The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 19th September, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.


Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. F. B. R. Williams.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Housing and Property Manager, and Minute Clerk were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Howard to his first meeting and presented him with the Returning Officer’s Certificate of Election following at the bye-election held on 19th July.

(2018/19:244) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 15th August, 2018, and continued on 16th August, 2018, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to it being confirmed that Mr. Howard had not been in attendance and to minor typographical corrections.

(2018/19:245) Matters Arising:

Mrs. Wedgwood queried whether her concerns about boats in the harbour should be raised at this point - and was advised not.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2018/19:246) Town Clerk’s Report – 100th Anniversary of End of WWI:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 3rd September, 2018, advising of proposals put forward by Mr. Oldham to provide a display at the Ramsey Courthouse from 24th/25th August, 2018, to commemorate the 100th Remembrance of the end of WWI.

Mr. Oldham provided illustrations of three silhouette figures which it is proposed be purchased and to which the Commission is asked to contribute £250 being the fixed price set by the Royal British Legion. Mr. Oldham also explained the book of remembrance which he hopes to create, the leaves of which can be turned on the appropriate date of each anniversary of losses.
(2018/19:246) Town Clerk’s Report – 100th Anniversary of End of WWI Cont:

A proposal put by Mr. Hankin that the Commission agree to the contribution and permit Mr. Oldham to stage an exhibition at the Courthouse was amended by Mr. Parker to agree to a contribution not exceeding £250. This was seconded by Mr. Young and agreed.

It was noted that details of where the silhouettes and book of remembrance will be located after the exhibition has yet to be determined - the Town Hall or Public Library being Mr. Oldham’s preference.

Mr. Oldham informed members [on 20th September] that a presentation about his G90 visit with the Royal British Legion to the Menin Gate would be made at the Courthouse on 27th October, 2018, at 7.00 p.m., to which all are invited.


Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s Report dated 3rd September, 2018, with appended policy, adopted in July, 2018, for sporting organisations using DESC facilities.

(2018/19:248) Town Clerk’s Report – Use of RTC Email Address:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 13th September, 2018, advising that the Commissioners’ email addresses have now been configured to I-Pads provided and it should be possible to use such address from 1st December. Mr. McGuinness drew attention to such addresses being open to Freedom of Information requests.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Oldham the email addresses be used with effect from 1st October, 2018. Mr. Parker’s proposal was carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Cowie voting against.

Mr. Monk queried privacy and was advised that only the recipient of e mails could access content and that despite the “gov” section of the address there was no link to the Isle of Man Government.

(2018/19:249) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s General Report dated 12th September, 2018, subject to the following:

Expenditure Courthouse – Members noted expenditure to date totalling £15,512.00, the Finance Officer explained that this included maintenance, a lot of which was “one-off”. The Finance Officer was asked to provide a break-down of direct labour costs for the Courthouse.
(2018/19:250) Technical Assistant’s Report - Advertising Boards and Street Furniture:

Resolved: To note and approve the Technical Assistant’s Report dated 13th September, 2018, advising of approved applications for the placing of street furniture in respect of Conrod Limited, the Commercial Hotel, A J. Millichap Ltd., and Attraversiamo Ltd., and the refusal in respect of Danny’s Fine Burgers.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that a public register of approved applications be maintained and published on the Commissions website.

Mrs. Quayle drew attention to problems associated with street furniture and advertising boards in times of inclement weather, particularly high winds. The Town Clerk advised that there was an onus on the shop owners to take care of such items, and that they are required to be brought in at night, the Town Warden will be asked to remind shopkeepers of their responsibilities.

(2018/19:251) Technical Assistant’s Report - Commemoration of Loss:

Resolved: To note and approve the Technical Assistant’s Report dated 12th September, 2018, detailing the losses during the Great War to be commemorated in the next few weeks.

(2018/19:252) Technical Assistant’s Report - Enforcement Action:

Resolved: To note and approve the Technical Assistant’s Report dated 3rd September, 2018, advising of the success of legal action brought against Miss Ellan Wilson for parking an untaxed vehicle on the Plaza Car Park on four separate occasions.

Works and Development:

(2018/19:253) Town Clerk’s Report - Former Mart Site S13 Agreement:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, concerning the requirement of Athol Street Auctioneers Ltd., to enter into a Section 13 agreement and pay the agreed commuted sum of £4,301, in respect of the abatement of public open space provision with regard to their planning application PA 17/01194/B.

