeting while

Members decided whether the letter should be discussed in Public.

Mrs. Moughtin enquired as to why the Commissioners had not been informed of the purchase of the Old surgery before now. Mr. Cushing replied that the person who was dealing with the sale from the Department of Health had been on long term sick leave.

The Chairman read out Mr. Thomas's letter which informed Members that the company had bought the property in good faith always making clear that their proposal was to clear the site and generate extra car parking.

Mr. Thomas explained that he did not believe the building as it stood had any architectural merit. He was aware that when the original Clothworkers School was demolished his company donated the stone to Peel Town Commissioners which was then used to build the new life boathouse. Mr. Thomas reported that he would like to extend that offer and donate any stone from the existing structure

Mr. Thomas stated that unfortunately he believed that Mr. Crookall, MHK had made a request for the building to be listed. Mr. Thomas stated that Shoprite had hoped to demolish the building and create a new car park in time for the opening of the new store. This would now be extremely unlikely and he hoped that he would be able to count on the Commissioners support for his company to demolish the Old Surgery. Mr. Thomas informed Members that he would be grateful to know their views.

After discussing the letter the Board *AGREED* to discuss the letter as part of the public meeting.

Mrs. Moughtin informed Members that she was of the opinion that Shoprite should have informed the Commissioners that they had bought the

building and what their intentions were.

Mrs. Moughtin reported that she had known of other businesses that had been shown round the property by the Estate Agent after Shoprite had in fact purchase the property.

The Chairman enquired as to how this would affect the piece of land owned by the Commissioner as this would now be located in the middle of the land owned by Shoprite. Mr. Davison reported that if Shoprite wanted to create more car parking space then the Commissioners would be able to swop their land with Shoprite.

Mrs. Moughtin informed the Board that a number of people in Peel had an attachment to the building and suggested that if you took away the extension built on to the Old Surgery and just left the original building it may satisfy Members of the public who did not wish to see the building being demolished.

Members of the public re-entered the meeting and the Chairman read out Mr. Thomas's letter.

Mr. Jones reported he would like the reference in the letter corrected because as far as the Board were aware Mr Crookall was not involved in obtaining the Preservation Notice it was in fact Peel Heritage Trust.

Mr. Jones stated that he agreed with Mrs. Moughtin's views on this matter.

Mr. Cushing informed Members that although he was of the opinion that heritage was important he found it slightly odd that after the building had been empty for eighteen months a Building Preservation Notice had been placed on the property. Mr Cushing reported Shoprite were trying to improve the car parking and had invested considerable sums of money in

the town. He did not agree that the building should be listed and he supported the view that the building should be demolished.

Mrs. Moughtin indicated that the Commissioners had not been provided with any plans for the redevelopment of the site. Mr. Cushing stated that there was no legal obligation for Shoprite to inform the Commissioners as to what their plans were. Mr Cushing was of the view that the building had been empty for eighteen months and was not suitable to be used as a Town Hall police station, or housing.

Miss Felton was able to see both sides of the argument. It had however been misleading for estate agents to show people round the building when in fact it had already been sold.

Mr. Davison informed Members that he had been shown round the building a couple of months ago as he had the intention of purchasing the building. It seemed however that the Department of Health had already sold the building to Shoprite.

Mr. Jones stated that he agreed with Mrs. Moughtin's views that the Building Preservation Notice should run its course. Mr. Lace informed Members that he did not want to see the building demolished.

The Board *AGREED* by six Members to one with Mr. Cushing voting against, not to offer their support to Shoprite to obtain a Demolition Order.

FOOD PARK

12/271

Members considered a letter that had been received from Mrs. Jane Tatchell of 60 Patrick Street regarding planning application 12/0044/B. Mrs. Tatchell informed the Commissioners that while she had no objection to the improvement of the Peel fish yard her neighbours and herself did however have concerns about the proposed

increase in lighting. Miss Tatchell stated that the plans showed a large increase in the number of lamp standards and although mention was made of “shrouded to prevent light pollution” there was no diagram or picture to show what these would look like. Mrs. Tatchell informed Members that if there was to be a large increase in lighting then this would be a nuisance to the residents along Patrick Street and Glenfaba Road.

