

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, 19th January, 2011, at 7.00 p.m.

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

An apology for absence was received from Mr. K. B. Mayne.

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

(2010/11:325) Minutes – Board Meetings:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on 15th December, 2010, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2010/11:326) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: to note and approve the Chairman's Report dated 12th January, 2011, subject to the following:-

HMS Ramsey – Members reiterated the Chairman's disappointment that HMS Ramsey would be unable to visit and asked that good wishes on their next deployment be conveyed.

(2010/11:327) Town Clerk's Report – Action Pending:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's Report dated 14th January, 2011, detailing matters pending response or action, subject to the following:-

Meeting with Planning Committee... it was agreed to again remind Mr. Quirk of the Commissioners' wish to meet with him and his officers.

Bus Timetables... it was agreed that a meeting be arranged at the first available opportunity.



(2010/11:328) Town Clerk’s Report – Consultation Election Candidate Funding:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s Report dated 9th January, 2011, concerning the consultation document in respect of Election Candidate Funding.

Resolved: That the Independent Review Committee be informed that of the Commission’s views:-

- a) A limit of £2,000 plus 50p per voter is considered adequate;
- b) Any donations should be declared prior to a poll to inform voters
- c) Radio and TV advertising should not be allowed
- d) Concerns about use of websites and costs incurred in setting them up
- e) Volunteer costs should remain non-chargeable
- f) Political parties should be registers;
- g) UK political parties should not be permitted

(2010/11:329) Town Clerk’s Report – Consultation – Large Vehicles parked in Residential Areas:

Members received the Town Clerk’s Report dated 9th January, 2011, concerning receipt of the Consultation Document, as titled above.

Resolved: That consideration be given at the February meeting of the Board.

(2010/11:330) Town Clerk’s Report – Ramsey Estuary ASSI:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk’s Report dated 9th January, 2011, advising of the decision to rescind the ASSI designation for Ramsey Estuary.

Members noted that the matter will be reconsidered and agreed that they need to be vigilant as to the commencement of any future proposals.

(2010/11:331) Town Clerk’s Report – Young Persons Working Group

Members discussed the Town Clerk’s Report dated 12th January, 2011, advising that the Commission is invited to comment on the Report of the Young Persons Working Group. Discussion ensued.

Members expressed concern that funding was not available to encourage young people to learn to drive at Jurby. Members also made comment on the matters of:

- o shelters for young people should be provided;
- o provision of a facilities for 5 a-side football on a tar macadam surface;
- o responsible provision of mobile catering where young people congregate;
- o facilities need to be provided for the 12 – 18 age group

Resolved: That the matter be further considered in February, 2011.



(2010/11:332) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's Report dated 10th January, 2011, subject to the following:

Rates: the Town Clerk reported that rate income in the sum of £174,000 was received on 14th January, 2011.

(2010/11:333) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: That Chief Technical Officer's Report dated 13th January, 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:

REF NO: 2807
P.A. NO.: 10/01805/C
APPLICANT: Dandara Commercial Limited
PROPOSED: Variation of condition 4 of P.A. 10/00392/B to allow revised access to approved EMI unit
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Land on eastern side of Gardeners Lane and north of former railway line, Gardeners Lane, Ramsey.**

It was agreed to oppose the application as their opposition to the application to vary the estate roads (PA 10/01693/B) refers are pertinent to this application. Members agreed that should this application be approved the matter be brought to the attention of the Council of Ministers.

REF NO: 2808
P.A. NO.: 10/01819/B
APPLICANT: North Ramsey Bowling Club
PROPOSED: Erection of a replacement hut
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Bowls Hut, Mooragh Park, Ramsey.**

This matter was brought to the Board's attention in view of the location.

REF NO: 2810
P.A. NO.: 10/01832/B
APPLICANT: Mr. David Maddrell
PROPOSED: Erection of a dwelling and creation of new vehicular access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Building plot adjacent to Maughold Lodge, Cloughbane Walk, Ramsey.**

Members noted the revised height of the proposals which they considered to be more in keeping but resolved to submit an observation with regard to the difficulty of access and egress.

(2010/11:333) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications Cont:

REF NO: 2812
P.A. NO.: 10/01849/B
APPLICANT: Positive Youth
PROPOSED: Conversion of shop units and adjacent mall to a youth centre including the installation of entrance doors
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Units H2, J, I & U, Victoria Mall, Parliament Street, Ramsey.**

Members wished to submit the observation that hours of operation be restricts to not later than 10.30 p.m. and also asked that the Planning Committee seek the views of the Department of Education's Youth Advisory Group.

REF NO: 2815
P.A. NO.: 10/01891/B
APPLICANT: Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division
PROPOSED: Installation of recessed lighting and paving works
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Collins Lane, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 2816
P.A. NO.: 10/01893/B
APPLICANT: Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division
PROPOSED: Installation of recessed lighting and paving works
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Old Post Office Lane, Ramsey.**

The Town Clerk declared an interest.

REF NO: 2817
P.A. NO.: 10/01894/B
APPLICANT: Department of Infrastructure, Highways Division
PROPOSED: Installation of recessed lighting and paving works
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Trafalgar Hotel Lane, Ramsey.**

The three applications were considered together.

Members expressed concern that priority appeared to being given to the lanes regeneration, rather than the main street and that the condition of some of the properties abutting the lanes would be detrimental to any development.