It was noted that no formal planning decision will be issued until the required agreement has been satisfactorily concluded and endorsed by all parties.
(2018/19:254) Chief Technical Officer’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: That Chief Technical Officer’s Report dated 12th September, 2018, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted and approved, subject to the following:-

REF NO: 3604
P.A. NO.: 18/00833/B
APPLICANT: Shearwater Properties Limited
PROPOSED: Demolition of existing buildings on site and provision of protection and treatment of adjoining and attached buildings
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: Farmers Combine Warehouse, 31 - 32, West Quay, Ramsey.

Mrs. Wedgwood queried if the Structural Appraisal was available to the public, and was informed that the document forms part of the planning application and is therefore within the public domain.

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed without division, that the Commission raise no objection to the application but submit an observation, regarding the loss of a traditional building and a request that lollipop fencing be provided to the frontage on the quayside. The view was also expressed that any future development should be sympathetic to the character of the area.

REF NO: 3606
P.A. NO.: 18/00856/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones
PROPOSED: Erection of two new dwellings with associated parking and adjustments to vehicular access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: Site adjacent to Hanley Court, North Shore Road, Ramsey.

Members’ attention was drawn to the location of the internal bin store within the proposals and it was suggested an observation be submitted.

It was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission make no objection to or comment on the application. The proposal was carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against.

REF NO: 3607
P.A. NO.: 18/00935/B
APPLICANT: Mr. M. Skelly
PROPOSED: Alterations, erection of extension and erection of both retaining wall and fencing
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: 9, Glen Elfin Road, Ramsey
(2018/19:254) Chief Technical Officer’s Report - Planning Applications Cont:

Attention was drawn to the height of the proposed fencing - with a view to submitting an observation thereon. Members felt that the onus was on the Highway Authority to express any concerns they might have.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed by 9 votes to 2, Mr. Monk and Mr. Oldham voting against, that the Commission make no objection to the application.

(2018/19:255) Chief Technical Officer’s Report - The Road Transport Regulations 2018:

Members considered the Chief Technical Officer’s report dated 7th September, 2018, concerning the Road Transport Regulations 2018, and the requirements of the Commission there-under.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against, the Commission immediately progress the required registration process in order to be compliant with the regulations come into force on 1st January, 2019.

(2018/19:256) Chief Technical Officer’s Report - Vollan and Balladoole Foul Sewerage Stations:

Resolved: To note the Chief Technical Officer’s report dated 7th September, 2018, advising of investigations being undertaken by Manx Utilities with regard to complaints made about malodours emanating from the Vollan and Balladoole Foul Sewerage Stations.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Commission continue to liaise with Manx Utilities on this matter.

Housing and Property:

(2018/19:257) Housing and Property Manager - Close Woirrey - Contractors’ Temporary Occupation:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 12th September, 2018, concerning the requests made by Auldyn Construction Ltd., who have been awarded the contract for the construction of 37 new sheltered housing units on the Mayfield site at Queen’s Pier Road to use un-inhabitable property at Close Woirrey.
(2018/19:257) Housing and Property Manager - Close Woirrey - Contractors’ Temporary Occupation Continued:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mrs. Wedgwood, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed, the Board:-

- approve the contractors’ request to extend the Mayfield site boundary into Close Woirrey and permit the use of this area and property No’s 13, 15 and 17 Close Woirrey for the use of storage and welfare facilities for the duration of the Mayfield contract and for the contractor to be requested to sign a Licence To Occupy for both the land and the properties and;
- the Contractors be permitted to erect a site sign board onto the Close Woirrey building, on the gable closest to the Mayfield site and facing Queen’s Pier Road.

In response to a query members were informed that tenants at Close Woirrey had been appraised of proposals, have been invited to the sod-cutting and will be further up-dated after this evening’s meeting.

Members queried if use of property would result in any reduction in fees that may have routinely been included in the contract figures, and also queried the intention, marked on the map accompanying the Housing and Property Manager’s report, to close the footpath along Queen’s Pier Road?

The Housing and Property Manager was asked to investigate the foregoing and report back to the Commission.

