



Town Hall,
Parliament Square,
Ramsey,
Isle of Man.

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15th April, 2011.

Sir/Madam,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on **Wednesday, 20th April, 2011**, at 7.00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Dr. A. J. Allinson
- 2. Minutes for Adoption:** pages: 1 - 5
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 - Retirement – Rev'd. Brian Evans-Smith
 - End of Year
 - Annual Meeting 2011
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 - Albert Road School Demolition **(WD)**
 - A Health and Safety Authority – Consultation **(FGP/WD)**
 - Police Relocation – Lease Terms **(FGP)**
 - Replacement Windows, Fascias and Rainwater Goods **(FGP/HP)**

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- Royal Wedding Fun Day (PL)
- Electoral Register (FGP)
- Northern Neighbourhood Police Team Policing Plan 2011/12 (FGP)
- VMCC TT Mountain Challenge (PL)
- Lherghy Frissell Hil Climb – 30th April, 2011. (PL)
- TT Marshals Association (WD)
- Rowing in aid of Royal British Legion (PL)
- Vehicle Speeds – Queen's Promenade (WD)
- IOM Local Government Superannuation Scheme Actuarial Valuation as at 31st March, 2011. (FGP)
- Ramsey Chamber of Commerce (FGP)
- The Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984 (FGP)
- Ramsey Sprint Events (PL)
- Road Closures – National Week (PL/WD)

8. Notice of Motion: page: 36

Notice of Motion dated 5th April, 2011, standing in the name of Mr. L. I. Singer, T.C., re: Town and Village Centres Regeneration Fund:

9. Any other Business:
(By permission of Chairman)

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
APRIL, 2011.**

Fellow Members,

School Bulbs Competition:

It was a great pleasure to present the awards for the primary Schools Bulbs competitions at Scoill Ree Gorree and Auldyn Infants' School and I take the opportunity to reiterate my thanks to the pupils, teachers and parents for their support of this competition.

I congratulate everyone for their wonderful efforts but especially Auldyn Infants who were the overall winners. Well done.

Shennagys Jiu

Congratulations to Shennaghys Jiu on the success of their 14th Festival. The art work displayed at the Town Hall was wonderful and the official reception was a happy occasion.

Retirement – Rev'd. Brian Evans-Smith:

Mr. Brian Evans-Smith has retired from his post as Part-time Assistant in the Public Library to take up full time duties as Priest in Charge of Churches in the North of the Island. The opportunity is taken to thank Brian for his service to the Board since he joined the staff on 28th March, 2002. We also wish him well in the extension of his service in the Church.

End of Year:

I cannot express strongly enough how proud I was to have been elected as Chairman of Ramsey Town Commissioners in May 2010, and how much enjoyment I have had from representing the Commission during the past 12 months.

It would not be possible to list every event I have attended over the past year; needless to say I have been overwhelmed by the welcome extended to me at every occasion, and by the very strong sense of community spirit which exists within the Town.

There have been too many highlights to mention and I take the opportunity to thank all members of the Board for their support during the past 12 months and for their continued hard work in promoting the interests of Ramsey, and in particular Deputy Chairman Mrs. Sylvia Beattie for deputising for me when required. My thanks also go to all the staff in the employment of the Ramsey Town Commission, for their continued dedication and hard work. Finally I thank my wife Gill and daughter Emma for their special support and encouragement.

Chairman's Report - April, 2011, Continued.

Annual Meeting 2011:

The annual meeting of the Ramsey Town Commission will take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday 3rd May, 2011.

I wish my successor as Chairman, whoever may be elected, well for their term of office in the forthcoming year.

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15th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ALBERT ROAD SCHOOL DEMOLITION
APRIL, 2011 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Project Manager has provided the following update on the project as advised by the Contractor on 14th April 2011:

- The asbestos removal is now complete. The Sub Contractor is currently dismantling the enclosures to the ground floor hall.
- The Independent Asbestos Analyst will carry out a 4 stage clearance check on the final area at ground floor level and the de-con unit on 15th April. This will complete his contract (2 weeks behind schedule). The contractor has spoken to the Analyst and there were no reported issues. It was reported that a layer of sand was encountered in the ceiling voids at ground floor level which was removed as contaminated waste.
- The Principal Contractor and Asbestos Removal Sub-Contractor allude to a number of issues which contributed to the delay encountered. A report detailing the reasons for the 2 week over run on the asbestos removal stage has been requested.
- The road closure is in place. The public road and footpath in front of the site is cordoned off with Heras fence panels. These will be substituted with solid hoarding panels by Friday 15th April.
- The Contractor is currently removing slates from the main roof.
- The Contractor intends to commence the physical demolition of the building on Monday 18th April.

Recommendation: to be noted and further report.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
A HEALTH AND SAFETY AUTHORITY FOR THE IOM - CONSULTATION
APRIL, 2011 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

This consultation concerns the establishment, by the Department of Infrastructure, of an “arms-length” Authority for enforcing health and safety at work in the Isle of Man. The consultation seeks the views of stakeholders concerning the framework, remit and powers of a new Health and Safety Authority; it looks at establishing effective stakeholder engagement for the new Authority, notably through the establishment of a Health and Safety Consultative Committee and considers the process for appeals against notices issued by Health and Safety Inspectors.

The consultation does not encompass matters concerning health and safety legislation and regulation or the impact of these upon businesses or the public, which were the subject of consideration by a Select Committee of Tynwald, which reported its findings in May 2006. The Department recognises that there is a need to repeal a large amount of obsolete health and safety regulation and to ensure that remaining regulations are current and fit for purpose and is working to deliver an appropriate legislative framework for the Isle of Man.

A copy of the consultation document is **enclosed** herewith for Members information and is available on the IOM Government website.

The Department concludes that the Isle of Man Government is the largest employer in the Isle of Man and is subject to health and safety inspection and enforcement in the same way as any other employer. It is therefore appropriate that there should be a degree of separation between the Inspectorate as the body responsible for enforcing health and safety at work and the Department of Infrastructure as a significant commissioner, client and operator of major public works schemes. A Health and Safety Authority will enhance accountability, openness and transparency and clarify responsibilities for setting policy and direction. Performance indicators will be established to measure the success of the new Authority, which will include evidence of improved stakeholder engagement and delivery of objectives.

