

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mrs. M. B. Quayle, Messrs' Rev. Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Mrs. J. Wedgwood and Messrs' N. Howard and G. Monk.

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

(2019/20:260) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 18th December, 2019, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2019/20:261) Matters Arising:

There were no matters raised.

(2019/20:262) Chairman's Report:

Resolved: To note the Chairman's report dated 9th January, 2020. The Chairman reiterated the thanks and congratulations conveyed within his report together with his good wishes for the success of the Benefits' Office in relocating to the Town Hall which it is felt provide a fuller service in conjunction with the "Job's' Club".

Finance and General Purposes:

(2019/20:263) Town Clerk's Report - Local Authority General Elections 2020:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 7th January, 2020, advising of the timetable prepared by the Department of Infrastructure for the Local Authority General Elections 2020.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Parker and agreed that the Commissioners' Annual Meeting take place on Friday, 1st May, 2020.

(2019/20:264) Town Clerk's Report - Register of Declaration of Members' Interests:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7th January, 2020, concerning the Local Government Act 1985 insofar as it concerns declaration of members' interests.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that the register maintained be published on the Commissioners' website.

(2019/20:265) Finance Officer General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s General Report dated 9th January, 2020, subject to the following:-

Mr. Cowie queried and was advised of goods ^{not} were provided by one supplier. *John*

Works and Development:

(2019/20:266) Town Clerk’s Report - Area Plan for the North and West - Call for Sites:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 9th January, 2020, concerning the progress of the Area Plan for the North and West and advising of the next steps, following the Call for Sites. Members noted the table of actions to be taken by the Cabinet Office and sites, in Ramsey, suggested. It was noted that the dated for “call for sites” had been extended to the end of February, 2020.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams that if no individual responses by members are forthcoming the Commission make comment only with regard to the Vollan Crescent Site and its use as public open space. This was seconded by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Parker queried if use of the site if developed could be considered over-intensive, Mr. Young felt the area should be developed.

Mr. Cowie referred to the Lheighany Field and suggested it might be used for allotments - it was however recognised that the field did flood on occasions. The Town Clerk advised members that the land was designated as playing fields but he understood that there was no restrictive covenant in place limiting its use.

An amendment put by Mr. Cowie that the Commission comment only on Vollan Crescent and the Lheighany Fields, this was seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed.

Resolved: ~~to~~ submit comments for the Town Clerk’s report *subject to above amended*
(2019/20:267) Town Clerk’s Report - Consultation TT / MGP Road Closures:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s Report dated 10th January, 2020, concerning the consultation issued by the Department of Enterprise with regard to proposals for road closure schedules for the 2020 TT, and beyond.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Cowie voting against, that the changes be supported.



(2019/20:268) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: That the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 9th January, 2020, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted and approved, subject to the following:-

- REF NO: 3736
- P.A. NO.: 19/01440/B
- APPLICANT: Fynoderee Limited
- PROPOSED: Installation of fencing, formation of parking and bin area and change of use from workshop/garage/offices to a distillery with ancillary offices (Class 4) and shop (Class 1)
- NOTES: P.A. in Detail
- SITE: **Garage/Workshop, Parsonage Road, Ramsey.**

Discussion took place with regard to the proposed working hours stated within the applications as being:

Monday - Thursday	08.00 hours to 23.30 hours
Friday and Saturday	08.00 hours to 01.30 hours
Sunday	10.00 hours to 18.30 hours

Mr. Williams expressed concern about the “opening” hours in view of the proximity of residential property. Mr. McGuinness suggested mid-night as the latest working or opening hour. Clarity was sought on this matter and the Technical Services Manager advised that the application referred to “operating hours”. The Town Clerk advised that the trading classification of the application was not for that of a public bar.

A proposal by Canon Greenwood that a 23:00 hour closure be applied did not receive a seconder.

