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12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

Sir/Madam,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held on Wednesday evening next, **18<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, at the Town Hall, Parliament Square, Ramsey, at 7.00 p.m.**

### **BUSINESS:**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

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- Minutes of Board Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020.
- Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

**3. Matters arising not included within the Agenda.**

**4. Chairman's Report:**

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- Mr. William Hankin
- Remembrance Service
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display
- Community Carol Service
- Tynwald Christmas Carol Service
- Isle of Man Foodbank - Reverse Advent Calendar

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  - Events Update - to be tabled

**8. Any other Business:**

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(by permission of Chairman - any will be advised)

- Matters Raised by the Public
  - ❖ None received
- Representative Report(s):
  - ❖ Community Partnership Meeting



Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**[ PUBLIC ]**

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Messrs' W. L. Hankin and N. J. Howard.

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

**(2020/21:153) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, and 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2020/21:154) Matters Arising:**

No matters were raised.

**(2020/21:155) Chairman's Report:**

Resolved: To note the Chairman's report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, subject to the following:

- ***H.M. The Queen's Birthday Honours' List*** - the Chairman reiterated congratulations to those recognised in Her Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours' List.
- ***Annual Civic Service of Remembrance*** - Members were reminded of the Service of Remembrance on 8<sup>th</sup> November, including the Ramsey Branch Royal British Legion's Evening service at St. Paul's Church at 6.30 p.m.
- ***Annual Fireworks Display*** - in response to a query by Mrs. Wedgwood concerning parking the Chairman advised that the event details were contained within a report to be presented later during the meeting.
- ***Greenflag Award*** - the Chairman conveyed congratulations to the Parks' staff;
- ***RGS Prize-giving*** - the Chairman reiterated his thanks to Mrs. Annette Baker and wished her well in her approaching retirement.
- ***Chief Minister's Public Engagement Committee*** - the Chairman expressed the hope that the incentive would prove beneficial to everyone in the future

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2020/21:156) Town Clerk's Report - Town Boundary:**

Members discussed the Town Clerk's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, (sic) 2020 advising that he has met with and written to the respective Clerks of Lezayre and Garff Parish Commissioners outlining the Board's wish to extend the Town Boundary. The Chairman made reference to recent radio interviews with parish authority members, from which it would seem that the Parish authority members interviewed had not been made fully aware of the communication from Ramsey Town Commissioners.

Mr. Young wished his opposition to any boundary extension to be recorded as he felt the Town did not have sufficient infrastructure or staffing resources.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed, that invitations be sent to Lezayre and Garff Parish Commissioners independently to meet the Commission and that the Town Clerk's earlier report on the proposal to extend the Town Boundary, and letters sent to the adjacent authorities be made available via the Commissions website.

**(2020/21:157) Finance Officer General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, subject to the following:-

- **Accounts** - Mr. McGuinness queried costs allocated against Events and Attractions, which the Finance Officer answered to his satisfaction and also asked the Finance Officer to investigate the finances allocated to Promenade Shelters. Mr. Cowie referred to the pro-rata reduction in Library Expenditure - Mr. McGuinness expressed his disappointment in the sum but stated that any reduction was welcome.
- **Audit and Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020** - it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed to approve the draft financial statement and authorise signature of the associated Letter of Representation on completion of the audit process.

Mr. McGuinness took the opportunity to remind Lead Members and officers of the importance of meeting together during November to discuss projects and budgets for 2021/22. He commented that particular regard would need to be taken for "Covid" mitigation.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Finance Officer and staff for their work in preparation of the financial statement.

## Works and Development:

### (2020/21:158) Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Food Hygiene Rating Scheme:

Members discussed the Town Clerk's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, advising that the Department of the Environment Food and Agriculture is seeking views on proposals to introduce a Food Hygiene Rating Scheme in the Isle of Man. It was noted that new legislation and public consultation would be required. Members queried whether it was necessary to submit a "corporate" response or whether individual responses would be more appropriate and expressed concern at the proposal to use a "QR" coded scheme. It was felt that catering standards could vary for various reasons and it would be impossible to fully implement a graded scheme.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission indicate their non-support of the scheme and express the opinion that such regulations would be in-appropriate and over bureaucratic.