Recommendation: for discussion and response as appropriate.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
POLICE RELOCATION LEASE TERMS
APRIL, 2011 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to the report to the March Board further discussions have taken place with the Department of Home Affairs regarding the relocation of the Northern Police Office to the Town Hall premises.

During the course of discussions Senior Managers and staff have been kept informed of proposals and in respect of the ground floor accommodation considerable progress has been made in rearranging the accommodation to provide the space required for the new police office area. The accommodation provision for Commission staff is adequate and acceptable.

The Department of Home Affairs have indicated that they would wish to enter into a 21 year lease, a similar concurrent lease period is proposed in respect of the arrangements between the DHA and the IOM Post Office. The DHA has indicated that a further lease of the Courthouse Grounds to the Commission as previously requested would be entered into, at a peppercorn rent, to run for a concurrent period. The Department has also offered to arrange for the Attorney Generals Chambers to draft appropriate lease documentation for the Commissions consideration.

The Commission will be required to obtain the formal consent of the Department of Infrastructure, under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985 [as amended], to the entering into a lease agreement for the both the Police Office and the Courthouse Grounds.

It has been agreed, as previously discussed, that 2 dedicated car park spaces would be provided to the Police in the existing car park, addition provision would be made by way of reserved parking on the quayside. There is no staff parking associated with the Police Office – presently police staff are required to park legally within the general town area and this arrangement will continue.

All relocation costs, building and other works, associated with the relocation of the Police Office will be the responsibility of the DHA. The Department has initiated the design and contractor process and an early commencement if works to facilitate the move is anticipated. The proposed programme of works aims to facilitate the relocation of the Police Office by the end of June 2011, the Post Office relocation to be completed by the end of July 2011.

Recommendation: to be noted

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, FASCIAS & RAINWATER GOODS
APRIL, 2011 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department has approved the application from Ramsey Town Commissioners, under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1985, seeking approval to borrow a sum not exceeding £795,942 repayable over 15 years to defray the contract costs, post contract fees and other associated costs to tender stage in respect of a scheme for the replacement of windows and the replacement of fascias soffits and rainwater goods to various public sector housing properties in Ramsey.

The scheme provides for the replacement of uPVC windows, to 89 properties at Cronk Elfin and Upper Queens Pier Road and the replacement of fascias, gutters and rainwater goods to 127 properties within the Commission's public sector housing stock.

Arrangements are being made for the pre-contract meeting with the design consultant, Dalrymple Associates, and successful contractor, Manx Glass and Glazing Limited, before work commences on site. Subject to discussion with the contractor the scheme is anticipated to start on site in April and to be completed by December 2012.

Recommendation: to be noted.

T. P. Whiteway
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT
APRIL, 2011, - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

- **Revenue Accounts:**

Payments totalling £ 1,008,241.67 were made in March, 2011. Details of the net invoices paid during the period are attached as Appendix 1.

I recommend that the Board grant approval for payment of the Revenue Accounts.

- **Capital Accounts:**

Attached as Appendix 2 are details of accounts for the month of March, 2011, totalling:- £ 398,045.77

- **Quarterly Financial Return:**

Attached as Appendix 3 is the Quarterly Financial Return submitted to the Department of Infrastructure.

- **Rates:**

We have received details of the First Supplemental Valuation List dated 1st April, 2011, from Treasury Rating Section. This details changes to the Rateable Value of the Town as below:

		Gross	Rateable	Gross	Rateable
		£	£	£	£
Existing List				768,647	670,834
Valuations	Added	7,743	6,195		
	Cancelled	<u>3,661</u>	<u>2,928</u>		
		4,082	3,267	<u>4,082</u>	<u>3,267</u>
				<u>772,729</u>	<u>674,101</u>

The above Rateable Value of £674,101 includes Agricultural Hereditaments of £2,424 which do not pay a Town Rate, only being liable to water charges. Therefore the total for the Town of Ramsey at 1st April, 2011, is RV £671,677. This compares with a figure of £669,041 at 1st April, 2010.

We have also received from Treasury a further payment on account of Town Rates in the sum of £73,000, which brings the total received to date to £2,053,624.73.

**J. M. O. Bird,
Finance Officer.**

13th April, 2011.

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

**ACCOUNTS PAID
TO 31 March 2011**

Supplier	Total
2e2 (IOM) Ltd	£ 849.65
A Stoddart	£ 300.00
A.V. Craine & Sons Ltd	£ 289.20
AB Photography Ltd	£ 420.00
ADT Fire & Security PLC	£ 324.00
Ayre Mowers Ltd	£ 178.20
Ball Colegrave Ltd	£ 654.62
Barista Coffee House	£ 5.18
Bertram Library Services	£ 2,157.42
Building Research Establishment	£ 800.00
Brew & Corkill Ltd	£ 3,166.96
Bridson & Horrox Ltd	£ 888.56
Cemex Island Aggregates Ltd	£ 195.83
Chas E Richmond Ltd	£ 3,781.81
Cleaning Doctor	£ 3,297.00
Colas (IOM) Ltd	£ 234.18
Commercial Tyre Services	£ 8,464.49
Coroner of Ayre & Garff	£ 5.40
Countryside Maintenance Ltd	£ 772.20
Dalrymple Associates	£ 1,951.54
Data Processing Network (1989) Ltd	£ 6,624.00
Dave Perry	£ 4,755.72
Dennis Eagle Ltd	£ 233.54
Dickinson Cruickshank	£ 112.50
DMS Autocentre Ltd	£ 48.96
Douglas Corporation	£ 57.62
Eden Park Garden Centre	£ 683.05
Farmers' Combine Ltd	£ 78.95
Feltons Ironmongers	£ 1,052.06
Fenay Safety (IOM) Ltd	£ 987.00
Freeport Freight Services Ltd	£ 29.29
G4S Secure Solutions (Isle of Man) Ltd	£ 4,145.78
Garden World	£ 48.00
Go Marketing Ltd	£ 632.51
Gough Electrical Ltd	£ 371.82
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd	£ 459.68
Holmes Grace	£ 90.00
HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Ltd	£ 2,142.67
ICR Retail Systems	£ 91.46
Isle of Man Bank Ltd	£ 650,703.72
Isle of Man Employers Federation	£ 40.00
Isle of Man Government	£ 40,835.14
Isle of Man Library Services	£ 215.70
Isle of Man Newspapers Ltd	£ 642.39
J. Qualtrough & Co. Ltd	£ 617.87
Kernock Park Plants	£ 126.00
Lexicon Bookshop	£ 44.10
Lombard Manx Leasing Ltd	£ 40,583.54