The Chairman suggested that the lighting could be shrouded on one side to prevent the lights glaring into people’s property. It was however not up to the Board of Peel Town Commissioners to say that the food park would not be allowed to have increased lighting provision. Mr. Lace informed Members that the Commissioners had previously put plates in street lights to deflect the light away from people’s properties and this method would be able to be utilised in the fish yard. Mr. Davison reported that the owners of the businesses in the fish yard had not been consulted over the types of lighting that was being installed. Mr. Cushing informed Members that the plan that had been provided to the Board did not include a detailed analysis as to what lighting was being installed. Mr. Cushing suggested that the Commissioners write to the Department of Infrastructure and ask them to request that Mr. Hamilton provides a detailed plan of the lighting scheme.

HOUSING REVIEW 12/272
CONSULTATION
RESPONSE
REPORT

Mr. Jones, Lead Member for Housing referred to the Housing Review Consultation Response that had been issued by the Hon. Chris Robertshaw, MHK, Minister for Social Care and requested that the matter be deferred to the next meeting to allow him more time to consider the document.
AGREED

LOCAL AUTHORITY USER GROUP MEETINGS	12/273	The Board <i>NOTED</i> a letter that had been received from Miss Sarah Corlett, Senior Planning Officer from the Department of Infrastructure informing them that four sessions had been set up which would allow members of Local Authorities to discuss with Planning Officers on how the planning system worked. Members <i>AGREED</i> that the Chairman, Mr. Lace, Mrs. Moughtin, Miss Felton and Mr. Davison attend the meeting for the West on 13 th November 2012 which would take place in the Town Hall.	
MANX FELL RACE	12/274	Members <i>NOTED</i> a letter that had been sent to them by David Griffin, Club Secretary of the Manx Fell Runners informing them that the Junior Hill Race was due to take place on Saturday 6 th October 2012 at 1.00p.m. The event would take place at the Fenella Beach end of Peel Hill.	
PEEL BOAT PARK (CAR PARK) ORDER 2012	12/275	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of the Peel Boat (Car Park) Order 2012 which would permit car parking in the former Peel Boat Park. Mrs. Moughtin commented that this Order would create more car parking that was desperately needed in Peel. Mr. Davison informed the Board that he would speak to Mr. Hamilton and ask him to make sure that the fish yard workers parked here rather than taking up space in the coach park. <i>NOTED</i> .	IGD
SURFACE WATER SCHEME	12/276	Mr. Cushing reported that he had been contacted by David Jones who had come up with a plan to divert the surface water from his site so that there would be no obvious concerns of hydraulic overload with the old drainage sewage in this part of Peel. Mr. Cushing informed Members that Mr. Jones had a potential solution which substantially reduced the hydraulic overload. Mr. Jones had stated that there was a watercourse running through the industrial area below his site which he believed may be	

the mill race from Glenfaba Mill running directly into the River Neb. This was approximately 250 metres distance from the combined sewage and surface water manhole in Glenfaba Road and the rest being farm land.

Mr. Jones was of the opinion that a surface water pipeline link between Glenfaba Road and the watercourse would drain all of the surface water from Ballatessan estate which would greatly relieve overloading in lower Peel and eliminate concern over additional connections. This solution would eliminate the need to dig up Patrick Street. Mr. Cushing reported that Mr. Jones was looking for the Commissioners support with this scheme as it would be a benefit to Peel. Mr. Cushing informed Members that Mr. Jones was willing to meet with the Board to discuss the matter.

The Chairman enquired if it was Mr. Jones who wished to build houses opposite the nursing home. Mr. Cushing reported that Mr. Jones had permission to build 20+ houses on this site. The Technical Officer informed Members that Glenfaba Park and Ballatessan Meadows were the only two estates that were separating surface water.

Mr. Cushing reported that he had been informed by Mr Jones that as soon as a minor issue over surface water had been resolved with the Water and Sewerage Authority Mr. Jones would be ready to start building. The Chairman enquired as to how this scheme would affect Mr Jones with regards to building his houses. Mr. Cushing reported that Mr. Jones obviously had permission for the foul sewage; however there was an issue with the Water and Sewerage Authority regarding surface water. The Technical Officer informed Members that Mr Jones would have to install the sewer himself which would have to go right down to the river.

