

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 March, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

(2010/11:406) Minutes – Board Meetings:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on 16th February, 2011, and the Special Meeting held on 28th February, 2011, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Special Meeting:- Mrs. Carlile's query with regard to a Shopper Service to Ramsey was included. Members agreed that the matters raised at the Special Meeting be conveyed by letter to the Department, for response, and the following be added:-

- Provision of an easy to read leaflet;
- Provision of new timetables and current and visible information at bus stops;
- Clarification as to whether a return ticket to Douglas will facilitate, without extra charge, the necessity to change buses at Laxey;
- Information with regard to the increase in use of the No. 3 Service

(2010/11:407) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: to note and approve the Chairman's Report dated 11th March, 2011.

(2010/11:408) Town Clerk's Report – Action Pending:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 11th March, 2011, detailing matters pending response or action, subject to the following:

Meeting with Planners – members were advised that no reply had yet been received.

(2010/11:409) Town Clerk's Report – Agri-Environment Scheme Consultation:

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report dated 10th March, 2011, advising on the Consultation issued by the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture on the Pilot Manx Agri-Environment Scheme. The Chairman declared an interest, in that his son had been involved in the original scheme a part of his Degree.



(2010/11:409) Town Clerk's Report – Agri-Environment Scheme Continued:

Resolved: It was proposed by Mr. L. I. Singer, seconded by Mrs. E. M. Bruce and agreed unanimously that the Department be informed that the Commission believe that the scheme should be totally discontinued and that farmers should be encouraged to grow as much produce as it is able for the home market, especially in the current economic climate.

(2010/11:410) Town Clerk's Report – Consultation – Office of Fair Trading:

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report dated 10th March, 2011, concerning Membership of the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading.

Resolved: To inform the Council of Ministers that the Commission believes that the Office of Fair Trading should continue to have Tynwald Membership, it needs political clout and Members of the House of Keys need to be seen to be working for people of the Isle of Man and need to be accountable.

(2010/11:411) Town Clerk's Report – Cooil Road Development Order:

Resolved: to note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 10th March, 2011, advising that the Cooil Road Development Order has been rejected.

Members welcomed the decision and expressed the hope that land owners in Ramsey would be willing to make suitably zoned land to be made available and developed for industrial use.

(2010/11:412) Town Clerk's Report – Development at Poyll Dooley:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 9th March, 2011, detailing queries raised by Mr. N. Sykes, Greenlands House, regarding planning consent granted to Heritage Homes. It was agreed to seek confirmation as recommended within the Report.

(2010/11:413) Town Clerk's Report – Northern Swimming Pool:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 9th March, 2011, detailing information provided by Dr. A. J. Allinson with regard concerning the operation of the Northern Swimming Pool with regard to possible changes to the hours of operation.

Dr. Allinson verbally reported on a positive meeting with the four Northern Members of the House of Keys and informed members that the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board is doing all it can to keep the pool open to the public for as many hours as possible.

(2010/11:414) Town Clerk's Report – Public Health (Amendment Bill) 2011:

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report dated 11th March, 2011, concerning the consultative draft of the Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2011, copies of which had been provided. Discussion ensued.

Resolved: That the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture be informed that:

With regard to regulation of Sunbeds:

- The Commission welcome regulation of use of sunbeds;
- Concern is expressed about fines applicable for internet sales, etc., with regard to points of invoicing or despatch;
- The proposed level of fines are considered too low and suggest the figure of £250;

With regard to disposal of controlled Waste:

- It is wholly unacceptable that a Government Department can deposit controlled waste without having regard to planning constraints and environmental impact studies;
- Section 62 should be removed in its entirety;
- The Department of the Environment should "police" the disposal of controlled waste;

(2010/11:415) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's Report dated 9th March, 2011, subject to the following:

Dr. Allinson queried the account presented for the supply of heating oil and was advised that it referred to a communal tank for housing complexes.

(2010/11:416) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: That Chief Technical Officer's Report dated 9th March, 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:

(2010/11:416) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications Cont:

REF NO: 2826
P.A. NO.: 11/00168/B
APPLICANT: Ramsey Town Commissioners
PROPOSED: Formation and operation of a public car park following the demolition of school building
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Albert Road School, Albert Road, Ramsey.**

Members asked if consideration could be given to the provision of planters, etc., to improve the ultimate appearance of the car park and that the number of disabled bays to be provided be reconsidered.

(2010/11:417) Chief Technical Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Chief Technical Officer's General Report dated 10th March, 2011, subject to the following:-

Mooragh Park Paths: Members asked that attention be drawn to the fact that the paths are for use by pedestrians and not by cyclists. Action will be taken against anyone found using the paths for cycling.

Department of Infrastructure... Snow Clearance. The Chief Technical Officer advised members that staff were not on call to help outside office hours. Members welcomed the initiative and asked that the Department make the public more aware of where they may obtain salt, etc.

(2010/11:418) Administration Officer's Report – Enforcement Actions:

Resolved: To note and approve the Administration Officer's Report dated 1st March, 2011, advising of successful legal action taken against Mr. David Moore and Miss Joanne Storey for parking on spaces designated for use by disabled drivers.

(2010/11:419) Isle of Man Census 2011:

Resolved: To note that the next Isle of Man Census, which will be a full Census, will be held on 27th March 2011 and it is envisaged that the complete results will be published early in 2012.

(2010/11:420) Speed Limits Near Schools:

Resolved: To note that Department of Infrastructure has made an amendment order which will amend the distance of the existing 20mph speed limit on a section of Lezayre Road in the vicinity of Ramsey Grammar, Auldryn and Scoill Ree Gorree Schools in term time only, when the speed signs are illuminated. The speed limit other than during the restricted time will be 30 mph.

(2010/11:421) Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities:

Resolved: To note that the Tynwald Advisory Council for Disabilities has provided a copy of its Annual Report for the year ended December, 2010, a copy of which has been placed in the Public Library.

(2010/11:422) Strategy for the Future of the Health Services:

Resolved: To note that Department of Health has provided a copy of its Strategy for the Future of the Health Services in the Isle of Man, which has been placed in the Public Library for reference.

(2010/11:423) On Your Doorstep Exhibition:

Resolved: to note that Isle of Man Tourism is holding an 'On your Doorstep' exhibition in association with 3FM, which will showcase the very best of attractions, activities and events on offer right here on the Island. The exhibition will take place on Saturday 26th March at the Villa Marina and the doors will be open from 10.00am to 3pm with free admission for all.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance and closed the Public Sitting at 7.40 p.m.



Chairman.