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT

**ACCOUNTS PAID
TO 31 March 2011**

| Mac's Builders Merchant

| £

1,032.90 |

FINANCE OFFICER REPORT**ACCOUNTS PAID
TO 31 March 2011**

Magee & Co Ltd	£	166.60
Mannin Media Group Ltd	£	280.35
Manx Business Solutions Ltd	£	158.47
Manx Electricity	£	32,318.22
Manx Gas Ltd	£	233.51
Manx Telecom Ltd	£	1,244.07
Martin & Watson Ltd	£	250.00
McGarrigle & Jackson	£	823.51
Mr J E Melvin	£	64.14
Mrs G McPherson	£	35.00
National Westminster Bank	£	10.00
Neopost Ltd	£	160.50
NK Joinery Limited Group	£	12,830.71
Ocean Ford	£	526.85
Office Equipment Centre (1978) Ltd	£	90.20
Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd	£	2,820.00
P & M Window Cleaners	£	521.38
P.G. Allom & Co. Ltd.	£	5.00
Paul Collins Training	£	360.00
Paul Wheeler Ltd	£	2,130.17
Phoenix Windows	£	123.00
Pickwicks	£	56.25
Ramsey & Northern Districts Housing Committee	£	828.19
Ramsey Town Commissioners	£	109.08
Raymotors Ltd	£	2,041.30
Roger Sutcliffe Ltd	£	1,074.49
SafetyNet Ltd	£	378.00
St. Paul's Bookshop	£	912.17
Sun Safe Play Systems Ltd	£	3,840.00
T&GWU	£	233.06
The British Library	£	10.80
The Post Office	£	713.50
The Ramsey Steamship Co. Ltd	£	1,761.73
Tip Top Cleaners (2006) Ltd	£	3,175.17
Total (IOM) Ltd	£	23,179.31
Ulverscroft Large Print Books	£	461.74
Viking Direct	£	156.00
W G Young	£	200.00
W.D.S. Ltd	£	2,123.63
Whittaker Trading Ltd	£	196.78
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	£	539.70
Wolseley UK Ltd	£	2,557.04
Grand Total	£	885,921.83

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS PAID TO 31st MARCH, 2011

Acc. No.	Payee	Description	Amount	Total
123	Transfer to General Revenue	LHE Phases 3 - 4		320.34
124	Dalrymple Associates	Brookhill/Seamount Rd Refurb.	2,736.02	
		LHE Phase 5	<u>2,142.85</u>	4,878.87
125	Auldyn Construction	LHE Phase 5		306,525.24
126	Dalrymple Associates	LHE Phase 5		4,117.56
127	Barista Coffee House	LHE Phase 1		25.90
128	Garden World	LHE Phases 3 - 4		240.00
129	BRE	LHE Phase 1		4,000.00
130	Magee & Co Ltd	Brookhill/Seamount Rd Refurb.		832.98
131	Holmes Grace	Brookhill/Seamount Rd Refurb.		450.00
132	Roger Sutcliffe	Central Heating 45 Properties		5,372.46
133	SafetyNet Ltd	Albert Road School Demolition		1,890.00
134	Dalrymple Associates	Brookhill/Seamount Rd Refurb.	2,736.02	
		LHE Phase 5	<u>2,142.85</u>	4,878.87
135	NK Joinery Ltd	Brookhill/Seamount Rd Refurb.		64,153.55
136	Transfer to CP No. 2	Central Heating 45 Properties		360.00
TOTAL				£ 398,045.77

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 2011**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following applications have been received from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The applications are listed for consideration subject to comments where appended.

REF NO: 2820 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: 11/00044/B
APPLICANT: Mr. K. French & Mrs J. Rice
PROPOSED: Installation of dormers and erection of replacement rear porch
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **11, Ormly Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2830 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: 11/00229/B
APPLICANT: Hadron Limited
PROPOSED: Erection of an extension to form additional bedroom accommodation (amendments to PA 05/01894/B)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Brookfield Nursing and Residential Home, Cloughbane Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2838
P.A. NO.: 11/00283/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. N. Cleghorn
PROPOSED: Installation of roof lights and dormers to dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **9, Westlands Close, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2839
P.A. NO.: 11/00290/B
APPLICANT: Ramsey Town Commissioners
PROPOSED: Creation of a doorway
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2840
P.A. NO.: 11/00316/B
APPLICANT: Mrs. H. Kennaugh
PROPOSED: Installation of additional window to side elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **71, Lezayre Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2841
P.A. NO.: 11/00322/B
APPLICANT: Department of Education and Children
PROPOSED: Alterations and installation of playground equipment
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Auldyn Infant School, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2842
P.A. NO.: 11/00334/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. J. Morland
PROPOSED: Removal of a chimney stack
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Oakfield, May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2843
P.A. NO.: 11/00336/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. E. Hirs
PROPOSED: Erection of a replacement porch to dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Grianane, May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2844
P.A. NO.: 11/00362/B
APPLICANT: Mr. D. Smith
PROPOSED: Alterations, erection of an extension to rear elevation and roofing works to existing conservatory
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Europa, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2845
P.A. NO.: 11/00375/C
APPLICANT: Mrs. A. Christian
PROPOSED: Change of use of bedroom to office
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **33, Cooil Breryk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2846
P.A. NO.: 11/00411/B
APPLICANT: Mr. P. Lewis
PROPOSED: Enclosure of external rear balcony
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **10, Marine Gardens, Queen's Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2847
P.A. NO.: 11/00414/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. M. Salter
PROPOSED: Erection of two storey extension to side elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Birstall, Vernon Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2848
P.A. NO.: 11/00420/B
APPLICANT: Mr. S. Parker
PROPOSED: Erection of an extension to front elevation of shop
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Outdoors, Albert Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2849
P.A. NO.: 11/00446/B
APPLICANT: Zara Investments Limited
PROPOSED: Conversion of existing gymnasium in basement, ground and first floors to three residential apartments
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Clybane, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2850
P.A. NO.: 11/00448/B
APPLICANT: Mr. & Mrs. C. Bush
PROPOSED: Alterations to dwelling including the installation of a dormer, gable and roof window
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **7, Claughbane Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 2851
P.A. NO.: 11/00479/B
APPLICANT: Mr. A. Cubbon
PROPOSED: First floor extension over garage to provide additional living accommodation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **3, Royal Park, Ramsey**

