

**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, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cpt. N. H. Malpass, Mesdames, Mrs. S. P. Beattie, Mrs. E. M. Bruce and Mrs. E. Carlile and Messrs. Dr. A. J. Allinson, B. Beattie, K B. Mayne, G. K. Quayle, R. Radcliffe, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. B. Beattie and K. A. Crowe.

The Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Chief Technical Officer and Minute Clerk were in attendance.

**(2010/11:008) Minutes – Board Meetings**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

**Clause 2010/472 – Notion of Motion:** The Clause was amended to reflect the request for comparisons to be sought between 1986, 1999 and 2009.

**(2010/11:009) Chairman’s Report:**

Resolved: to note and approve the Chairman’s Report dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, subject to the following:

**HMS Ramsey:** The Chairman took the opportunity to reiterate his thanks.

**(2010/11:010) Town Clerk’s Report – Amendment to Election Rules:**

Members noted the Town Clerk’s Report dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, advising proposed amendments to the Representation of the People Act, 1995, Schedule 2 – Election Rules. The proposed amendments will affect the delivery of documents, after an election, to the Rolls Office and the procedure for the inspection thereof.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Radcliffe, seconded by Mr. G. K. Quayle and agreed unanimously that the recommendations of the Clerk of the Rolls be accepted and supported.

**(2010/11:011) Town Clerk’s Report – Bleak House:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk’s Report dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, which sets out the current position with regard to legal proceeds instigated against Messrs. Pygott-White Ltd., with regard to the property Bleak House, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey.



**(2010/11:012) Town Clerk's Report – Race Relations Act 2004 Consultation...**

Members noted the Town Clerk's Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, which referred to the Consultation Document on the Code of Practice for Public Authorities with regard to Race Relations, copies of which had been supplied to members.

Resolved: that principles of the Code of Practice be supported.

**(2010/11:013) Town Clerk's Report – Combination Authorities:**

Members noted the Town Clerk's report dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, concerning the requirement to appoint members to serve on the Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee and the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board for three year terms, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010:

It was proposed by Mr. G. K. Quayle, seconded by Mrs. E. Carlile and agreed unanimously that Mrs. E. M. Bruce be appointed to serve on the Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee and Dr. A. J. Allinson on the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board for three year terms commencing 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010.

**(2010/11:014) Town Clerk's Report – Review of Business Taxation System:**

Members considered the consultation document issued by The Treasury, "Reviewing the Isle of Man's Business Taxation System", copies of which had previously been provided.

General discussion ensued during which the following views were expressed:

- the Island should voluntarily introduce changes before it are forced to do so;
- the Isle of Man should not respond too quickly, particularly in view of the change of Government in the United Kingdom;
- there should be tax credits for Manx company directors;
- any changes made must be for the benefit of the Island;
- the Island must distance itself from the European Union;
- taxation must be fair;
- change in taxation could result in companies relocating

Resolved: That the commissioners' advise Treasury of the above and that they believe that the Government should adopt a watch and wait policy.

**(2010/11:015) Finance Officer's Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, subject to the following:

**Rates:** The figure appearing as Rates Due 2009-10 was corrected to read £2,152,796.40



**(2010/11:016) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications:**

Resolved: That Report prepared on behalf of the Chief Technical Officer dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, 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: 2649 **AMENDED PLANS**  
P.A. NO.: 09/01554/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. A. Desmond  
PROPOSED: Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached dwelling  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land adjacent to Okara, Crescent Road, Ramsey.**

The Chief Technical Officer read two letters of objection and after considering the application decided that their previous objections on the grounds of over-intensity, un-neighbourliness and that the proposals are not in accordance with the Local Plan with regard to the development of Infill/backland sites remained and resolved to object accordingly.

REF NO: 2729  
P.A. NO.: 10/00510/B  
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. D. Lacey  
PROPOSED: Extension and alterations to existing dwelling  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Mandalay, Lezayre Road, Ramsey.**

The Chief Technical Officer read two letters of objection. Members resolved to object to the application on the grounds that the extension will be too close to neighbouring properties and is therefore considered un-neighbourly and over-intensive.

REF NO: 2731  
P.A. NO.: 10/00527/B  
APPLICANT: Mrs. M. Lombard-Chibnall  
PROPOSED: Demolition of existing garages and erection of a replacement garage with storage/workshop at first floor and link extension to existing dwelling including removal of three trees  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Poyll Shellee, Claughbane Road, Ramsey.**

Members expressed concern that the description did not match the extent of the proposed works and agreed to submit an observation that a separate dwelling should not be formed and that any trees removed must be replaced.



**(2010/11:016) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications Continued**

REF NO: 2738  
P.A. NO.: 10/00608/D  
APPLICANT: Cowley Groves  
PROPOSED: Erection of Advertsising Signage (retrspective)  
NOTES: Advertsing  
SITE: **9, Parliament Street**

Members agreed to submit the observation that the application should have been aware of the planning requirements.