An amendment was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Young that the Commission make no response.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 4, Mrs. Quayle, and Messrs' Williams, Young, Canon Greenwood, Oldham voting in favour.

### (2020/21:159) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Members agreed that the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted and no objections be made to such applications, subject to the following:-

REF NO: 3803  
P.A. NO.: 20/01015/CON  
PROPOSED: Registered Building consent for the installation of replacement antenna  
NOTES: Registered Building  
SITE: **Albert Tower, Lhergy Frissell, Maughold.**

Members were informed that antenna was smaller than the one it is replacing.

REF NO: 3804  
P.A. NO.: 20/01043/B  
PROPOSED: Creation of a bin and oil tank store (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Shoprite Supermarket, Bowring Road, Ramsey.**

It was noted that the application is on land in the Commission's ownership and it was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed to approve the application.

**(2020/21:159) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications continued:**

REF NO: 3806  
P.A. NO.: 20/01063/B  
PROPOSED: Proposed erection of a 3 bed dormer bungalow  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land to the west of 17, Royal Park, Ramsey.**

It was agreed, by 8 votes to 1, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Oldham, that the Commission object to the application which is still considered to be over-intensive and would adversely affect the amenity of local residents or character of the locality. Mr. Young voted against.

REF NO: 3808  
P.A. NO.: 20/01080/B  
PROPOSED: Residential development of 181 dwellings with associated drainage, highway works and public open space  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land at Lower Milntown Farm (Fields 134278, 134279, 134280, 134281, 134282, 134283, 134284, 134288 & 134289) & a strip of land between Auldyn River and Auldyn Meadows, off Lezayre Road.**

The Technical Services Manager circulated extracts from the Ramsey Local Plan 1988, pertinent to this area and members were reminded that, whilst the development was in Lezayre, the Commission has interested party status and had met the developer.

Discussion ensued following which a proposal was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission submit an observation concerning the failure of the developer to meet the community development requirement of previous applications, i.e. the shop, pub and nursery school, and with regard to road access both from the main road and any access in the absence of the proposed by-pass road, particularly if the TT course is unavailable.

Mr McGuinness expressed the view that it was expected that infrastructure and services should expand to meet the demands of an increased population.

An amendment was put by Mr. McGuinness and seconded by Mrs. Quayle that the Commission submit an objection, on the same grounds.

The amendment was put and carried by 5 votes to 4, Mesdames Quayle and Wedgwood and Messrs' Canon Greenwood, McGuinness and Young voting in favour.

No comments were made with regard to the Appendix to this report.

**(2020/21:160) Technical Services Manager's Report - Probation Services:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, concerning the mutual partnership with the Probation Service in supplementing the Commission's workforce.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 5 votes to 4 to include Supervisors from the Probation Service in any appropriate training undertaken by the Commission's employees. Mesdames Quayle and Wedgwood and Messrs' Canon Greenwood, Oldham and Williams voting for.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed by 7 votes to 2, that a budget restriction of £1,000 be applied. Messrs' Williams and Young voted against.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2020/21:161) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Events Update:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's tabled report dated 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020, giving an update on events planned in the near future subject to the following:

*...Fireworks Display Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020* - Members were informed that arrangements are in hand to allow for additional parking, particularly for disabled drivers. It was proposed by Mrs. Quayle, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that Bunscoill Rhumsaa's Parents Teachers Association be permitted to sell merchandise, such as glow-sticks, at the display. Mr. McGuinness expressed the hope that the time-lapse between sections of the display would not be too great. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the gap would be for only seconds. In the case of inclement weather the display would be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

*Ramsey Festival of Christmas Trees* - it was agreed following a proposal by Mrs. Quayle seconded by Mr. Oldham to stage a Festival of Christmas Trees in the Atrium of the Town Hall between 28<sup>th</sup> November - 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

*"Santa's on a Bike; Santa Dash and Tractor Run"* - it was agreed following a proposal by Mrs. Quayle, seconded by Mr. Parker to permit and support these events to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Mr. Oldham informed members that he hopes to organise an artisan traders' event at the Courthouse on the same date to complement these events, such event would have no cost implications for the Commission. Mr. Oldham was permitted to proceed.