P. S. Harrison,
Chief Technical Officer

14th April, 2011

R.T.C. - CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 2011

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>	<i>Appendix II</i>
10/01354/D R.T.C. 2781	Hartford Homes Limited	Erection of temporary advertising, direction and warning signs (retrospective)	Approach Road to, and on the site of Royal Park Development	Meeting held: 20/10/10 Objection Appeal requested by R.T.C.	24/11/10 Application APPROVED 07/10/10 Request for APPEAL 31/03/11 Application REFUSED	1
10/01550/B R.T.C. 2792	Mr. D. Maddrell	Creation of temporary vehicular entrance	Plot adjacent to Maughold Lodge, Cloughbane Walk	Meeting held: 17/11/10 Objection	15/03/11 Application APPROVED 04/04/11 Request for APPEAL	2
10/01578/CON & 10/01579/GB R.T.C. 2793 & 2794	Department of Infrastructure, Harbours Division	Stabilisation and protection scheme to pier	Queens Pier, Queens Promenade, Ramsey	Meeting held: 17/11/10 Objection	17/03/11 Application APPROVED	3
10/01832/B R.T.C. 2810	Mr. D. Maddrell	Erection of a dwelling and creation of new vehicular access	Plot adjacent to Maughold Lodge, Cloughbane Walk	Meeting held: 19/01/11 Observation	15/03/11 Application APPROVED 04/04/11 Request for APPEAL	4
10/01893/B R.T.C. 2816	Department of Infrastructure	Installation of recessed lighting and paving works	Old Post Office Lane	Meeting held: 19/01/11 No Objection	17/03/11 Application APPROVED	5
10/01894/B R.T.C. 2817	Department of Infrastructure	Installation of recessed lighting and paving works	Trafalgar Hotel Lane,	Meeting held: 19/01/11 No Objection	17/03/11 Application APPROVED	6
11/00079/B R.T.C. 2822	Raven Construction Limited	First floor extension over existing garage to provide roof space storage	Land at rear of Lock up Garages, Ballure Road	Meeting held: 16/02/11 Observation	01/04/11 Application REFUSED	7
11/00168/B R.T.C. 2826	Ramsey Town Commissioners	Formation and operation of a public car park following the demolition of school building	Albert Road School, Albert Road.	Meeting held: 16/03/11 No Objection	05/04/11 Application APPROVED	8

R.T.C. - CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - APPENDIX II - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 2011

No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
1	10/01354/D R.T.C. 2781	Hartford Homes Limited, Approach Road to, and on the site of Royal Park Development. Erection of temporary advertising, direction and warning signs (retrospective).	<p>As the planning authority say, advertising signs are to be expected at new housing development sites. It is also understandable that the applicant company want to attract potential buyers and guide them to the site. However, having seen the number of signs which have been erected and the size of the larger ones, I agree with the basic point made by the Ramsey Town Commissioners -there are too many signs; some of them are unsuitable or unnecessary; and taken as a whole they spoil the appearance of the area.</p> <p>The approach road to the estate is quite long, but once visitors are driving along the road they do not have an opportunity to turn off. Therefore frequent "reminder" signs are not needed and the applicant's argument that the signs assist visitors in finding their way is weak. The signs purporting to warn of dangers ahead display the company name and logo prominently. These signs are as much repeat advertisements as they are warning signs. The large signs displaying the opening hours of the sales office, and the telephone number to call if the sales office is closed, are not suitable - people going to the sales office might well stop or slow to read the details on the sign and to write down the phone number. Vehicles stopped or suddenly slowing on the approach road would be a potential source of obstruction and safety hazard. Sign L is particularly unnecessary - it directs drivers to turn left into the estate when that is the only direction they can take.</p> <p>Similarly, the sign which reads “No littering! Please drive slowly!” carries the company name and logo in larger lettering than the rest of the sign. This is more an advertisement than a useful warning. Such repeated advertisements of the company name are not justified or necessary.</p> <p>I note the comments by both sides about the signs on Vollan Crescent, which are not part of the application subject to this appeal. Hartford Homes Limited apparently accept that they have carried out unauthorised development, so the company could be charged with a criminal offence (under Section 23 of the 1999 Act). There is no good reason to await the outcome of this appeal before removing those signs, but that is a matter for the company and the planning authority. In summary, the applicant company has gone beyond a reasonable threshold in placing so many signs here, and in erecting signs with inappropriate or unnecessary content. The fact that the signs may be temporary is not a compelling reason for allowing them all to remain, especially as the company has shown itself prepared to carry out unauthorised development, thereby casting doubt on whether a time-limiting condition would be promptly complied with.</p> <p>I have considered whether a “split decision” might be appropriate allowing some of the signs to remain, but I am not recommending such an approach because the application was made as a “package” and it is not for me to re-design the scheme as a whole. In any case, permitting some of the signs would not overcome the objections to their content mentioned above. I conclude that approval should not be granted.</p>