Mr. Jones indicated that he would like to obtain the Water and Sewerage Authorities views regarding this proposal. The Technical Officer informed Members that the Department would support the scheme due to the surface water being removed. The Board *AGREED* to meet with David Jones to discuss the matter further.

MARINE PLAN – STATEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	12/277	Consideration was given to the Isle of Man Marine Plan from Dr Peter McEvoy, Marine Specialist Planning Project Officer. It was <i>AGREED</i> that this matter be deferred to the next meeting for more detailed consideration.	
CONSULTATION SUMMARY JURISDICTION AND MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS BILL 2012	12/278	Mr. Jones reported that the purpose of the Consultation Summary Jurisdiction and Miscellaneous Amendments Bill was to assist the Treasury to collect fines, unpaid fines and other related items as currently Treasury had a problem collecting some of these items which lead to large amounts of money having to be written off. <i>NOTED</i>	
POPPY APPEAL	12/279	Members <i>AGREED</i> to a request from Nick Buckley, Head of Poppy Appeal from the Royal British Legion to allow poppys to be sold in the Town Hall from 25 th October 2012 for the Legions Annual Poppy Appeal.	
JURBY CIVIC SUNDAY	12/280	Members <i>NOTED</i> receipt of an invitation to Jurby Parish Commissioners Civic Sunday Service to be held on 30 th September 2012 at 11.15a.m. The Chairman indicated that he would attend.	Letter sent
REGENERATION	12/281	Members <i>NOTED</i> the notes of the meeting from the Regeneration Committee which had taken place on 6 th August 2012. The Board further <i>NOTED</i> the agenda for the meeting that had taken place on 3 rd September 2012.	
		Arising therefrom Mr. Cushing informed Members that rather than	

working on lots of little schemes the Regeneration Committee should be concentrating on one big scheme which was to improve the car parking facilities in Douglas Street car park. This would encourage businesses to invest in the Town. Mr. Cushing reported that a recent study that had been commissioned showed that additional parking was needed. Mr. Cushing informed Members that the Regeneration Committee had done a great job in organising a number of cultural events. They did however need to focus their efforts on the car parking.

Members *AGREED* to ask Mr. Harmer and Mrs. O'Halloran, Peel Town Commissioners representatives on the Regeneration Committee to advise the Committee that the Board would like to see them concentrate their efforts on getting Government to provide funds to build a multi storey car park in Douglas Street.

FISHERMANS
SHELTER

12/282

The Board *NOTED* a letter from Mrs. Debbie Lee, Secretary to the Director of the Harbours informing them that their letter dated 7th September 2012 regarding the Fisherman's Shelter on East Quay that had been addressed to Captain Brew had been passed on to Mr. Rodney Christopher, Director of Properties, who was responsible for all property matters including negotiations of the terms of leases. The Finance Office informed Members that to date no response had been received.

Letter sent

The Board *AGREED* to send a further letter to Mr. Christopher and to ascertain what the Departments long term plans were for the Fishermans Shelter as the current tenants wished to have a twenty five year lease. They wanted to invest money in the property and renew the roof. It would not be financially viable for them to do this if they were only offered a one year lease.