REF NO: 2739  
P.A. NO.: 10/006078/C  
APPLICANT: Cowley Groves  
PROPOSED: Additional use of retail premises to estate agency (retrospective)  
NOTES: Change of Use  
SITE: **9, Parliament Street**

Members agreed to submit the observation that the application should have been aware of the planning requirements.

REF NO: 2740  
P.A. NO.: 10/00606/B  
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs W.P. Holland  
PROPOSED: Erections of extensions to dwelling house and creation of additional off roadparking  
NOTES: PA in Detail  
SITE: **71, Greenlands Avenue**

Members resolved to submit an objection as the proposed garage width is considered impractical for purpose and the use of the front garden area for car parking is considered un-neighbourly.

REF NO: 2741  
P.A. NO.: 10/00602/R  
APPLICANT: The Milntown Trust  
PROPOSED: Erection of signage (retrspective)  
NOTES: Advertsing  
SITE: **Stella Maris, Moubntain Road.**

Whilst not objecting to the application, members noted that it is understood that the signs are to be removed after T.T. fortnight.

**(2010/11:017) Chief Technical Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Chief Technical Officer's General Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, subject to the following:

***Building Control Act.. Demolition Sunnybank and Greenbank:*** Mr. R. Radcliffe declared an interest.

***Reconstruction Bowring Road:*** The Chief Technical Officer confirmed that it is still an option to reverse the flow of traffic across the Swing Bridge. Members expressed serious concern that this would result in heavy vehicles using the Swing Bridge. The Chief Technical Officer was asked to inform the Department of Infrastructure that the weight of vehicles crossing the Swing Bridge must be monitored and "policed".

**(2010/11:018) Damage to Upland Tracks**

Resolved: To inform Lezayre Parish Commissioners of the Commissioners support for the concerns of Maughold Commissioners about damage to upland tracks within their parish. Members were concerned that damage is being caused and that if legislation exists to protect the environment it is not being enforced.

The Town Clerk informed members that the matter had been discussed at a meeting of the NNPT at which Mr. Beattie had advised that a user group "GLUG" exists, although their remit was unknown.

**(2010/11:019) Provision of Web-cams for Ramsey**

Resolved: To note that agreement has been given to the location of a web-cam (4 inches square by 1.3 inches) in the upstairs library window adjacent to the Age Concern Computer stations.

The web-cam will be linked to a new website [www.ramseycam.com](http://www.ramseycam.com) operated by local company Cop-y-cat, will communicate wirelessly through the existing Age Concern broadband connection and will operate 24/7 looking down on Parliament Square.

**(2010/11:020) Island in Bloom Competitions**

Resolved: To note, with regret, that Isle of Man Tourism will no longer be holding and co-ordinating the annual Island in Bloom Competition due to budget restraints.

**(2010/11:021) Isle of Man Municipal Association:**

Resolved: To note receipt of an invitation to the Annual Meeting of the Isle of Man Municipal Association to be held at the Station Hotel and Dining Pub, Station Road, Port St. Mary, on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, at 7.30 p.m.

**(2010/11:022) Classic Mini Rally**

Resolved: to note that approval has been given to the use of the parking area in the Mooragh Park for a visit of Classic Mini's on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**(2010/11: 023) Nominated Charity – Ramsey Sprint**

Resolved: that Ms Claire Teare be informed that the Board is pleased to permit Friends of the Hyperbaric Chamber to make a charitable collection on Sprint Day, June 8<sup>th</sup> this year.

Mr. G. K. Quayle declared an interest.

**(2010/11:024) Crossroads Community Venture Fun Day**

Resolved: That permission be granted Crossroads Care to hold a charity fund raising day in the Mooragh Park on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010. This event will mark the beginning of Crossroads Manx family Week.

**(2010/11:025) Fun Day Mooragh Park**

Resolved: That Mrs. Sylvia Hepburn, of the Lakeside Centre, be permitted to hold a Fun Day in the Mooragh Park on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. Members noted that a donation will be made to the Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled.

**(2010/11:026) Rotary Events – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

Resolved: That the Rotary Club of Ramsey be permitted to organise a duck dash type event in the Mooragh Park on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, on the same day that the Club is sponsoring a junior tennis competition.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2010/11: 027) Eel Survey:**

Resolved: That permission be granted to the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture to undertake an eel population survey on the Sulby River between the White Bridge and the Stone Bridge.

**(2010/11:028) Tynwald Hill:**

Resolved: That the Chief Secretary be informed of the Board's support of the draft consultation to provide protected status of Tynwald Hill on grounds of historic and cultural importance.

**(2010/11:029) Water Feature Mooragh Park:**

Mr. L. I. Singer drew attention to the unacceptable behaviour of persons roller skating through the Children's Water Feature in the Mooragh Park.

Resolved: That action be taken against anyone caught in breach of the byelaws.

The Chairman thanked the public for their interest and attendance and closed the public session at 7.58 a.m.



Chairman.