

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, 28th March, 2018, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mesdames' M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' P. S. Ayres, E. R. Corkish, Rev'd. Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

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

(2017/18:357) Harbours Strategy Continued:

Mr. Robin Bromley-Martin and Mr. Peter Greenlees attended the meeting by invitation to present more detail of their marina proposals for Ramsey Bay. Members were reminded of the need to keep this matter confidential for commercial sensitivity.

The basic concept was explained, namely

- To build a 250 - 300 yacht marina between the southern breakwater and the Queen's Pier;
- To develop a "yachting hub" for the Island
- To become a "sail to" destination

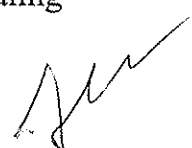
The following were illustrated:

- The suggested location;
- Primary layout
- Zoning reflecting commercial/residential/car parking cum outdoor venue
- Slipway and
- Bandstand area to tie waterfront into the pier
- Other marine developments undertaken and
- Other town developments

Side Benefits were suggested as:-

Marine:

- Funding for Queen's Pier Renovation
- Provision of critical mass of clientele for shipyard
- 24/7 access for Town's fishing fleet
- 24/7 access for lifeboat
- Possibility of becoming a major facility for competitive sailing
- Expansion opportunity for Venture Centre



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Urban:

- Catalyst for major redevelopment of Ramsey
- Provision of additional civic amenities - for TT; events; Farmers' Markets, etc.
- Suggestion to re-route Manx Electric Railway with a stop at the Queen's Pier and terminus near Dale Street;

Mr. Bromley-Martin outlined the team proposed for the development which included:

- himself as Civil Engineer and yachtsman;
- Mr. Greenlees for Branding and Marketing;
- Mr. Richard Acland - for COO of Ancaste and CEO of Green Marine - a shipyard specialist;
- Beckett Rankine - marine structures consultancy
- Manser Practice - leading architectural practice

Various questions were put and discussion took place during the presentation.

Mr. Bromley-Martin and Mr. Greenlees indicating their willingness to meet the Board again at any time, in and so doing were thanked for their attendance and withdrew from the meeting at 8.00 p.m., at which time Mr. Ayres and Mr. Young also withdrew from the meeting.

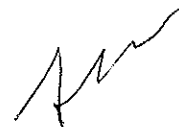
Discussion continued during which members expressed mixed views some in favour some wishing to know the views of the electorate before committing themselves. The Town Clerk advised members that the Director of Harbours, Ann Reynolds, would like to know the view of the local authority. Mr. Cowie advised that the developers would appreciate an indication of support from the Town otherwise they will go to Port St. Mary and in so doing proposed that the Commission indicate their support in principle subject to consultation with the townspeople.

The Town Clerk recommended wording that the Commission inform the developers that they have received the presentation, recognise the potential to the community and look forward to receiving further information as the project develops which will include public engagement.

Mr. Parker proposed that the Town Clerk's wording be put as a formal proposal, this was seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood voting against.

Members also agreed to ask the Department of Infrastructure's Harbours' Division to allow the Commission to view any press statements they make on this matter prior to them being published.

No other matters were recorded in Private.



Chairman.