

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mesdames. M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' W. L. Hankin (part of meeting), N. P. Howard, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Mr. G. Monk. Canon Greenwood has been granted leave of absence.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Chief Technical Officer, Finance Officer, Housing and Property Manager, Head Librarian, and Technical Services Manager were in attendance.

## (2018/19:380) Finance - Rate Setting:

Members continued consideration of the project estimates following tabling of a report from the Finance Officer detailing the rate impact of projects and summarising those projects which in prior discussion at the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, the Commission had agreed should be further considered.

The following projects were noted for further discussion in determining the final rate setting estimates:-

		Cost	Rate in p
		£	
<b>Assets &amp; Buildings</b>			
2.	Lakeside toilet floor	2,450	0.35
3.	Bike shelters	0	0.00
4.	Water fountains	7,500	1.07
8.	Old River Road Yard		
10.	Panel van	15,500	2.21
<b>Works &amp; Development</b>			
1.	Station Road Car Park	20,000	2.85
2.	Wheelie bins	5,000	0.71
3.	Compactor - yrs. 1- 5	18,900	2.70
	Bin surrounds - yr. 1	15,000	2.14
3.	Litter bins	8,100	1.16
4.	Gum cleaner	4,000	0.57
5.	Mulching mower	7,500	1.07
7.	Xmas lights	26,500	3.78
8.	Street light heads	6,000	0.86
9.	War Memorial		
10.	Seasonal staff	8,500	1.21

		Cost	Rate in p
		£	
<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>			
1.	Planters	5,000	0.71
2.	Lawn edging	1,000	0.14
3.	Faaie Wyllin	2,000	0.29
4.	Tipper vehicle	21,000	3.00
5.	Training	4,500	0.64
6.	Machinery	1,250	0.18
7.	Seasonal staff	8,500	1.21
8.	Library Furnishings		
9.	TT 2019 events	10,000	1.43
10.	2019 fireworks	2,000	0.29
11.	North beach	6,000	0.86
12.	G Flag & landscaping	2,500	0.36
<b>Finance</b>			
2.	IT server	9,400	1.34
		218,100	31.13

Mr N Howard joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The Commission considered individual items and agreed to retain the following items for further consideration within the rate setting process:-

Replacement of mercury street lighting heads	Agreed at a cost of £6,000
Water Street Car Park Monitoring	Agreed at a cost of £2,000
Seasonal Staff	Agreed to further consider 1 staff member split between Works and Parks at a cost of £8,500
War Memorial refurbishment	Members discussed the proposed works and noted that the series of commemorations of loss would continue until September 2019. Members agreed that works should be deferred until after completion of the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations.
Planters	Not to proceed with wall planters. Other planting to be contained within existing budgets
Lawn edging	To be contained within existing budget
Faaie Wyllin	Defer for future years consideration following tenant consultation.
Parks training	Agreed (grants to be sought) at cost of £4,500



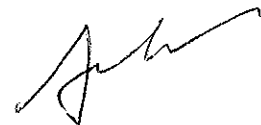
Library	Members noted the ongoing strategic review and the Select Committee review of library services. The Head Librarian indicated, in response to a question, that a reduction in the book acquisition budget of 30% of the projected 2018/19 out-turn figure could be achieved by careful management. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mr Hankin voting against, that the library acquisition budget be reduced to £20,000 for the 2019-20 rate year.
TT Events	Agreed to retain a budget of £10,000 for further discussion
Fireworks Display	£2,000 to facilitate enhancement of the annual fireworks event.
North Beach area improvements	£6,000 to improve facilities in the area of the North Beach.
Green Flag and landscaping	To be contained within existing budgets

Members continued to review the variable expenditure elements of the existing budget and agreed that there was little scope for amendment.

Members noted minor rental increases associated with commercial lettings.

Members agreed to adjourn the meeting for further detailed discussion at the January Board.

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m. giving a time of 2.00 hours for payment of attendance allowances.



Chairman.