(2018/19:258) Housing and Property Manager - Public Sector Rent Setting Process 2019/20:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 12th September, 2018, concerning the request made by the Department of Infrastructure that views on the levels of rent, administration allowance and maintenance allowance for public sector housing across the Island for 2019/20 be submitted.

Mr. Parker suggested that the plan of Government to better manage public housing and to better maintain buildings should reduce maintenance costs. The Town Clerk informed members that the allowance for maintenance had reduced considerable in recent years.

It was proposed by Mr. Hankin, seconded by Mr. Oldham that a no increase be applied and Government consider the burden on the occupants of public sector housing if any increase was made.

Canon Greenwood commented that an increase should be applied as public sector housing operates at a deficit. Mr. Howard queried relative poverty levels across the Island and was advised that any rent increase the Island was determined by Government and was applied across the Island and not with area differences.
(2018/19:258) Housing and Property Manager - Public Sector Rent Setting Process 2019/20 Continued:

Mr. McGuinness considered an inflationary rise to be prudent and would prefer “little and often” rather than irregular higher increases. Mr. Parker informed the Board of his understanding that Government is investigating a 5 year-fix for rent levels at some time in the future.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker, that an increase of 2.5% based on a percentage between the Consumer Prices Index (1.6%) and the Retail Price Index (4.7%) be applied. The proposal was carried by 8 votes to 3, Messrs’ Hankin, Howard and Oldham voting against.

Parks and Leisure:

(2018/19:259) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report - Mooragh Park Woodland Management Agreement:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed without division, that the Mooragh Park Woodland Management Agreement between the Commission and the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture. It was noted that the agreement is for 10 years but subject to annual review and monitoring.

Any Other Business:

(2018/19:260) Representative Report - Chamber of Commerce:

Members considered the report presented by Mr. McGuinness following a recent meeting of the Ramsey Chamber of Commerce and particular discussed parking generally in Ramsey, the following comments / suggestions being put forward:-

- Disc parking time in Parliament Street of 1 hour is insufficient;
- Long term parking (23 out of 24 hours) in public car parks needs reviewing / reducing;
- Parking on the Quayside needs consideration - fewer spaces would be safer;
- Parking being re-instated by the former Farmers Combine / Barry Curran premises;
- Vans parking on quayside (despite being not permitted to do so) are dangerous;
- Can the herring-bone parking on the quayside be re-investigated as it was understood this was to have only been a temporary measure;
- Can more parking be supplied for the Town and if so where;
- The need to look for potential solutions or options - rather than just devise a strategy;
- Can parking be re-instated on the former Albert Road School site;
- Can parking be made available on the former Barry Curran motors site;
- Can developing a multi-storey car park be re-considered;
- Can paying to use car parks be a way forward;

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Commission seek to develop options and solutions for parking in Ramsey.
(2018/19:261) Request Requisition Meeting:

The Chairman informed members of receipt of a letter requisitioning a meeting to discuss traffic calming requirements in the vicinity of Lezayre Road / Gardeners Lane / Greenlands Avenue. The Chairman advised that he would decide what course of action to take in this matter following forthcoming discussions with the Department.

(2018/19:262) Flags:

Mr. Parker advised that some of the flags around the town were showing signs of wear and tear and was advised that they would be taken down, as a matter of routine at the end of the month.

The Chairman thanked the public and media representatives for attending and closed the public session at 8.45 p.m.

The following items were considered in private the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, etc., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2018/19:263) Minutes:

Resolved: To note that no matters from the Board meeting held on 15th August and reconvened on 16th August, 2018, had been recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2018/19:264) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the Housing Committee held on 4th September, 2018, subject to the following:-

Clause 37c Notice to Quit - members were informed that this matter will be considered at a Court Sitting to be held on 26th October, 2018.

(2018/19:265) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 5th September, 2018.

Members welcomed the proposal to consider the introduction of a Volunteer Engagement Policy on which further report will be presented.

