

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 16th February, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cpt. N. H. Malpass, Mrs. E. Carlile, Messrs. Dr. A. J. Allinson, K. A. Crowe, K. B. Mayne, G. K. Quayle, R. Radcliffe and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames S. P. Beattie and E. M. Bruce and Messrs. B. Beattie and L. I. Singer.

The Town Clerk and Minute Clerk were in attendance. The Finance Officer and Chief Technical Officer were not in attendance owing to ill health.

The Chairman referred to the death on 27th January, 2011, of the former Town Clerk Mr. Tom Tregellis, to his long and devoted service to the Town and asked that a Minute's Silence be observed to his memory.

(2010/11:362) Minutes – Board Meetings:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on 19th January, 2011, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2010/11:363) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: to note and approve the Chairman's Report dated 11th February, 2011, , subject to the following:-

Mr. Ray Parry Retirement – the Chairman reiterated the Board's appreciation of the service given by Mr. Parry.

(2010/11:364) Town Clerk's Report – Action Pending:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 11th February, 2011, detailing matters pending response or action.

(2010/11:365) Town Clerk's Report – Boundary Review Committee:

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report dated 9th February, 2011, concerning the views sought by the Boundary Review Committee to review the electoral constituencies in the Isle of Man.

Resolved: That the Review Committee be informed that the Commission would wish to see equal representation either by way of single seat constituencies, or 8 constituencies each with three elected members; that a transferrable voting system be introduced and that Tynwald should have regard to recommendations presented by the Independent Committee.



(2010/11:366) Town Clerk’s Report – Consultation – Consultation Large Vehicles Parked in Residential Areas:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s Report dated 9th February, 2011.

Resolved: That the Department of Infrastructure be informed that the Commission is unable to identify an area that might be suitable for use as a secure car park for large vehicles and that the cost of providing adequate security would be prohibitive.

Whilst members recognised that parking large vehicles was seen as un-neighbourly, particularly in areas of high residential density people wish to park by their homes. Members felt that the Police could do more to prevent illegal and inconsiderate parking.

(2010/11:367) Town Clerk’s Report – Extradition Bill Consultation:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s Report dated 9th February, 2011, concerning the Draft Extradition Bill.

Resolved: That the Chief Secretary’s Office be informed of the Commission’s view that there should be full extradition facilities to and from the Island.

Members felt that trade agreements being in place to areas that might be considered unsuitable for extradition was unacceptable and were concerned at the costs that might be put on the Island economy in keeping persons at the prison either pending extradition or in cases where there is no extradition agreement.

(2010/11:368) Town Clerk’s Report – Young Persons Working Group

Members considered the Town Clerk’s Report dated 12th February, 2011, concerning the Report of the Young Persons Working Group. The Report outlined the Council of Ministers Revised Recommendations.

Resolved: That the Young Persons Working Group be advised of the Commission’s support and comments as detailed within the Town Clerk’s Report.

(2010/11:369) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s Report dated 11th February, 2011, subject to the following:

A query with regard to the Revenue Accounts was answered to Members’ satisfaction.



(2010/11:370) Chief Technical Officer’s Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: That Chief Technical Officer’s Report dated 13th January, 2011, detailing planning applications received from the Department of Local Government and the Environment under the planning consultation procedures, be noted and approved, and that submissions of “no objection” be made, subject to the following:

REF NO: 2798 Amended Plans
P.A. NO.: 10/01693/B
APPLICANT: Heritage Homes Limited
PROPOSED: Widening of highway and creation of priority junction at existing section of single carriageway (alternative to dual carriageway previously approved under P.A.'s 03/00790, 03/01846 & 10/00392)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Highway, Roadside Hedge, Land adjacent to Highway, Gardeners Lane, Ramsey.**

Members noted that two letter of objection had been received, which the Town Clerk read, referring to the loss of trees and hedges and expressing concern at the congestion that will arise at time when the TT Course is closed. Reference was made to the West Ramsey Development Strategy and the Town plan that required an additional road to be developed.