**Any other Business**

**(2020/21:162) Representative Reports:**

Resolved: To note the representative reports submitted by Mr. McGuinness with regard to recent meetings of Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board and the Isle of Man Municipal Association.

Mr McGuinness referred to the lack of submissions from other members who represent the Commission on other bodies. Mrs. Wedgwood expressed her understanding that discussion at Level One Police meetings was confidential - the Town Clerk was asked to determine if any information could be conveyed to members. The Chairman undertook to speak with other members.

**(2020/21:163) Ramsey Quayside:**

Mr. McGuinness queried if a meeting had yet been arranged with the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure concerning Ramsey Quayside. The Town Clerk advised that he had spoken with the Minister's secretary and it is hoped to have a meeting on either 26<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> October [subsequently arranged for 28<sup>th</sup>].

**(2020/21:164) Fireman's Run:**

Mr. Parker referred to a letter distributed to businesses by the organisers of the "Firemen's Run", which inferred that discussions had taken place with the Commissioners concerning these events which are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month. The Deputy Town Clerk referred to initial discussions, at officer level, advising that the event was growing and needed a new starting point and increased safety arrangements.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the organisers had been advised to speak with the Department of Infrastructure with regard to their wish to start the event from the Market Square which would require the square to be closed-off for 2 hours. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the road closure would not be the responsibility of the Commission and that, with the exception of the request to have public conveniences open, no other assistance was required.

**(2020/21:165) Ramsey Traffic Plan:**

Mr. Cowie asked if the Department of Infrastructure could be reminded about the wish of the Commission to meet to discuss the Ramsey Traffic Plan - such meeting having been deferred during the Covid crisis – and the opportunity to raise such at the forthcoming meeting with the Minister was noted.



**(2020/21:166) Camper-Van / Motorhomes Mooragh Estate:**

Mr. Parker referred to the permits granted to enable camper vans/motorhomes to park on the Mooragh Estate and asked if, in view of the current inability to travel off-Island, if the season could be extended. Mr. Parker was informed that the seasonal was restricted to prevent damage to the grassed area.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mrs. Quayle voting against, that camper van permits be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Chairman closed the public session at 8.20 p.m. and moved directly to private business.

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.

**(2020/21:167) Minutes:**

Resolved: To note for future ease of reference that no minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September or the Special Board Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, were recorded in private.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2020.21:168) Minutes Meeting of the Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note the Minutes of meeting of the Housing Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, subject to the following:-

**Clause 32c) Air Sourced Heat Pumps...** Mr. Cowie queried tenants' satisfaction with the air sourced heat pumps and was advised by Mr. Parker that tenants seemed to be happy.

**Clause 39a) ... Deduction of Points Tenancy Refusal** - Members queried if deduction of points, in this particular case, was counter-productive but were informed that the situation had been fully discussed with the tenant prior to the offer of a transfer of tenancy.