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker”, to 19th September, 2018, included within the agenda and the following comments made thereon, and accepting that some matters may be referred to in other sections of these minutes:-

- **Bleak House** - agreed to delete wording prior to “Town Clerk has…” noted that the Town Clerk will meet Mrs. Rushbrook and report back to the Commission.
- **Decorative and Festive Lighting** - firm proposals are requested to be submitted to the October Board meeting. Noted that there is budget inclusion for some lighting by the Christmas trees.
- **Water Street Boundary Wall** - report requested to be updated for October Board meeting.
- **Unsightly Shop Premises** - Deputy Town Clerk will meet landlords at a “Pub Watch” meeting and will raise concerns thereat. Concerns also expressed about pigeon infestation at property on East Quay, weeds in Parliament Street and ponding at the junction of East Street Parliament Street.
- **IPads for Members** - agreed to remove this item.
- **War Memorial** - agreed to undertake usual cleaning prior to the Acts of Remembrance on 11th November.
- **Slow Down in Our Town** - promotional launch including photograph will now take place on Saturday, 22nd September, 2018.
- **Former Swimming Pool Lease** - agreed to remove this item.

Members agreed to vary the Order of Business

**Finance and General Purposes:**

(2018/19:267) **Town Clerk’s Report - Station Road Car Park:**

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, with regard to on-going discussions with Advocates acting for the Shoprite Group with regard to the company’s continued permitted use of Station Road Car Park and advising of three queries put by the Advocates.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk be authorised to progress discussions based on the following having regard to the recommendations contained within his report:-

1. Proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed - but subject also to consideration of tiered options for a lesser timed arrangement;
2. Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed to agree to the licensing principle suggested;
3. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie, and agreed that the Town Clerk seek valuations based on a rental by square meter basis;
4. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed not to close negotiations on this point but the Town Clerk make further enquiry about proposals, uses and valuations.
(2018/19:268) Town Clerk’s Report - Rate Arrears:

The Town Clerk verbally advised members that the information that would comprise the appendix to the report, which he had hoped to table, had not been received. The matter will stand adjourned to the next Board Meeting.

(2018/19:269) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report - Ramsey Courthouse:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 13th September, 2018, advising of the current status of negotiations with regard to the Courthouse premises.

A proposal by Mr. Hankin, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the matter stand adjourned until such time as a meeting of the Courthouse Sub-Committee takes places and the report considered in conjunction with the Deputy Town Clerk’s report was defeated by 7 votes to 4. Messrs’ Greenwood, Hankin, Monk and Oldham voting for an adjournment.

Mrs. Quayle in stating that the matter needs progressing as a priority queried the continued usefulness of the Sub-Committee.

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood, that the interested party named within the report be requested to submit a full business plan and detailed proposals for the premises. The proposal was carried by 9 votes to 2, Messrs’ McGuinness and Mr. Oldham voted against.

(2018/19:270) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s Report dated 12th September, 2018, subject to the following:

Estimates and Revenue Expenditure - members queried expenditure with the Parks and Leisure headings in respect of which the Finance Officer undertook to provide a detailed breakdown of the figures [such breakdown was presented to members on 20th September].

Aged Debtor - the Finance Officer confirmed that he is following up an aged debtor to which reference was made.

Courthouse - it was confirmed that the Commission has agreed not to make charges nor accept donations for use of the Courthouse at the present time. The Town Clerk advised members that the Commission is not permitted to make donations to charities.
(2018/19:271) Finance Officer’s Report - Insurance Renewal Quote:

Members considered the Finance Officer’s tabled report dated 19th September, 2018, concerning the quotations for insurances submitted by the Commission’s brokers.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed that the premium and brokerage fee be accepted and the appropriate proposal form be completed in order to obtain a quotation referred to within the third recommendation of the Finance Officer’s report.

Members noted that a five year agreement is in place with the brokers.

Parks and Leisure:

(2018/19:272) Town Clerk’s Report - Single Tender Action - Mooragh Drainage:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, concerning the quotation submitted by Insituform to clear and reline a section of private drain in the Mooragh Park to its connection with the main sewer and the need to suspend Station Orders in view of the single tender obtained for this specialist work.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed unanimously, Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration and acceptance of the single quotation submitted by Insituform.

Members were advised that the quotation was less than the sum budgeted for the works.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m. giving a time of 3.00 hours for payment of attendance allowances, and will be reconvened at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 20th September, 2018.

Chairman.
The Reconvened Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Thursday, 20th September, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.


Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Mr. F. B. R. Williams.

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

Finance and General Purposes:

(2018/19:273) Town Clerk’s Report - Standing Order 31 - Review:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, with regard to the request made by Mr. McGuinness with regard to the application of Standing Order 31 “Motions Affecting Persons Employed by the Board”, and seeking a review thereof. Mr. McGuinness queried the definition of the word “Conduct” appearing in the clause and suggested that this included behaviour but excluded “performance” and therefore the Commission should be able to discuss the performance of staff in public.

