

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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A Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held using a telephone conference call system on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mrs. M. B. Quayle and Messrs' Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, W. L. Hankin, J. McGuinness, N. P. Howard, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Mrs. J. Wedgwood and Mr. F. B. R. Williams.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were in attendance.

## **(2020 /21:018) Consultation Bathing Water Standards:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, concerning the consultation issued by the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture with regard to the next phase of the 2006 EU Bathing Water Directive Standards, approved by Tynwald in December, 2019. The consultation and draft application form and guidance notes had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the questions put within the consultation and suggested responses included within the Town Clerk's report:-

### **Question 1**

Tell us about your role within the Local Authority and if this consultation has been discussed at a general meeting with other board members.

*Discussed at special Board Meeting held 10 June 2020*

### **Question 2**

Do you have a beach within your constituency you would like designated as a bathing water? If so, please provide the locations.

Mr. Young raised the question of the water quality due to chemical discharges from the Balladoole treatment plant. Mr. Young claimed that the Balladoole Treatment plant is limited to screening of solids, and stated that it didn't treat the effluent discharge. Mr. Hankin suggested seeking confirmation that the discharge from the outfall is safe.

Mrs. Quayle pointed out that in relation to the beaches the local authority is not responsible for discharges, she felt that the Commission should seek assurances that the outlet discharge is safe.

Mr. Young maintained that the discharge pipe is still causing water slicks which are within 30 yards of beach at all tides, the pipe should be extended further out to sea so that it cannot be carried into shore.