Members agreed to object to the application and invite members of the Planning Committee to view the access arrangements. It was also agreed to invite comment as to why it the developers had been permitted to already remove trees and erect “Harris fencing”.

REF NO: 2822
P.A. NO.: 11/00079/B
APPLICANT: Raven Construction Limited
PROPOSED: First floor extension over existing garage to provide roof space storage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Lock up Garages, Land at rear of Ballure Road, Ramsey.**
Recommendation: No objection subject to a condition preventing the store being used as habitable accommodation or commercial use.

Whilst members had no objection to the application it was agreed to submit an observation that the extension should not be used for habitation or commercial purposes.



(2010/11:371) Chief Technical Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Chief Technical Officer's General Report dated 9th February, 2011.

(2010/11:372) Administration Officer's Report – Enforcement Actions:

Resolved: To note and approve the Administration Officer's Report dated 7th February advising of successful legal action taken against Mr. P. A. Tawn for parking in a space designated for use by disabled drivers. It was noted that two further actions are awaiting prosecution.

(2010/11:373) Manx Grand Prix – Road Closures:

Resolved: To note that the Manx Grand Prix organisers have advised that there will be no provision to allow the T.T. Course to be crossed between racing and the later practice session on 27th August, 2011.

(2010/11:374) Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Resolved: That the Isle of Man Guide Dogs for the Blind be designated as the nominated Charity for the June 2011 Sprint. It was noted that the organisers of the Sprint are in support of the request.

(2010/11:375) Bus Timetables:

Resolved: To note that a Special meeting is to be held on Monday 28th February, 2011, to discuss the inadequacies of the Bus Service with the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure and officers of his Department.

(2010/11:376) Civic Sunday – Malew:

Resolved: To note receipt of the invitation from the Chairman, Mrs. Brenda Crellin, and the Members of Malew Parish Commissioners to attend the Civic Sunday Service at The Abbey Church Ballasalla, on Sunday, 6th March, 2011, at 3.00 p.m., after which light refreshments will be served in the Village Hall.

(2010/11:377) Charitable Collections:

Resolved: to note that Charitable Street Collections have been approved as follows:

Wednesday 23 rd February	Rotary Club of Ramsey – Polio Awareness
Saturday, 30 th April	Isle of Man Guide Dogs for the Blind
Saturday, 9 th July	St. John Ambulance
Friday, 29 th July	Manx Blind Welfare Society
Saturday, 6 th August	Anti Cancer

Any Other Business:

(2010/11:378) Civic Sunday – Michael:

Resolved: To note receipt of the invitation from the Chairman and Members of Michel Parish Commissioners to attend Civic Sunday on 20th March, 2011.

The Chairman indicated his wish to attend.

(2010/11:379) Royal Wedding – Street Parties:

Resolved: To inform the Department of Infrastructure that the Commission would raise no objection to the placement of a single advertisement advertising any applications received for road closures to accommodate street parties to commemorate the forthcoming Royal Wedding in April, 2011.

(2010/11:380) Vintage Motorcycle Club Rally MGP:

Resolved: To note receipt of correspondence from the Vintage Motorcycle Club advising that they will not be staging the Rally in Ramsey during the Manx Grand Prix as they have been asked to support an event being organised by Government in Douglas.

(2010/11:381) Rate Statement 2011/2012:

Mr. R. Radcliffe, Lead Member for Finance, presented the Statement on the Town Rate for 2011/12. Mr. Radcliffe confirmed that due to careful budgeting and control of income and expenditure during the past twelve months the Commission had been able to maintain the Town Rate at 322p in the £.

Mr. Radcliffe conveyed thanks to the Members and staff for their work during difficult times when there had been little growth in the Town.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance and closed the Public Sitting at 7.47 p.m.



Chairman.