**(2020/21:168) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker":**

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 15<sup>th</sup> October, 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:-

- **Shoprite Group** - the Town Clerk advised that he has spoken with the Government Valuer and was authorised to progress further negotiation with the Shoprite Group having regard to budget timetables;

**(2020/21:168) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” Continued:**

- **Ramsey North Beach** - members queried if the direct labour force could provide the distance markers along the promenade;
- **Vollan / Balladoole Odours** - members were informed that it is hoped to commence work at the end of October, subject to Cabinet Office clearance for workers to travel to the Island;
- **Town Branding** - the Deputy Town Clerk advised that radio and social media advertising is progressing in time for Christmas;
- **Ramsey Courthouse** - the Deputy Town Clerk offered to update members but was requested to report on all expressions at the same time;
- **Bunscoill Rhumsaa Mosaic** - to be removed from the Action Tracker;
- **Gardeners Lane Traffic** - noted that some carriageway repairs will also be undertaken;
- **Public Shelter Art** - the Deputy Town Clerk is in negotiations in an attempt to find further funding;
- **“Toilet Art”** - members were informed that this has matter been deferred as the Arts Council felt there was not enough interest;
- **Rate Debt** - members considered it should now be possible for Treasury to press for recovery of the longest outstanding/ largest rate debts;
- **Ramsey Road Map** - members asked if this topic could also be considered when the Commission next meet the Department of Infrastructure;
- **Planning Enforcement** - members were informed that it is understood the Planning Enforcement Officer has been in touch with business about which the complaint was raised;
- **Bowling Green** - it was noted that a further meeting has been scheduled and it is hoped to submit a report to the November, 2020, Board Meeting.

The Register of Ruinous Property and Unsightly Buildings appended to the Action Tracker was noted.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2020/21:169) Town Clerk’s Report - Old River Road Yard:**

Resolved: That consideration of the Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, concerning possible letting of Old River Road Yard be deferred until the November meeting, pending receipt of further information from the Housing and Property Manager.

**(2020/21:170) Town Clerk’s Report - Town Hall Lease:**

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed, that the lease of facilities within the Town Hall, by the Treasury for use by the Benefits’ Office, as detailed within the Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, be extended for a further period of 12 months, and the option to extend such arrangement for a term of up to 7 years be given.

**(2020/21:171) Finance Officer's Report:**

Members noted and approved the Finance Officer's Report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, subject to the following:-

*Aged Debtors* - it was again noted that some of the debtors listed have made payments since the list was compiled.

*Financial Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020* - Mr. McGuinness again drew attention to the budget process and asked that Lead Members and officers liaise to discuss business cases. Mrs. Quayle stated that she felt items to be included within the budget should be on a "needs" basis rather "wished for".

**(2020/21:172) Technical Assistant's Report - Litter Fixed Penalty Notice Appeal:**

Members discussed the Technical Assistant's report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, advising that an appeal has been received with regard to a fixed penalty notice for littering.

A proposal was put by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cowie that the appeal be upheld. The proposal failed by 5 votes to 4, Mrs. Quayle and Messrs' Cowie, Oldham and Young voting in favour.

**Works and Development:**

**(2020/21:173) Town Clerk's Report - Bleak House:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 14<sup>th</sup> October, and an Addendum report dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, advising on the current situation with regard to Bleak House, Mooragh Promenade.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie that the interested parties be give one further month to present a proposal to the Commissioners to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion, and the Town Clerk be instructed to convey only such information - the Commission being unwilling to enter into any further discussions.

An amendment, by Mr. Parker, that parties be given a further 21 days to present options to be submitted to the November Board meeting did not receive a seconder.

A further amendment, by Mr. Williams, that the Commission serve immediate Notice also did not receive a seconder.

The original proposal was put and carried by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against.

**(2020/21:174) Technical Services Manager's Report - Cycle Path Former Railway Line Lighting:**

Members' considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, detailing the options available for the provision or otherwise of public lighting along the cycle path to be provided on the former railway line. Members noted that the Commissions adopted policy on street lighting stated that *"Footpaths and cycle tracks will only be lit where there is high night-time use, fear of crime issues and no alternative route."*

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood and agreed, Option 3, not to provide lighting at the present time be accepted.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 8 votes to 1, to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to conclusion. Mrs. Wedgwood voted against and withdrew from the meeting at 9.58 p.m.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2020/21:175) Ramsey Town Boundary:**

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed, that the private minutes of a meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, be brought into the public forum.