A proposal was put by Mr. Williams that any licensing controlled opening hours be restricted to

Monday - Thursday	08.00 hours to 22.00 hours
Friday and Saturday	08.00 hours to 24.00 hours
Sunday	10.00 hours to 18.30 hours

this was seconded by Mr. Hankin and carried by 5 votes to 4 Mrs. Quayle and Messrs; Cowie, McGuinness and Parker voting against.

Appendix: an Appendix with regard to Planning Application 3650 alterations and erection of extensions and additional use of residential dwelling as tourist living accommodation was tabled. It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood voting against, to suspend Standing Orders to allow the matter to be considered.

Members were informed that 37 comments had been received by the Planning Committee on the application.

A proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowie that the Commission comment on the welcome proposal to develop tourism accommodation was defeated by 7 votes to 2.

Appendix... Beach House... Continued:

A proposal by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission submit an observation about the loss of light was carried by 5 votes to 4 - Messrs' Cowie, McGuinness, Parker and Williams voting against.

(2019/20:269) Technical Services Manager's Report - The "Happy to Chat" Benches:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed, to note and approve the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 8th January, 2020, concerning the initiative launched by Hospice to have benches around the town designated as "Happy to Chat" benches. It is suggested that benches so designated be painted an appropriate colour but not be too obvious.

Housing and Property:

(2019/20:270) Town Clerk's Report - Public Sector Rent Increases 2020-21:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 7th January, 2020, advising of the rent levels to be applied to public sector housing from 1st April, 2020, as determined by the Department of Infrastructure.

Parks and Leisure:

(2019/20:271) Deputy Town Clerk Report - Events 2020:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th January, 2020, concerning requests made to hold events in the Mooragh Park during 2020.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mrs. Quayle, seconded by Mr. Hankin and agreed, permission be granted to hold events, as follows:-

Hospice Isle of Man - Bubble Rush - Sunday, 24th May, 2020.

Rotary Club of Ramsey - Sunday Funday - 12th July, 2020.

It was noted that both events will require logistical support by way of the provision of barriers.

Any Other Business:

(2019/20:272) Climate Change Report:

The Chairman commended members to study the Climate Change Report which had been circulated and which it was agreed be considered at a future meeting of the Commission.

(2019/20:273) Royal British Legion:

Mr. Oldham took the opportunity to inform members that a communication had been addressed to “Haigh House” with regard to possible assistance for funding the mounting of Poppy Mosaic and that the total for the 2019 Poppy Appeal in Ramsey had reached a record amount collected of £39,222.63.

(2019/20:274) Matter raised by Public:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no matter were raised by members of the public for consideration.

The Chairman thanked the media representatives for attending and closed the public session at 8.05 p.m.

The following items were considered in private the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, etc., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2019/20:275) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes of the Board Meeting held on 18th December, 2019, were recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2019/20:276) Minutes Meeting Northern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee:

Resolved: To note the Minutes of meetings of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee held on 9th April, 21st May, 26th June and 29th October, 2019.

Members were assured that queries raised by them with regard to equipment purchased and working methods suggested, had been thoroughly considered and discussed by the Committee.

(2019/20:277) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9th January, 2020, included within the agenda and the following comments made thereon, and accepting that some matters may be referred to in other sections of these minutes:-

- *Amenity Byelaws* - it was noted that the Town Clerk will meet with staff of the Attorney General’s department within the next two weeks.
- *Shoprite Group* - the Town Clerk verbally advised members of discussions held, which he will confirm in a report to the Board;
- *Vollan / Balladoole Odours* - it was reported that the MUA have appointed a Consultant and will provide a timeline when agreed;

(2019/20:277) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” Continued:

- *Call for Sites* - this item can now be removed.
- *Shelter Public Art* - the Deputy Town Clerk advised that a presentation will be made and input from the Commission sought.

The Register of Ruinous Property and Unsightly Buildings appended to the Action Tracker was noted, subject to the following:-

- *Bleak House* - the Town Clerk gave a verbal report on this matter and it was noted that progress is dependent upon an interested party's return to the Island. Members agreed to await that party's return and then seek an update from Environmental Health. The Town Clerk was requested to report to the February meeting on this matter.

