

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[ PUBLIC ]

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Cpt. N. H. Malpass, Mesdames, S. P. Beattie and E. Carlile and Messrs. Dr. A. J. Allinson, B. Beattie, K. A. Crowe, K. B. Mayne and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Mrs. E. M. Bruce, Messrs. G. K. Quayle and R. Radcliffe.

A Vacancy exists in South Ward, due to the election to the House of Keys of Mr. L. I. Singer.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

Sgt. C. Bradley attended the meeting by invitation.

## **(2011/12:236) Off-licence Applications**

With the approval of the Chairman the Town Clerk drew members attention to a recent licensing application submitted by CI (Newsagents) Limited in relation to 19 Parliament Street and the creation of a proposed Spar convenience store.

On noting the advertising of the application the Town Clerk had sought the advice of the Chairman and Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes, and had submitted an objection to the application.

Resolved: to note and confirm the objection to the application and the Town Clerk's appearance at the Licensing Court as necessary.

## **(2011/12:237) Planning Application – Northern Lights Community Centre:**

The meeting was joined by Mr. Sam Jenkins and Mrs. Natalie Jenkins at 7:20pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are Directors of the recently established charity Northern Lights Community Centre, which has made a planning application to site a music and arts community centre in the property 4 Forrest View, Bowring Road, Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins made a short presentation outlining the concept behind the proposed centre and the manner in which it was expected to operate, and answered questions from Members. The Commission noted a number of aspects to the proposal including:-



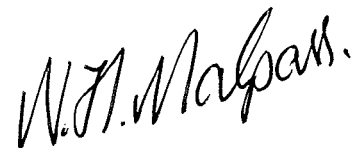
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- The centre would be staffed by the Directors Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, supplemented by other volunteers or persons giving their time by way of a proposed time exchange arrangement;
- The centre proposes to offer meeting rooms, art and music courses, a coffee shop and children's play area, music and recording studios.
- The advice of the planning officer and fire officer has been sought and planning and building regulation applications are to be made in respect of any building works;
- A child safety policy is being developed and all volunteers would be subject to police checks, and would have their attention drawn to and be expected to comply with the child safety policy and would be briefed on the recognition of vulnerable persons;
- Young persons would be required to be accompanied by a responsible adult and guidance as to the age of customers and admission times is to be developed;
- Local police would be welcomed as visitors whenever practicable, although it was recognised that the police force has many other commitments and could not therefore guarantee any frequency of visit
- Operating times would be daytime until 10pm midweek and until midnight and Friday and Saturdays;
- Funding for the proposal is expected to be raised through the operation of the coffee and refreshment area, rental of room and gallery space, time donations by volunteers and time exchange users, and workshop charges.

Sgt Bradley left the meeting at approximately 7:45p.m.

Members expressed support in principle for the venture and noted that the development would be considered as a planning matter on the agenda of the meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins offered to facilitate a viewing of the premises should any Member wish to do so.

The Chairman thanked Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins for their attendance and closed the Meeting at 8:00pm



Chairman.