R.T.C. - CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT - APPENDIX II - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 2011

No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
2	10/01550/B R.T.C. 2792	Mr. D. Maddrell, Plot adjacent to Maughold Lodge, Cloughbane Walk Creation of temporary vehicular entrance.	This approval relates to the creation of a temporary vehicular access, as shown in the 1:4000 location plan, the 1:500 site plan (Ref. SP1), drawing of Section 1 (Ref. ENT 1), drawing of Section 2 (Ref. Section), photograph of the external view (Ref. EXT VW) and photograph of the internal view (Ref. INT VW), all date stamped 20 th October 2010. On the completion of the planting scheme or the expiry of one year from the date of this permission becoming final, whichever is the sooner, the temporary access hereby approved shall be closed up and the roadside boundary wall restored, unless planning permission is granted for a longer period.
3	10/01578/CON & 10/01579/GB R.T.C. 2793 & 2794	Department of Infrastructure, Harbours Division, Queens Pier, Queens Promenade. Stabilisation and protection scheme to pier.	Inspector's Assessment and Conclusion: Queens Pier, Ramsey is a good example of Victorian seaside architecture that is an important local landmark with historical associations. It is a registered building and there is consequently a presumption in favour of its preservation. In view of its condition the pier has been closed to the public since 1991 and it has further deteriorated since this time. In its current state the structure represents a danger to the public and if the situation is not checked the deterioration will continue to the point where there would be no prospect of restoration. Whilst full restoration is not possible in the current financial climate, Tynwald voted to proceed with the Stabilisation and Protection Scheme which is the subject of these applications. The proposal would stabilise the structure and remove the danger that is currently presented to users of the beach. The cost would be in the region of £1.8M. The scheme includes the replacement of damaged and missing rods, struts and couplings crucial to the continued integrity of the structure, the removal or securing of loose or rotten timber decking components and the removal of features such as cast iron railings and balustrading, lampposts and seating. Some of these components are in danger of falling from the pier because of the rotted edge beams to which they are attached. In addition it is proposed to dismantle and remove the former toll booths and the shelter at the seaward end of the pier. It is made clear that the items removed that are of historic interest and capable of re-use would be carefully recorded, tagged and stored in controlled conditions at Jurby and would be available for re-use in the future. I am satisfied that the replacement of certain of tie rods and bracing struts in steel would not affect the special architectural or historic interest of the pier. I also consider that the work is necessary to ensure its future stability. Whilst the removal of sections of deck and the various cast iron features is regrettable, this will enable artefacts of architectural interest to be protected from further deterioration and with careful recording and storage they would be available for use in a future restoration scheme. In any event their removal would be a necessary precursor for full restoration. Furthermore the removal of these features would address the real risk of injury to persons on the beach from items falling from the pier. In relation to the entrance building I would agree this is an inappropriate feature in the context of the Victorian pier. However the proposal to make it wind and weathertight will enable the security of the pier to be maintained until a restoration scheme can be implemented. It may well be decided that this feature should be removed as part of any eventual restoration scheme.

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	10/01578/CON & 10/01579/GB R.T.C. 2793 & 2794	Department of Infrastructure, Harbours Division, Queens Pier, Queens Promenade. Stabilisation and protection scheme to pier.	<p>Whilst the concern of Ramsey Town Commissioners that the removal of the various features amount to demolition by stealth with no guarantee that restoration would take place is appreciated, the Government's investment of £1.8M in the Stabilisation and Protection Scheme is an indication of the degree of commitment to the future of the pier. Subject to conditions to ensure that items of interest to be removed from the pier are carefully dismantled, recorded, transported and stored, I consider that planning permission and registered building consent should be granted for the Stabilisation and Protection Scheme.</p> <p>I recommend that planning permission and registered building consent be granted, each subject to the conditions listed at Annex A.</p> <p>ANNEX A – CONDITIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development ('works' in the case of the Registered Building Application) shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice. 2. This approval relates to the Stabilisation and Protection scheme to the Queen's Pier, Ramsey, as proposed in the documents submitted on 26th October 2010 (Planning. Statement, Record Photographs and Original Drawings) and the drawings listed in the Schedule date stamped 11th November, 2010. 3. The balusters, lamp standards, bench seats, hoist etc must be removed with care and stored on pallets in a suitable locked and weathertight storage facility which shall be managed and monitored in accordance with the environmental standards identified in the method statement referred to below. No development (works) shall take place until a method statement covering the removal, inventory, transportation and storage of these items has been submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. The development (works) shall be carried out in accordance with the details in the agreed method statement. 4. A set of well preserved cast iron components (paradigm components) are to be selected for particularly careful preservation and storage to act as templates for any replacement castings which maybe required in the future. These components are to be accurately recorded and detailed scale drawings are to be prepared, copies of which shall be provided to the Planning Authority. The detailed arrangements for the paradigm components including their recording shall be covered by the method statement referred to in condition 3 above. 5. Prior to the dismantling of the toll huts and shelter an analysis of these buildings, including identification of features to be retained, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority. The items to be retained shall be transported and stored in accordance with details which shall first have been submitted to and agreed in writing with the Planning Authority.

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No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
4	10/01832/B R.T.C. 2810	Mr. D. Maddrell, Plot adjacent to Maughold Lodge, Claughbane Walk. Erection of a dwelling and creation of new vehicular access.	<p>The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice.</p> <p>This approval relates to the erection of a dwelling and creation of new vehicular access as proposed in the submitted documents and drawings all received on 10th December 2010.</p> <p>Prior to the occupation of the dwelling, the access onto Claughbane Walk is to be completed to the required standard of the Department of Infrastructure's Highway Division and the hardstanding/driveway to the dwelling is to be completed to allow the required parking provisions to be used.</p> <p>Prior to the occupation all planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details in the next available planting and seeding seasons. Any tree or shrub which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the landscaping works, is removed, or becomes seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with another similar size and species, unless the Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.</p>
5	10/01893/B R.T.C. 2816	Department of Infrastructure, Old Post Office Lane. Installation of recessed lighting and paving works	<p>The narrow pedestrian links between Parliament Street and the West Quay are a characteristic of Ramsey Town Centre. The replacement of the existing surfacing material with natural stone and the introduction carefully designed lighting would secure a significant visual improvement of this alleyway and make it a more attractive space for the user. The proposal, which would secure an enhancement in the character and appearance of the conservation area, would accord with relevant policy in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan.</p> <p>It is consequently recommended that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>I recommend that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice. 2. This approval relates to paving works and the installation of recessed lighting as shown in drawings AP/01/05 and AP/01/08 received on 24th December 2010.