The Chairman advised that a letter is soon to be issued by the Chief Minister and explained that the submission of the planning applications has been made "out of context".

(2010/11:333) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Planning Applications Cont:

Appendix:

An amended Appendix II was circulated. Members expressed their disappointment on learning that the application of Hartford Homes with regard to temporary advertising signs had been approved, particularly in view of the Government's recent ban on roadside advertising. It was agreed that the matter be discussed at the meeting with the Planning Committee.

(2010/11:334) Chief Technical Officer's Report – Bleak House:

Members considered the Chief Technical Officer's Report dated 13th January, 2011, detailing the service offered by MacOwan Collett Consulting Engineers and the fee proposal therefore.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. R. Radcliffe to accept the fee proposal, appoint a Planning Supervisor and proceed to undertake work to remove the dangerous elements of Bleak House.

Members noted the intention to seek recovery of all costs incurred in carrying out the emergency works on a private property.

(2010/11:335) Chief Technical Officer's – General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Chief Technical Officer's General Report dated 12th January, 2011.

(2010/11:336) Invitation Civic Sunday – Lonan:

Resolved: To note the invitation from Mr. A. B. Byers, Chairman, Lonan Parish Commissioners to attend the Civic Service at Lonan Parish Church on Sunday, 23rd January, 2011, at 11.00 a.m. The Chairman indicated his intention to attend.

(2010/11:337) Northern Civic Amenity Site – Financial Contributions:

Resolved: To note that the Department of Infrastructure has notified the Commission of the contribution required with regard to the Northern Civic amenity Site for 2011/12. The Board's contribution will be £86,305.00 and represents a 6% increase.

(2010/11:338) Housing Conference 2011:

Resolved: To note that the Housing Conference 2011 organised by the Department of Social Care is to be held on 31st March, 2011.

The Chairman, Mrs. S. P. Beattie, Mrs. E. M. Bruce and Mr. R. Radcliffe indicated their intention to attend.

(2010/11:339) Extradition Bill Consultation:

Resolved: to note receipt of the Extradition Bill Consultation Documentation and to consider the matter at the February, 2011, meeting of the Board, to enable a submission to be made before the end of the consultation period on 25th March, 2011.

(2010/11:340) For Hire Tariffs – Review of Taxi Fares:

Resolved: To note receipt of information from the Road Transport Licensing Committee advising of a review of current taxi fares.

Members noted that views on the proposed review will be sought from all Operators the Manx Taxi Federation and the Castletown and Southern Taxi Association.

It was further resolved to inform the Road Transport Licensing Committee of the Board's concern that the views of the service users are not being sought.

(2010/11:341) Chris Kelly Memorial Rally:

Resolved: That Mr. A. Glaister be informed that the Board will be pleased to support the application of Manx Auto Sport to close off part of the Market Place on 12th February, 2011, between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

(2010/11:342) Charitable Street Collections:

Resolved: To note the approval of Charitable Street Collections in aid of

SSAF Forces Help; Manx Grand Prix Supporters Club; Ramsey Ladies Lifeboat Guild; and Sailing for the Disabled.

(2010/11:343) Designated Parking Mooragh Park:

Resolved: That Ms. S. Humphries, Parklands Nursery be informed that the Commission is prepared to make a reserved parking space available for use by the Nursery within the Mooragh Park Car Park, for their exclusive use.

(2010/11:343) Notice of Motion – Amendments to Standing Orders;

Mr. R. Radcliffe presented the Notice of Motion, dated 17th November, 2010, standing in his name "That the Commissioners introduce certain amendments to their Standing Orders". The Notice had been originally submitted to the December, 2010 Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Radcliffe, seconded by Mrs. E. M. Bruce that the corrective and updating amendments to the Standing Orders be applied. Mr. Radcliffe was thanked for his work in submitting the Notice of Motion.

Any Other Business:

(2010/11:344) Council of Ministers Boundary Review Committee:

The Town Clerk report receipt of a consultation document with regard to the review of House of Keys Constituency Boundaries, comments for which are sought by the end of February, 2011.

Resolved: That the matter be included within the February, 2011 Agenda.

(2010/11:345) Adoption of Sewers Phase 1 Former Lezayre Housing Estate:

Resolved: To inform the Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority that the Commission is agreeable to the adoption of the Sewers forming Phase 1 of the redevelopment of the former Lezayre Housing Estate with effect from 1st March, 2011.

(2010/11:346) Manx Grand Prix Race Times:

The Town Clerk advised that the organisers of the Manx Grand Prix races are seeking to hold a Newcomers Race on Saturday 27th August, 2011, which will require the road closure to be from 5.00 p.m. i.e. one hour earlier than the usual 6.00 p.m. closure.

Resolved: That the organisers be informed of the Board's general support, but they be asked to allow a corridor between that race and the practice session that will follow to allow residents to cross the T.T. Course.

(2010/11:347) Town Rate 2011/12:

Mr. R. Radcliffe, in his capacity as the Lead Member with responsibility for Finance, General Purposes and Establishment reported that the Board met on 17th January, 2011, and approved detailed estimates of income and expenditure for the 2011/ 2012 Financial Year.

The Town Rate for 2011 / 2012 has been fixed under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1985 at 332p in the pound, which thanks to careful budgeting controls was the same as last year's. Section 11 of the Act requires that the Commissioners levy a new rate on or before the 31st January in each year.

The Chairman thanked the public for their attendance and closed the Public Sitting at 7.58 p.m.



Chairman.