SOLWAY HARVESTER	12/283	Mr. Lace referred back to Minute 12/228 and informed the Board that it had been reported in the newspapers that the Solway Harvester was to be taken early in 2013 to Ramsey to be cut up. Mr. Lace reported that he would like to see the boat taken out to sea and sunk were the ship had originally gone down. <i>NOTED</i>	
BENCH OUTSIDE HEATHFIELD HOUSE	12/284	Mr. Lace enquired if the Technical Officer would obtain a quote for a bench for Mrs. Rodgers. The bench would be placed at the entrance to Heathfield House on Patrick Street. The Technical Officer reported that he had already purchased a bench and would liaise with Mrs. Rogers with regards to the cost of the bench. <i>NOTED</i>	YQ
WEST VIEW PLAY PARK	12/285	Miss Felton reported that she had been informed by a member of the public that the Commissioners had purchased new swings and a climbing frame. The Technical Officer reported that the items were currently in storage and would be fitted over the winter months. <i>NOTED</i>	
WESTERN VIKINGS RUGBY CLUB	12/286	Miss Felton enquired if there was a rugby pitch in Peel and was informed that the only pitch available was at the Queen Elizabeth High School. Miss Felton reported that the Western Vikings used this pitch but the fees had proved too expensive for them to train there. Mr. Cushing reported that they had been training for the last few weeks on the headlands. Mr. Lace informed Members that they had originally used the campsite field for training. Miss Felton undertook to obtain more details from the club as to the problems that they were having with regards to finding somewhere to train. <i>NOTED</i>	KF
WESTERN SWIMMING POOL	12/287	Mr. Davison informed Members that the Western Swimming Pool Board would like to use the television room at the campsite for their life guard training on 15 th and 19 th October 2012. Mr.	

Davison reported that the swimming pool would also like to use the television room during their sponsored 24 hour swim which was to take place on 4th and 5th January 2013. *AGREED*

STREET LIGHTING 12/288

Mr. Jones reported that he had received a query from a resident as to why on Sunday the street lighting had been switched off at 1.00a.m. in the morning in the rest of Peel. However, on the Ballawattleworth Estate the street lighting had been left on all night. The Technical Officer undertook to investigate the matter. *NOTED* TQ

MANX BLIND WELFARE SOCIETY FLAG DAY 12/289

The Finance Officer informed Members that a letter had been received from Debbie Kenyon, Volunteers Co-ordinator and Events Organiser of the Manx Blind Welfare Society thanking the Commissioners for kindly granting permission for the Manx Blind Welfare Society to hold a flag day on Friday 31st August 2012. Ms. Kenyon had reported that the total raised was £1,408.49. Ms. Kenyon had reported that the Society hoped to have a collection at the Shoprite Store in October if the Commissioners had no objection. *AGREED*

MEMORIAL BENCHES 12/290

The Finance Officer reported that she had received a letter from Mrs. T Mellor of 53 Kerroo Coar, Peel requesting if the Commissioners would grant her permission for a memorial bench for Katie Shepherd to be placed on Peel Hill on the Fenella Beach side if possible. Mr. Cushing informed Members that he was of the opinion that the Commissioners policy was to plant trees in memory of someone as there were already too many memorial benches. The Board *AGREED* that as trees did not survive very long in that particular location the Technical officer would ascertain whether there was a spot that the bench could be placed. TQ

Arising therefrom the Finance Officer informed Members that a letter had

been received from Cathy Hartley requesting permission to erect a bench in remembrance of her late husband Mr. Rex Hartley. Throughout his life Mr. Hartley had spent much of his spare time around Peel Hill, Fenella Beach and the Weatherglass Corner area and Mrs. Hartley thought it would be a fitting tribute to have a bench around this area in his memory. Mr. Lace enquired if any of the benches at Weatherglass corner would be able to be utilised for erecting a plaque on. The Technical Officer reported that these benches were owned by the Harbour Board. It was *AGREED* that the Technical Officer approach the Department of Infrastructure to see if Mrs. Hartley could erect a plaque on one of their benches.

PLANNING
APPLICATION
12/01138/B

12/291

The Finance Officer reported that she had received a letter from the Planning Department regarding planning application 12/01138/B. The application was to erect three terraced houses with parking and vehicular access on the Ramsey Road. The land was adjacent to Carnaween, Battery Road to which the Commissioners had originally objected as they had concerns regarding the sewage capacity. The Planning Department stated that they understood that Peel Town Commissioners acted as agents for the Water and Sewerage Authority so it was up to them to provide evidence as to why there was insufficient capacity for the sewage system to cope with the extra three properties. Without this evidence then there would be no grounds for the Commissioners to appeal. The Technical Officer informed Members that it would be difficult to provide them with the information they required. The Board *AGREED* that Mr. Quayle provide the Department with such information as necessary.

TQ

This part of the meeting ended at 8.30p.m.