Finance and General Purposes Committee:

(2019/20:278) Town Clerk's Report - Local Authority General Elections 2020 - Returning Officer:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7th January, 2020, concerning the need, or otherwise to appoint a Returning Officer in terms of the Local Elections Act, 1985, for the forthcoming Local Authority General Election 2020.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed Mr. R. A. E. Jelski, Advocate, be invited to act as Returning Officer for South Ward and North Ward if necessary.

(2019/20:279) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's Report dated 9th January, 2020, subject to the following:-

Rent Arrears - Members were given details of those tenants whose arrears / payment plans had been queried. It was noted that some of the arrears were “seasonal”

Aged Debtors - It was agreed to note the list of debtors appended to the Finance Officer's report. It was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that subject to receipt of a final statement the balance of the debt specifically referred to in the second and subsequent paragraphs of the report be written off for accounting purposes as irrecoverable.

Housing and Property:

(2019/20:280) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Bicycle Shelters:

Members agreed to defer this matter to budget/estimates meeting(s).

(2019/20:281) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Changing Huts on Northern Promenade:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 8th January, 2020, concerning the provision of changing huts on the Mooragh Promenade and giving costs for the provision of huts.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 8 votes to 1 that the necessary planning application be submitted. Mr. Young voted against.

(2019/20:282) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Water Feature Play Area:

Members agreed to defer this matter to budget/estimates meeting(s).

Parks and Leisure:

(2019 /20:283) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Scenic Car Tour 2020:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th January, 2020, advising of the proposal to hold a Festival of Motoring between 17th - 21st September, 2020, for which the organisers are seeking initial support from the Commission.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mrs. Quayle, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed, the organisers be informed of the Commission's initial support to the event.

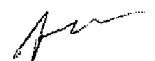
Any Other Business:

(2019 /20:284) Technical Services Manager's Report - Refuse Wagon 120:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's tabled report 15th January, 2020, concerning the road traffic collision involving the Commission's refuse wagon KMN 120K. The report advised of the problems with vehicles due to repairs needed to other vehicles and staffing due to illness and suggested ways in which the problems might be resolved.

Mr. Cowie proposed that a refuse wagon be hired and an additional employee engaged, both in the short term. Mr. Young asked that companies who undertaken refuse collections for other authorities be asked if they can assist.

A proposal put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission investigate the acquisition of a second hand refuse vehicle to replace KMN 120K as a short-term measure. Members were reminded that use of the refuse vehicles would need to be managed carefully to facilitate bin-weigh for commercial refuse.



(2019 /20:284) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Refuse Wagon 120 Cont:

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed to seek to employ an additional employee on a limited term six-months’ contract. The Deputy Town Clerk suggested it might be possible to look at applicants for previous positions.

Members also agreed to continue the tender process for a new refuse wagon, and requested a further report on other options identified.

Members wished the driver a full and speedy recovery and conveyed their best wishes to him and his family.

(2019 /20:285) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report - Manx Two Day Trial 2020:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th January, 2020, concerning the request made by the Manx Two Day Motorcycle Trial for support to possibly hold a showcase event on the Market Square on 12th July, 2020, from 12 noon until 4.00 p.m.

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed, to support the proposal.

Members were informed that residents in the area would be routinely notified by the organisers as part of any road closure application process and the support was likely to be by way of the provision of barriers.

(2019 /20:286) Northern Civic Amenity Site Operational Hours:

Members considered proposed changes with regard to restricting access to the Northern Civic Amenity Site by commercial vehicles. It was noted that the CA Site Committee wish to limit access by vans to 3 days per week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) and in addition restrict the quantity being brought to the site by such vehicles. The restrictions will be for a trial period of six months to take effect from 1st February. Vans would not be permitted on the other days.

Members were in general agreement of the proposal but agreed that it should be well advertised. Members were informed that the CA Site now had its own Facebook page and were assured that notification of the trial would be given prominence.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.