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No.	P A No.	Applicant / Site / Description	Details
6	10/01894/B R.T.C. 2817	Department of Infrastructure, Trafalgar Hotel Lane. Installation of recessed lighting and paving works	<p>The narrow pedestrian links between Parliament Street and the West Quay are a characteristic of Ramsey Town Centre. The replacement of the existing concrete surfacing material with natural stone and the introduction of carefully designed surface lighting would secure a significant visual improvement of this alleyway and make it a more attractive space for the user. The proposal which would secure an enhancement in the character and appearance of the conservation area would accord with relevant policy in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan.</p> <p>It is consequently recommended that the application be approved subject to the standard conditions.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>I recommend that planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice. 2. This approval relates to paving works and the installation of recessed lighting as shown in drawings AP/01/03 and AP/01/06 received on 24th December 2010.
7	11/00079/B R.T.C. 2822	Raven Construction Limited, Land at rear of Lock up Garages, Ballure Road First floor extension over existing garage to provide roof space storage	<p>The proposed development, by reason of its scale, form and design would have a harmful impact on the appearance of the building and the visual amenities of the area contrary to General Policy 2 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan (20th June, 2007).</p> <p>The additional use of the site for commercial storage within a residential area would be likely to result in increased activity, noise and general disturbance on a day to day basis resulting in an adverse impact on the amenity of local residents and the character of the locality.</p>
8	11/00168/B R.T.C. 2826	Ramsey Town Commissioners, Albert Road School, Albert Road. Formation and operation of a public car park following the demolition of school building.	<p>The development hereby permitted shall commence before the expiration of four years from the date of this notice.</p> <p>This approval relates to the formation and operation of a public car park following the demolition of school building as proposed in the submitted documents and drawings 01,08 and 08 REV 1 all received on 10th February, 2011.</p>

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
APRIL, 2011 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Lezayre Housing Estate – Progress Report

Phase 5

Blocks 28 and 29 The internal works are now virtually complete with only minor items to be carried out. Externally, works are progressing with rear fences and footpaths now complete and landscaping works ongoing.

Block 30 The second fix joinery works is complete whilst the second fix plumbing works is ongoing. Internal decoration works is continuing and external works are ongoing.

Block 31 The roof covering and tiling works to the Type A houses is now complete and the roofing works to the Type C houses is ongoing. First fix joinery works to the Type A houses is complete and ongoing to the Type C houses. Internal render and skim work is ongoing to all properties in this Block.

Block 32 Roof covering and tiling works is now complete and first fix joinery and M & E works are ongoing. Internal render and skim works is ongoing and external rendering works is complete to the first floor and ongoing to the ground floor.

Recommendation: For information only.

Refurbishment of Properties, Brookhill and Seamount Road

Phase 4 of the works relates to No's 10 and 12 Seamount Road and 21 and 22 Brookhill Road which are 2 pairs of semi-detached properties. The strip out of the properties is complete and first fix electrical works is nearing completion. The replacement of the defective lintels is complete to 2 properties and ongoing to the remaining 2. The fixing of the replacement windows has just commenced on 2 properties. The replacement roof covering works is well advanced.

Recommendation For information only.

Mooragh Park Paths

As reported last month, works have been continuing on improving the condition of the paths from Grove Mount down to the Mooragh Park. Further works have been progressed including the provision of a timber fence which has been erected to prevent the misuse of an area of footpath and The Broughs by cyclists who were causing damage and erosion to an area of embankment. The works have now been completed for this year.

Recommendation: For information only.

Building Control Act 1991

Notification of Intention to Demolish a Building

BB Consulting Engineers, on behalf of Fistral Properties Limited have notified the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Building Control Division of their intention to Demolish No 5 East Street and No 42 Parliament Street (former Mother Nature and Harbour Bistro premises).

The Demolition will require the closure of Parliament Street for 2 days, the intention is to demolish the buildings on Sunday 29th May and Monday 30th May which is a Bank Holiday in order to minimise disruption. Should this timescale not be achieved, the demolition could be delayed for some months.

The demolition works are to be carried out by Manx Demolition Ltd.

Recommendation: For information only.

P. S. Harrison,
Chief Technical Officer

15th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE
APRIL, 2011.**

Royal Wedding Fun Day

(PL)

Permission has been given to Mrs Sylvia Hepburn to hold a Family Fun Day in the Mooragh Park on 29th April (Royal Wedding Day) or 30th April if the weather on the 29th is inclement.

Activities will include: children's games, stalls, face painting, bouncy castles etc.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Electoral Register:

(FGP)

The Commission has received a copy of revisions to the Electoral Register which will come into force on the 1st April 2011.

Should no objections be raised to any entry in the enclosed revisions then a fully consolidated list which will take account of all of the amendments which have taken place since the 15th October 2010 will follow for display from the 1st April 2011. This consolidated register will replace all of the documents for the 2010/11 year.

Only persons included in the Electoral Register are entitled to vote at local authority and general elections, the next general election being held in September 2011.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team: Policing Plan 2011/2012 (FGP)

The new policing year commences in April and I have taken the opportunity to review the current policing plan. I have consulted with our local agency partners at a recent multi-agency meeting and they were supportive of the current format. This specifically included youth engagement, keeping the roads safe and community policing. In view of this I see no need to alter the current plan for the coming period.