**(2020/21:176) Refuse:**

Mrs. Quayle asked if the Commission had considered providing an extra refuse collection service and was informed that this service had been discontinued because of the increasing collection and disposal costs. Mr. Parker queried circumstances for increased size of domestic refuse bins and was informed that the number of persons in a household was the prime factor.

**Matters of Establishment:**

**(2020/21:177) Minutes Establishment Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, and 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, subject to the following:

***Job Description Works Supervisor*** - the matter was referred back to the Establishment Committee in view of a query raised by the Technical Services Manager with regard to desirable and essential qualifications for the position.

The meeting closed at 10.12 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

## RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

### [ PUBLIC ]

Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, at 6.30p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. G. Cowie, Mesdames M. D. Quayle and J. Wedgwood, Messrs' N. P. Howard, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

**Apologies:** Messrs' W. L. Hankin, Canon N. D. Greenwood and J McGuinness.

The Deputy Town Clerk was in attendance.

Mr T Baker, M.H.K., Minister for the Department of Infrastructure and Mr. J. Robinson, Directory of Highways were in attendance.

#### **(2020/21:178) Flood Defences and West Quay:**

Mr Williams joined the meeting at 6.55 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed the Minister and Mr. Robinson to the meeting and opened by indicating that the Commission were broadly in support of the proposed flood defences and West Quay improvements but they did have some concerns.

The Minister advised that the Department had considered feedback and had adapted the scheme but would like Ramsey Town Commissioners to indicate their support before proceeding with the scheme. The Minister indicated that the scheme was intended to enhance the amenity of the area as well as improving flood defences and that if the Commission did not want the scheme there were other areas of the island where investment could be made.

In answers to questions from Members, Mr Robinson advised that:

The Department had reached agreement with a landowner to lease or purchase the plot of land on Albert Road which would create 66 car parking spaces to mitigate for those which would be lost in the proposed scheme. The Department is working on a wider parking strategy document which will be published shortly.

The Department are working with Dr. Beard and Harbours to agree a location for fishing boats to tie up and unload and have further discussions planned with them.

The Department would use rounded paving in the scheme and the Department would engage with the Commission to agree the material which would be used. Samples would be provided for the Commission to view. The general road surface will be asphalt.

**Ramsey Town Commissioners Special Board Meeting -  
28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020, Public Continued:**

**(2020/21:178) Flood Defences and West Quay Continued:**

The Department is confident that the proposed glass wall is good solution and is easy to maintain and will have a 20-30 year life. Examples of similar installations will be provided to the Commission.

Discussion is taking place with Manx Utilities with regards to a scheme on the Leighney stream.

The northern side of the harbour is not protected by this scheme neither are the cellars on properties on West Quay. Flood defence studies had been undertaken on The Vollar and Queen's Promenade.

Updated plans will be provided to the Commission once the scheme is finalised and the Department would be happy consult widely and attend a public meeting to discuss the proposals.

Mr. Robinson also briefly outlined the content of the Ramsey Roadmap. The Chairman advised that the Board would have a separate discussion about this and submit views to the Department.

The Chairman thanked The Minister and Mr Robinson for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m. giving a time of 2 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
NOVEMBER, 2020.**

Fellow Members,

**Mr William Hankin**

Mr William Hankin has tendered his resignation as a Ramsey Town Commissioner with immediate effect (the letter of resignation was handed to the Town Clerk on 8th November 2020).

I would like to record the Commission's thanks to Billy for his hard work, unique perspective and valuable input to the running of the town over the last 5 years, which I am sure Members will agree has been much appreciated, and to wish Billy and his wife Jane all the very best for the future.

As there is less than 6 months remaining until Mr Hankin would otherwise have gone out of office, and the Commission remains quorate, there will be no requirement to hold a by-election.