Chairman.

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A Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 22nd January, 2020, at 7. p.m.

Present: Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mrs. M. B. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' Rev. Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin, J. McGuinness, G. Monk, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker (part of meeting), F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Mr. N. Howard

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

(2019 /20:287) 2020-21 The Heart of Ramsey (THOR) Update:

The Chairman welcomed Ms Georgie Revill and Mr Chris Penketh on behalf of The Heart of Ramsey (THOR), and thanked them giving their time to meet. Apologies were given in respect of Mr. Tim Baker, M.H.K., who was engaged at a sitting of Tynwald Court.

Mr. Penketh gave a brief update on the building scheme progress. Planning consent had been obtained and THOR are in the process of engaging Paul Bergin, BB Consulting Engineers, as Structural Engineer for the project. A request was made to access the Courthouse on 4th February, 2020, for inspection and to identify areas which will be needed to be opened for structural assessment to complete the design process. THOR aims to submit the building regulations application around March, 2020, a period of 6 weeks is allowed to approval before THOR would be in a position to tender the first phase of building work.

THOR has had an initial meeting with an interior designer to discuss internal finishes; further investigation is to be undertaken. THOR's primary aim at present is to achieve building regulations approval.

Ms Revill updated on the financial position advising that THOR had obtained charitable status, Registered Charity 1291, on 22nd November, 2019. THOR was now engaged in the process of setting up banking with Barclays Bank in Ramsey.

A fundraising strategy has been established with some offers of financial donations already having been received. Ms Revill's SKILS Charity had been wound up and £12,500.00 funds were being made available to THOR towards the Heart Café at the Courthouse. Other local interests were keen to engage and assist. THOR is eligible to apply for Manx Lottery Trust for assistance, it was hoped that the Lottery Trust Community Fund may be able to finance a 2 year part-time manager appointment. Other local trusts are to be approached alongside community fundraising. THOR's initial funding target is £200,000.



(2019 /20:287) 2020-21 The Heart of Ramsey (THOR) Update continued:

In response to questions from Mr. Hankin, Ms Revill advised that major fundraising can only proceed once the bank accounts are in place. Ms Revill explained that the proposed café is intended to loosely follow the model of the Greenfields Park Café in the grounds of Noble's Hospital. It is hoped that DHSC will be able assist in providing staff management support, there will be volunteer opportunities and DBS checking etc. will be in place. The overall funding requirement remained £500,000, which would complete the whole build including the longer term aim of an extension to the rear courtyard. THOR intends to approach various local trusts that would be able to assist as the scheme falls within the scope of their Aims and Objects; approaches are also to be made to the Manx Lottery Trust, the Arts Council, etc.

The meeting agreed that a joint media release to maintain community engagement and promote the Commissioners ongoing support would be appropriate.

In response to a question from Mrs. Quayle, Ms Revill advised that the project was aimed at community needs and interests in the widest sense. It was hoped to operate between 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. with diverse activities and a number of income streams, a wide range of community ideas have already been brought forward. The Courthouse will be a place for community focus, social inclusion, and a popular meeting place.

Mrs. Wedgwood asked whether opportunities might exist for room rental and Mr. Penketh confirmed that there would be some office space available plus hot desking opportunities.

Mr. Hankin and Mrs. Wedgwood commented that the proposals would provide opportunities to a number of people in the community to engage in activity which gave them a feeling of worth. It was noted that in some cases THOR would be engaging with support bodies to ensure that those opportunities were co-ordinated alongside other support mechanisms.

The Chairman thanked Ms Revill and Mr. Penketh for attending and for their time and efforts in progressing the THOR project and they left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr Parker joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

(2019 /20:288) 2020-21 Budget process:

The Finance Office tabled update budget figures consolidating the decisions made during earlier discussion.



(2019 /20:288) 2020-21 Budget process: continued

Mr. McGuinness drew attention to the summary of proposed projects for discussion and led a review of those items as follows:-

Northern Civic Amenity Site – Members noted a summary of the cost increases associated with the NCAS resulting from increased tonnages, charges and a reduction in the contribution from Bride Parish.