Mr. Cowie advised that the Commission could not vilify staff in public and that the matter raised by Mr. McGuinness was one of interpretation and he expressed concern that staff had no right of reply to publicly made comments.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission agree that conduct included behaviour but not performance of staff on a general nature. Mr. Parker was in agreement. General discussion ensued.

There was no vote taken with regard to changing the Standing Order, there being a consensus of agreement with Mr. McGuinness’s proposal, that the Board could therefore comment on general performance and it was recognised that the ultimate decision in these matters remained with the Chairman.
Works and Development:

(2018/19:274) Town Clerk’s Report - Meetings Department of Infrastructure:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, advising of two meetings to be held on 3rd October, 2018, with the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure, at 7.00 p.m., and with the Director of Ports at 8.00 p.m.

It was further resolved that the Department be supplied with a copy of the Town Clerk’s report in advance of the meetings and the following items be added, as areas of Commissioners’ concern:

- Greenlands Avenue traffic calming
- Market Place traffic and pedestrian safety
- Parking
- Regeneration area defects and road surfaces
- Road marking
- Traffic regulation enforcement.
- West Quay parking

Housing and Property:

(2018/19:275) Town Clerk’s Report – Houses at Bircham Avenue:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, presented as an introduction to the Commission needing to devise a long-term policy with regard to houses at Bircham Avenue. It was noted that the properties are in need of a lot of repairs and are coming to the stage when it is not financially viable to undertake extensive refurbishment.

The Town Clerk confirmed that there are no definite plans for these properties but, as has been the case for other schemes, the Commission must consider identifying what course of action might be appropriate within the next 5 - 7 years.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded Mr. McGuinness, and agreed that the Commission undertake on-going maintenance to the properties and further consider longer-term options for this housing scheme.

Members requested to be provided with a demographic report of tenants and details of the amounts spent on maintenance of these houses within the last 12 months.
Any Other Business:

Matters of Establishment:

(2018/19:282) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 17th September, 2018.

Parks and Leisure:

(2018/19:276) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Arts Quarter Trust:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Quayle, and agreed without division, the Commission indicate their initial support of the proposals of and look forward to the formation of an Arts Quarter Trust, at premises in Ramsey, as detailed within the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 13th September, 2018.

Members noted that no financial support or any assistance with resources is being sought from the Commission.

(2018/19:278) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Wallabies Gone Wild:

Resolved: To note and approve the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 12th September, 2018, concerning the launch in 2019 of “Wallabies Gone Wild”, an incentive by Hospice Isle of Man in association with Wild In Art.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed unanimously that the Deputy Town Clerk speak with local artists and Hospice in this matter. Mrs. Quayle undertook to discuss this with an art group with which she is associated.

(2018/19:279) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Fireworks Display November 2018:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s tabled report dated 19th September, 2018, advising of proposals put by Mr. Stuart Hamer, Galaxy Fireworks for the Commissioners’ fireworks display, with music and lighting on 5th November. Members welcomed a suggestion to have pre-display entertainment, but queried the need for the light-show

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Young that Mr. Hamer’s quotation for fireworks and music be accepted, but he be informed that the Commission do not wish to pay for a “light-show”.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that additional catering concessions be sought.
(2018/19:280) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report TT Events 2019:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s tabled report dated 19th September, 2018, reporting on discussions held with Event Management Solutions with regard to TT Events which it is hoped will be held in Ramsey in 2019.

Mr. Young left the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

It was noted that events were of a more specialist nature because of the need to apply for a liquor licence. Members felt that events should be well advertised and were advised that this could be done as part of the general TT advertising. It was commended that events be centred and expanded around the Ramsey Sprint - to make a “Sprint Festival”.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission support the proposals presented within the report and give the Deputy Town Clerk leeway to progress and expand thereon. Further discussion ensued with regard to costs and the need to have a degree of flexibility. Mr. McGuinness advised that he was happy to support doubling the budget included in the 2018/19 estimates for events, and in so doing proposed this, as well as the appointment of Event Management Solutions to assist in this matter, be accepted.

The proposal was seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed without division.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 p.m., giving a time for payment of attendance allowance of 2 hours.

Chairman.