**Remembrance Service**

The Town's Service of Remembrance was held at the War Memorial on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with a wide range of service and community groups being represented along with a large community attendance. My sincere and grateful thanks to Rev'd. Ms Dawn Mather for leading the service, the Royal British Legion, the Town Band, the Town's clergy, the wreath layers, all those who helped to organise the service and not least the hundreds of people who came along to Remember. Thanks are also given to the Commissioners' staff who prepared the area for the service and assisted in the exceptionally smooth running of the event.

The revised procedures for presentation of wreaths and their laying by ex-servicemen was again undertaken in a particularly respectful manner and assisted greatly in improving the efficiency of wreath laying - thanks are recorded to the Ramsey Branch of the RBL for organising for the ex-service personnel who undertook the duties.

The Royal British Legion again had the "Poppy Shop" in the atrium of the Town Hall for two weeks prior to Remembrance Sunday - to all their volunteers who sold poppies from the Town Hall, the Courthouse and from other outlets around the Town and assisted with the Poppy Appeal in any way - Thank you.

I was privileged also to attend and represent the Commission at both the National Service of Remembrance at St John's, which was very well attended, and at the Ramsey Royal British Legion Service.

### **November 5th Fireworks Display**

The Ramsey annual fireworks display was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, probably the only publicly attended fireworks display in the British Isles, and was without doubt the best attended event we have seen. It was very pleasing to see so many people from around the island travelling to Ramsey for the excellent display, and to see that many took the opportunity to arrive early and spend time in the town's cafes and restaurants or to stay in Ramsey after the display.

There have been a great many positive comments about the display, and some fantastic photography. Thanks are given to Galaxy Fireworks who in addition to the main show provided a 4 minutes pre-show, ELS for the sound system, Roc Vannin Choir, The Rock Project and RGS Pep Band who provided early entertainment, the traders who attended on the evening, and to our own staff for the planning and execution of a superb event in the Mooragh Park. I would also like to thank the volunteers of St John Ambulance who attended to provide first aid cover, and the northern constabulary for attendance and managing the considerable amount of traffic resulting from the event.

It was also pleasing to hear that the Friends of Bunscoill Rhumsaa, who were selling LED glow-sticks on the evening to raise funds for the school, raised £1,627.05 on the night.

### **Community Carol Service:**

The Rotary Club of Ramsey is hosting their annual Community Carol Service at St Paul's Church, Ramsey, on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. An invitation has been extended to the Commissioners and the townspeople to attend this popular community event.

### **Tynwald Christmas Carol Service:**

The President of Tynwald has extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend this year's Tynwald Carol Service. The service is taking place at St. George's Church, St. George's Street, Douglas, on Thursday, 17th December. The music will be provided by two choirs: the Government Staff Choir and the Tynwald Choir. The service will commence at 1.10 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments at the conclusion, at approximately 2 p.m.

### **Isle of Man Foodbank – Reverse Advent Calendar**

The IOM Foodbank is running its reverse advent calendar appeal this year, where participants put an item aside each day and deliver them as a donation to the food bank.

For the northern community the Foodbank has agreed that advent boxes can be delivered to Ramsey Town Hall between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Monday 14th December, the Commission will make sure that they reach the Foodbank.

12<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
CONSULTATION – EQUALITY ACT CODE OF PRACTICE  
NOVEMBER 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Equality Act 2017 (the Act) is one of the most important pieces of social legislation to be progressed in the Isle of Man in recent times. It seeks to ensure fair and equal treatment, in a way that allows social and economic inclusion in the community.

The Act consolidates and replaces earlier discrimination legislation. Principally, the Act covers discrimination because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. These groups are known in the Act as 'protected characteristics'.

Discrimination in most areas of activity is now unlawful, subject to certain exceptions. These areas of activity include employment and other work-related situations; education; housing; the provision of services, the exercise of public functions and membership of associations.