- *Riverside* - no proposals are included for the 2020-21 budget, a business case is to be prepared for future discussion.
- *Play Equipment* – Members noted that safety was paramount and that a recent review had identified a number of areas for improvement. Mr. Cowie proposed that the first year figures be accepted subject to a review of the zip wire costs. This was seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed unanimously. £10,990 to be budgeted equivalent to 1.55p rate.
- *Water Play Feature* – Members noted that the surface is ready for replacement, it has exceeded its lifespan expectations, there is logic in upgrading the attractions whilst the surface replaced. Mr. McGuinness highlighted that the feature is the most popular Mooragh attraction. Members discussed options for progression on a phased basis.

Mr. Cowie proposed that the Safety Surface and Dunker be progressed allowing other features to be updated in future years. If possible the Commission should use any abated sum contributions to extend the synthetic surface, and the option of a lottery grant be investigated. The proposal was seconded by Mrs. Quayle and agreed unanimously to provide for the Safety Surface renewal (£19,540) and Dunker (£6,817) equivalent to a 3.8p rate.

- *Inclusive Play Equipment* - Members noted that such installations were eligible for Lottery Trust Funding, Members agreed to proceed to apply for such to enable these works to progress at zero rate impact.
- *Shoprite Toilets* - Members noted the position following discussion with Shoprite Limited who own the toilet facilities which are maintained by the Commission. Members agreed not to proceed with refurbishment during the forthcoming year.
- *Bicycle Shelters* – Mr Cowie propose that the scheme be rejected for the forthcoming year. Mr McGuinness seconded the motion advising that the proposal should form part of wider project not isolated to the town hall alone. It was agreed unanimously not to proceed in the 2020-21 year.
- *Bunscoil Mosaic* – Agreed to proceed with a permanent installation if outside funding can be identified at no cost to the rate fund.
- *Water Filling Stations* – costing £3,230 approximately. Mr McGuinness proposed provision for one installation be made, Mr Oldham proposed that the project be deferred. The matter was put to members and it was agreed to defer the proposal, Messrs Cowie, McGuinness and Parker voting against such.



(2019 /20:288) 2020-21 Budget process: continued

- **Station Road** – Members noted remedial works being undertaken in the current financial year, and ongoing discussion with Shoprite Group. A £5,500 budget is retained for overall car parks maintenance. Mr McGuinness proposed, Mr Oldham seconded, and it was agreed unanimously that no budget increase apply for 2020-21 with the exception of any works possible following any further negotiated contribution from Shoprite. A further report on negotiations was requested.
- **Wheelie Bins** – Members sought further details regarding the stock and demand for new commercial bins. It was proposed by Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Parker and agreed unanimously to make budget provision of £8,000 in the 2020-21 year.
- **Refuse Wagon Replacement**- an initial budget proposal of £19,860 had been based on the October delivery of a new wagon. Members noted a further report outlining discussions since the writing-off of a Commissioners' vehicle following an accident. Members noted the options presented and agreed to avoid excessive costs associated with a long term hire pending delivery of a new vehicle. Mr. McGuinness proposed, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the Commission proceed with option 4 in the report to acquire a 3 year old vehicle on a 3 year finance basis at an annual cost of £32,500. An amendment was proposed by Mr. Oldham, second by Mr. Hankin, and agreed by 6 votes to 5 to proceed with option 4 on a 4 year finance basis at an annual cost of approximately £24,375 per annum. Mesdames Quayle and Wedgwood, and Messrs Greenwood, McGuinness and Williams voted against the amendment.
- **Litter Bin Surrounds** –It was noted that a grant was available under the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, and proposed by Mr. McGuinness that provided 50% grant is available, and the projected savings confirmed, the scheme should proceed subject to further report. The proposal was seconded by Mr Williams and agreed by 10 votes to one, Mr. Cowie voting against.
- **Decorative Lighting** - Mr. McGuinness advised his view that little and often is the best approach with incremental improvement year on year. A 50% grant may be available. Three proposals were made, it was noted that in each case labour costs would be an additional £10,000:-
 1. Proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cowie to spend £10,000..
 2. Proposed by Mr. Oldham seconded by Mr. Hankin to spend £20,000.
 3. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker to spend £30,000.