As we move towards the end of the reporting period 2010/11 I am able to say, with respect to crime and road collision data, the past year has been a success for the community. Here is a snapshot of crime recording so far:

<i>Recorded Crime</i>	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>This Year</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>a/o Change</i>
<i>All Crime</i>	275	252	-23	-8.4%
<i>Criminal Damage</i>	91	68	-23	-25.3%
<i>Burglary dwelling</i>	1	1	0	0%
<i>Burglary other</i>	3	3	0	0.0%
<i>Assault other</i>	30	34	4	+13.3%
<i>Domestic Assault</i>	6	11	5	83.3%
<i>Theft</i>	62	70	8	12.9%

The overall detection rate is 64.3% which compares favourably with a Force rate of 53.2%. Local arrests and reports of criminal damage have fallen and my assessment is this is due to the absence of the Nightlife nightclub in Ramsey. My staff continue to take a pro-active approach to public order incidents. As a result, the number of public order arrests has risen from 34 to 54, a 58% increase. This is a preventative measure which has the effect of reducing other crimes such as damage.

Road collisions have fallen from 168 to 136, a reduction of 19%. More importantly, injury collisions have fallen from 57 to 42 which is a 26.3% fall. National media and enforcement campaigns as well as engagement with young drivers in the North have contributed to this pleasing result.

You will be aware of the proposed move from our Courthouse premises to the Town Hall. This move will bring a closer working relationship with our partner agencies and will bring cost benefits as well.

Staffing levels remain a critical and a difficult feature to maintain given the current economic situation. The commitment of the Force to provide staffing for NNPT remains as strong as ever as there is clear recognition that our presence here is a significant factor in keeping people safe in the North. I do not foresee any alterations to the level of cover provided by the Force for this neighbourhood. I have recently had two significant changes in staffing which resulted in two new Sergeants coming to the neighbourhood. Both Sgt Cathryn Bradley and Sgt Andrew Kneen are local to Ramsey and will be a great benefit to the policing of the community.

The monthly Level 1 Community Partnership meetings have continued over the year and they are very beneficial in providing a forum for identifying problems and often providing a multi-agency solution. The departure of Social Services before Christmas was disappointing and I do not think in the long term this will benefit multi-agency working. I have attended a number of Commissioners' meetings and these have proved useful in creating relationships and avenues of communication as well as understanding some local issues.

Police visits to schools and youth clubs have continued with great benefit, but it is extremely difficult to sustain this activity on a regular basis due to other demand-led incidents which warrant immediate attention. However, I will persevere with this as the benefits far outweigh the difficulties there are in sustaining this part of our service.

Recommendation: to be noted

VMCC TT Mountain Challenge

(PL)

The VMCC Isle of Man Section is celebrating 100 years of use of the TT Mountain Course. A one-off event has been organised using similar machines that would have taken part in the original 1911 event.

Public Correspondence – April, 2011 – Continued:

The Club would like to display the bikes at Parliament Square as Ramsey was the original stop off point in 1911. The Club would like to make the most of the Town Hall for refreshments provided by the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Society and photographs. The Press will hopefully be in attendance. The Commissioners are invited to this unique occasion.

It anticipated that the bikes should begin to arrive in Ramsey at approximately 11 a.m.

NOTE: The Boardroom is free on that Sunday morning and this unique event will compliment other events being staged that day as the start of National Week. Any monies acquired for teas, coffees or cold drinks will be donated to the Anti Cancer Fund. The organiser has been informed that applications for a road closure or suspension of Parking Order on the Square will need to be obtained from the DoI.

Recommendations: To support this event and permit use of the Town Hall facilities for two to three hours on 3rd July at no cost to the event.

Lherghy Frissell Hill Climb, Saturday 30th April 2011 (PL)

The Manx Motor Racing Club has advised as follows:

Roads will be closed from 9.15am to 4.15pm. The area involved for the road closure is:

A18 Mountain Road from its junction with Barrule Park to Guthrie's Memorial. No through traffic from the Bungalow to Ramsey. Vehicular access to and From Barrule Park will be remain open, if a little restricted at times, via the usual entrance on May Hill /the Mountain Road.

A parking suspension will be in force from 7.45a.m. to 4.45 p.m. in the following roads:

Beaumont Road, Lheaney Road and Queen's Drive West including the Triangle area - from their junctions with May Hill to the junction with Brookhill Road.

Two weeks before the event large notice boards will be placed on the approaches to the roads being closed as a reminder. Details will also be posted on their website:

Recommendation: to be noted.

TT Marshals Association: (WD)

Permission has been granted for the TT Marshal Association to site their information caravan on the Station Road Car Park during May Bank Holiday Weekend. The Caravan provides information about the Marshalls Association and the means of assisting as a marshal at the TT or MGP events.

Recommendation: to be noted.

Rowing in Aid of Royal British Legion

(PL)

The Ramsey Rowing Club will be holding an event to raise funds for the Royal British Legion on the Mooragh Park Lake on Sunday 1st May 2011 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be known as “The Mooragh Challenge” and winners will hold the Trophy for one year. Crew entry fee is £40 for which the crew of 4 rowers will row the length of the Mooragh Lake in competition with other crews of male, female or mixed crews.

No experience is required as training will be provided and the event will be well marshalled by members of the Ramsey Rowing Club. The event has the full support of Mansail Limited who hold the tenancy of the Mooragh Lake.

Recommended: For support and noting.

Vehicle Speeds – Queen’s Promenade:

(WD)

Mr. M. McKiernan, Sea View, Queen’s Promenade, Ramsey, has provide the Board with a copy of correspondence, also copied to the Police, addressed to the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. McKiernan is again concerned that motor vehicles exceed the speed limits on Queen’s Promenade, in the vicinity of his property. Mr. McKiernan has asked that the Department introduce traffic calming methods.

Mr. M. Barnes, Traffic Technician, has responded to Mr. McKiernan and advised that he will request a further traffic survey to be carried out, closer to the slipway. Mr. Barnes has indicated that he will advise Mr. McKiernan of the results of the traffic survey.

Recommendation: To be noted.

**Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme
Actuarial Valuation as at 31st March 2010**

(FGP)

There is a requirement for an actuarial valuation to take place every three years to review the funding level of the Fund held by the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme, of which local authority employees are members.

The published Actuarial Valuation Report as at 31st March 2010, produced by Hymans Robertson Actuaries for the Isle of Man Local Government Superannuation Scheme, is now available at <http://www.douglas.gov.im/pensions.asp>.

Particularly attention is drawn to the observation of the Actuary that the funding level at 74% has fallen from the 79.6% reported from the last valuation, with an increased deficit recovery period of 20 years (previously 14 years). This compares against the book value of the IOM Government Pension Reserve which is stated within the IOM Budget 2011/12 as representing 14.4% of the Government Pension liability at 31st March 2011.

The latest valuation report shows continuing improvements in life expectancy, and therefore more payments required to be paid out of the Fund. The Fund has also suffered deterioration from the adverse conditions which the Fund has had to contend with since the previous valuation with investment returns being significantly poorer than anticipated. The valuation has also taken account of the change from Retail Price Index to Consumer Price Index as set out in Statutory Document Number 117/11 for Annual Pensions Increases. All pensioners are being informed of this change.

No account has been taken of effects of any future changes to the regulations from changes that have already been made to the United Kingdom Local Government Pension Scheme or from any further changes proposed.

Recommendation: to be noted

Ramsey Chamber of Commerce

(FGP)

Mr Chris Blatcher, Chairman of the Ramsey Chamber of Commerce has written, on behalf of the Chambers officer and members, to express thanks for the support of the Commissioners and staff in the use of the Town Hall for the Chambers business meetings.

Thanks are also express to the Chairman Capt. Nigel Malpass for his continued support of the Chamber over the past and previous years. Mr Blatcher states that Capt. Malpass has provided a valuable contribution to the Chamber and is an important link between the Chamber and the Commissioners which the Chamber feels has proved to be of considerable benefit to the town.

Recommendation: to be noted

The Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984

(FGP)

On receipt of an application for a Full or Restricted Certificate, the Gambling Supervision Commission, under Schedule 1 of the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984, are required to consult with the Local Authority in whose district the premises in question is situated.

An application has been received in respect of the Commercial Hotel, Ramsey.

The application is made by Ken Joynes and Sons, Beachcomber Arcade, Port Erin, a Licensed Machine Supplier, on behalf of The Commercial Hotel Limited. The applicant wishes to site three (3) controlled machines within the premises.

The premises are a public house and therefore access will be restricted to those over 16 years, in addition the licensee will be required to comply with the provisions of the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984.

Recommendation: no objection.

Ramsey Sprint Events

(PL)

Straightliners seek permission to erect a 3m x 3m stage at the Ramsey Sprint Custom show. The structure will be about 3ft high to show off some of the custom bikes, have a PA system on and for the prize presentation at the end of the show. The location requested is right in the corner by the hedge adjacent to the RTC barrier store.

Confirmation has been received from one of the UK's top custom bike company's who will be coming over for the event with a big display of bikes and wish to erect a marquee in the Custom Show area.

Recommendation: To grant permission for the erection of a stage and marquee.

NOTE: A mechanical contrivance certificate will not be required for the stage, but a guard rail of 1 metre in height around the edge of it will be compulsory.

Road Closures – National Week:

(PL/WD)

The Hon. Mrs. A. V. Craine, M.H.K., has written in respect of a proposal to promote a "Food Fest" for the Saturday at the end of the week, in this instance Saturday 9th July. Mrs. Craine writes:-

I am conscious that the programme for National Week often sits outside of the retail area and whilst we enjoy a community celebration I would like to see it benefit the town by bringing more visitors into Ramsey.

My proposal would be to close Parliament Street from the junction with Court Row to the junction of Bourne Concourse with Water Street; if a parking suspension were applied to Court Row and Water Street it would allow traffic coming up Parliament Street to turn into Court Row, Water Street and exit via Peel Street. I have discussed this proposal with all of the shopkeepers in the area with the exception of the Mitre (who were busy with Shennaghys Jui), Harmony Homes, and Travelworld who were closed and the Police and Post Office who were closed. All of the others were positively responsive and felt that it would not detract from their business. I told them that if it were to go ahead I would envisage it taking place between 10am and 4pm and that the road would have to be closed earlier and later than those hours to enable setting up and taking down of stalls etc. to take place. All felt that it would be an attraction to draw people into Ramsey to take another look at what the town has to offer.

These are preliminary enquiries but the next stage is of course to see whether there would be a willingness on the part of the Town Commissioners to allow me to explore the matter further and to seek their support for the proposed road closure and parking suspension.

I would envisage food outlets from the town coming to take part as well as retailers from across the island displaying and selling their produce together with live music and entertainment going on throughout the day.

Road Closures – National Week Continued:

May I ask you to put this before the Commissioners at their next meeting? I regret that time is short if we are to be able to pull all the necessary arrangements together and so it would be helpful if I were able to receive an early indication from the Commissioner's as to whether they would feel able to support this event.

Recommendation: for discussion

14th April, 2011.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION
TOWN AND VILLAGE CENTRES REGENERATION FUND
APRIL, 2011 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Notice of Motion, dated 5th April, 2011, is submitted in the name of Mr. L. I. Singer, T.C.,:

“Notice of Motion

Mr. L. I. Singer, T.C., to move that the Ramsey Town Commissioners:-

1. welcome the investment opportunities for Ramsey provided through the Island’s Town and Village Centres Regeneration Fund;
2. believe that in order to derive the optimum benefit from the regeneration scheme priority should be given to works which will provide the earliest visual improvement to the environment of the town centre;
3. would request that priority should be given to progressing works to improve the environment of the Courthouse Gardens and Peel Street [presently referred to as phases 2 and 2a] which have been recognised as the “heart of the town centre”, over the proposed works to improve “the lanes” between Parliament Street and the Quayside.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2011.”

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides that every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended to bring it forward.

5th April, 2011.