The Council of Ministers have the statutory discretion to issue a Code of Practice in connection with any matter addressed in the Act, to ensure or facilitate compliance with the Act or to promote equality of opportunity. This statutory Code of Practice on Services, Public Functions and Associations is one in a series of Codes and Guidance documents that will be issued in relation to the Act. It is an authoritative, comprehensive and technical guide to the law and will be invaluable to the Employment and Equality Tribunal and courts, advocates, advisers, trade union representatives, human resources personnel and others who need to understand the law in depth or to apply it in practice.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) as the statutory regulator for Great Britain issued a Code of Practice on Services, Public Functions and Associations and Supplementary Code, pursuant to the powers contained in the Equality Act 2010. The Equality Act 2017 essentially mirrors the Equality Act 2010 of Parliament, therefore this Code has used the EHRC Code as its basis, following consent received from the EHRC, with such modifications as are required to reflect local legislation and conditions.

The consultation of this Code has been broken down into chapters for ease.

The consultation closes on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

**Recommendation:** Members may wish to respond in their individual capacity alternatively a special meeting can be convened to consider the document in detail.

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY  
NOVEMBER 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Chairman has asked Officers to further develop a draft environmental policy document for consideration. The document includes lists of existing ongoing initiatives and possible future initiatives; these are presented below for noting and comment as to further measures which might be included for future consideration.

The following list, though not exhaustive, is incorporated within the draft and seeks to demonstrate means by which the Commission has met or is meeting its commitment to the environment:-

- The introduction of LED lighting throughout the Town Hall and Police Station, including the use of PIR sensors in low footfall and public areas to reduce energy consumption.
- Working with Government to ensure the delivery of services locally thereby avoiding the need to travel to Douglas, e.g.: Civil Registry, Benefits Office, Job Club.
- The introduction of mains supply water fill stations within the town hall and workshops and the discontinuation of the use of single use plastic cups.
- Installation of two bottle water fill stations at the Mooragh Park with investigation being undertaken into further town centre locations.
- Use of Manx Milk in recyclable cartons for meeting refreshments.
- The introduction of air-sourced heat pumps within a total of 18 properties at Close Caarjys following a successful 2 property trial, and the extension of such initiative in further units within the towns public sector housing stock.
- The adoption of LED lighting as a standard for all new street light installations and for any future replacements as part of its Street Lighting Policy. The Commission is also investigating a phase replacement of all non-LED street lighting.
- Provision of recycling stations for all office waste, including waste resulting from community use of the Town Hall. Plastics, metals, glass and paper are separated for recycling, office paper/documents sent for secure shredding/recycling.
- Provision of reuse and recycling facilities at the Northern Civic Amenity Site and licensing of land at Station Road Car Park for use by Government in the operation of a bring facility for glass, cans, textiles and paper.
- Use of local suppliers for goods and materials.
- Provision of cycle racks at key locations within the town - racks are located at Market Square, the Courthouse, Town Hall and Library, Mooragh Park, Ramsey Swimming Pool.

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- Introduction of a Cycle to Work Policy Scheme to encourage staff to cycle as an alternative to other forms of transport.
- Provision of electric vehicle charge points at Market Square as part of the town regeneration programme, further charge points are located at the Swimming Pool Car Park
- Introduction of bee hotels in the Mooragh Estate and use of wildflower planting in selected areas to encourage essential pollinator activity.

**The Policy will also identify future projects which might be considered**

Immediate initiatives which the Commission is investigating or commencing include:-

- Seek Biosphere accreditation.
- Roll out of Air Source Heat Pumps to further public sector properties, ASP to be considered in all future phases heating schemes.
- Investigation of air sourced heat pumps as an option for the future replacement of the existing town hall oil fired heating system which is approaching 20 years old.
- Working with the Manx Utilities Authority to identify suitable locations, including RTC car parks, where additional electric vehicle charge points can be provided.
- Investigate means of increasing recycling initiatives.
- Investigate means of reducing waste transportation impacts.
- Review vehicle fleet and consider vehicle use, type and fuel source to improve efficiency and reduce emissions, to include consideration EV vehicles where practicable.