The matter was put to the vote; the proposal to spend £30,000 was defeated by 9 votes to 2, Messrs McGuinness and Parker voting in favour.

The proposal to spend £20,000 was accepted by 7 votes to 4, Messrs Cowie, Greenwood, Williams and Young voting against.

- Members noted that the proposal for phased structural testing of street lighting columns had previously been agreed.



(2019 /20:288) 2020-21 Budget process: continued

- **Street Lighting Schemes** – Proposals for replacement lighting at Lezayre Road, improvements to Bowring Road and Ballacloan Road were discussed. The Finance Officer drew attention to the potential application of unapplied capital receipts where £31,000 is presently available. It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Hankin, that the schemes proceed to be funded from unapplied capital receipts. An amendment proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Hankin that the scheme proceed but that the Lezayre Road column replacements be subject to the structural survey findings was agreed unanimously.
- **LED Upgrades** – It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed unanimously that the Commission consider only rate neutral options after the structural survey was complete and subject to individual business cases.
- **Water Street Monitoring** – Members noted that this had been agreed previously at £1,000.
- **Seasonal Staff** – It was proposed by Mr Cowie, seconded by Mr Williams to proceed with 2 positions. After discussion an amendment proposed by Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Parker, that a single position in Works be budgeted for, was agreed by 9 votes to 2, Mr Cowie and Mrs Quayle voting against.
- **Staff Training Chainsaws, Jetting, Forklifts. etc.-** in response to a question the Technical Services Manager advised that the training related in part to skill certificates requiring renewal, and that the lack of certificated staff in some tasks was placing undue pressure on a small number of skilled staff. Mrs Quayle proposed, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the full budget request be provided. Mr. McGuinness requested that the cumulative budget and skills matrix exercise be completed. An amendment was proposed by Mr Parker, seconded by Mr. Hankin that the budget be halved, the amendment failed by 8 votes to 3, Messrs Hankin, Parker and Young voting in favour. The requested budget was approved.
- **SprintFest** - Members noted the inclusion of a budget of £20,000 in respect of the TT event SprintFest had previously been agreed.
- **Green Flag Projects** – A proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie, to fund £1,200 of park improvements was agreed unanimously.
- **Park Shelter Notice Boards** - Mrs. Quayle proposed, seconded by Mr Cowie, that the budget request be approved. An amendment made by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Quayle that the proposal proceed subject to 3rd party funding was agreed by 9 votes to 2, Mr. Cowie and Mrs. Wedgwood voting against.
- **Parks Training** – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham, and agreed unanimously that the Parks training budget request be approved.
- A proposal for replacing planting at Faaie Wyllin with low maintenance planting was rejected unanimously, any works to be funded from existing budgets.



(2019 /20:288) 2020-21 Budget process: continued

- **Computer Hardware/Software** – Members discussed the proposed upgrade of town hall computer hardware and software. A number of proposals were put:-
 1. Proposed by Mr Parker, seconded by Mr. Hankin that the project be deferred to a future year
 2. Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mrs. Quayle, that the acquisition be funded by 3 year lease finance
 3. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker, that the proposal proceed funded over 5 year lease finance, for which a budget estimate of £4,000

It was proposed by Mr .McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie, and agreed unanimously that the meeting be adjourned until 7:00 p.m. on Monday 27th January, 2020, at which time officers would present a summary of the agreed budget amendments, and revised budget projections, for further consideration as to the setting of the town rate for the 2020-21 rate year.

Members were reminded that a meeting with the Town's Members of the House of Keys was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10:00 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.



Chairman.