A Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017, at 7.00 p.m.


An apology for absence was received from the Rev’d Canon N. D. Greenwood.

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

(2016/17:347) Northern Civic Amenity Site:

The Chief Technical Officer provided a progress update on the Northern Civic Amenity Site. There has been agreement between the Northern Local Authorities to operate for one year as a Committee and review that operation in order that, if considered necessary, the future operation could continue as a Committee or as a Board.

All site costs would be separate from other Ramsey Town Commissioners activities to provide an auditable provision, particularly as the operation of the site would be in partnership with other Northern Local Authorities. Invoices to the partnered Local Authorities would be produced on a three monthly basis.

Clarification is still being sought from the Department of Infrastructure on the status of certain systems which remain within the existing site operation and a further meeting is being held on Tuesday 28th February with members of the Northern Local Authorities attending. An invitation has also been extended to The Minister and representatives from the Department of Infrastructure to attend to clarify those matters still outstanding. Further clarification is required on the use of the weighbridge and other facilities within the site by representatives from the Department of Infrastructure as there were concerns in respect of Data Protection.

General discussion regarding the proposed operation of the site took place and The Finance Officer produced spreadsheets which showed options for staffing levels and costs. There had been some previous discussions with both the Office of Human Resources and Prospect and Unite Unions in respect of staffing levels and proposed pay bands with an indication from at least one of the Unions that Weekend and Bank Holiday working should be reflected in an enhancement to the Public Service Commission pay bands.
Northern Civic Amenity Site Continued:

The Waste Licence application has been prepared and the Finance Officer is to sign the application on behalf of the Commission. The application is required to be advertised and is to be accompanied by the Working Plan. Board members requested that a copy of the Working Plan be circulated to all members. Discussion took place in respect of the existing and possible variation to the opening times for the site and it was agreed that the Committee should monitor the site operation initially to determine the usage of the site at various times of the day and days of the week. The present Planning Approval for the site limits the operational hours by condition to 8 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and Saturday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Sundays.

The Notice of Motion to amend Standing Order 3(7) was proposed by Mr. Cowie and seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed unanimously.

The new Standing order 3(7) is to be:-

“(7) Northern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee:

The Northern District Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee shall be a properly constituted Committee of the Board and having regard to Clause (3) (a-f) the following members shall constitute such Committee:

One representative of the Ramsey Town Commissioners;
One representative nominated by each of the parish districts of Andreas, Ballaugh, Bride, Garff (Maughold), Jurby and Lezayre.

The Committee shall meet at least once per quarter and may invite other Members or officers to attend meetings as considered appropriate.

The remit of the Committee shall be:

- To discharge the statutory functions of each of the authorities under section 69 of the Public Health Act 1990 in relation to the operation of the Civic Amenity Site, and all matters of policy in relation to the Site shall be determined by the Joint Committee.”

A representative for the Committee is to be selected at the March Board meeting and will represent the Board on that Committee for a period of 2 years.
(2016/17:348) Ramsey Courthouse:

The Deputy Town Clerk provided an update on the Courthouse stating that there had been 870 responses to the on-line consultation from members of the public. The closing date for submission of responses was 1\textsuperscript{st} March.

Once the results of the consultation have been collated, these will be reported to the Courthouse sub-committee and a further report to the Full Board.

As part of the further consideration for a future use of the Courthouse building, it was requested that, if possible, the floor plans could be made available to the members of the public to provide more detailed information. The floor plans may be provided by means of a link if they were still displayed on the Isle of Man Government’s website as, alternatively, the approval of the present owners of the building, the Department of Home Affairs would have to approve the reproduction of the floorplans.

There was concern expressed that any sale of the Courthouse on the open market could also include the Courthouse Grounds which could preclude public access. It was clarified that the land occupied by the War Memorial would have possessory title by Ramsey Town Commissioners.

(2016/17:349) June Cycle Races Road Closures

The Organisers of the cycle races to be held on Saturday 24\textsuperscript{th} June and Sunday 25\textsuperscript{th} June 2017 are seeking support from the Board for the road closures which will impact on the TT course during these events.

The event on Saturday 24\textsuperscript{th} June will operate on open roads with the exception of the Mountain Road from Barrule park to Creg–Ny-Baa where a road closure will be in place. The event on 25\textsuperscript{th} June will require a rolling road closure on the full TT course.

Although the road closures would be operational, the pavements would remain open and access corridors are to be provided.

The proposed programme for the reconstruction works to Lezayre Road has been altered to ensure that the cycle races can proceed.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Ayres and agreed without division, the Commission support for the Road Closing Orders.

Mr E.R. Corkish requested that, during the cycle events, the telephone number provided for road closure updates be manned to provide accurate and up-to-date information which cannot be provided with a pre-recorded message.
(2016/17:350) Pensions

Resolved: To note that a consultation document has been received in respect of public sector pensions and this has been referred to the Establishment Committee for response.

(2016/17:351) Resignation of Mr A. J. Oldham - Wildlife Trust

Resolved: To note that Mr A.J. Oldham has submitted a letter of resignation as the Commissioners’ representative on the Wildlife Trust.

This matter is to be included as an agenda item for the March Board Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.58 p.m. giving duration for payment of attendance allowances of 2 hours.

[Signature]

Chairman.