**Recommendation: to be noted and individual Members comments to be submitted to the Town Clerk.**

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
TOWN BYELAWS  
NOVEMBER, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

At the sitting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020, Tynwald unanimously approved the following byelaws made by Ramsey Town Commissioners:-

- **Ramsey Town General Byelaws 2020**

These Byelaws revoke and re-enact with modifications the Ramsey Town General Byelaws 2012. They regulate various activities in the Town District of Ramsey.

A person who contravenes any of these Byelaws commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

These Byelaws will come into operation at the expiry of one month from the date of their approval, and cease to have effect on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date on which they come into operation.

- **Ramsey Public Parks and Foreshore Byelaws 2020**

These Byelaws regulate various activities in the public parks and on the foreshore which are under the management and control of Ramsey Town Commissioners and are aimed at preventing and suppressing nuisances and controlling the use of the public parks and the foreshore for the benefit of residents and visitors.

These Byelaws will come into operation at the expiry of one month from the date of their approval by Tynwald.

Copies of the approved Byelaws will be published on the Commissioners' website and are available for viewing at the town hall.

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
NOVEMBER 2020 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following documents are appended for review and / or information :

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in October 2020 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £465,397.80 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £26,398.50 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in October 2020. Details of the accounts paid and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

**Recommendation : To be noted.**

**Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure**

A summary of the 2020-21 Income and Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 together with associated graphical depiction is attached at Appendix 2. The graphical disclosures are both month-by-month and cumulative figures.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account and are to be financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of the disclosed 2020-21 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs and they are:

Cronk Elfin – refurbishment scheme professional fees £41,260.

Close y Chibbyr Glass – refurbishment of central heating £12,735.

Close Caarjys – heat pump installation scheme costs £121,148.

Upper Queen's Pier Road – professional fees & refurbishment costs £61,385.

Close Woirrey - redevelopment professional fees £31,197.

**Recommendation : To be noted.**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

# Ramsey Town Commissioners

**Accounts paid to the 31 October 2020**

**Appendix 1**

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b>General Account</b>		<b>£</b>
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	175,057.02
Rosborough Insurance	Annual insurance costs	79,746.88
NCAS Joint Committee	Quarterly running cost contribution	65,134.80
IOM Government	Waste disposal costs	33,118.87
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	27,639.37
Manx Utilities Authority	Electricity charges	13,022.01
Various	Capital project - Close Caarjys heat pumps	12,449.52
Various	Street & decorative lighting	11,369.13
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	11,077.46
Various	Park materials	6,357.03
Ellan Vannin Fuels	Fuel & oil	5,183.39
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	3,731.77
Account transfers	R & N DHC rents & commercial rent refunds	3,682.50
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	2,966.20
Various	Legal & prof. fees : non-housing	2,822.40
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,400.93
2Clean	Contract cleaning	1,973.78
Manx Telecom	Phones	1,623.34
Various	Books & library materials	1,337.32
Various	IT costs	1,069.42
Various	Security & safety costs	884.92
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	747.30
Various	Advertising	454.24
Various	Machinery repairs	269.45
Various	Gifts & vouchers	160.00
Mr J McGuinness	Attendance allowance	157.50
Mr A G Cowie	Attendance allowance	152.50
Mrs J Wedgwood	Attendance allowance	142.50
Mr W G Young	Attendance allowance	141.25
Mr F B R Williams	Attendance allowance	107.50
Mr A J Oldham	Attendance allowance	101.25
Revd N D Greenwood	Attendance allowance	100.00
M B Quayle	Attendance allowance	100.00
Mr N P Howard	Attendance allowance	82.50
Mr W L Hankin	Attendance allowance	33.75
		<b>465,397.80</b>
<b>Northern Civic Amenity Site</b>		
IOM Government	Waste disposal charges	12,700.81
Various	Recycling charges	7,787.08
IOM Government	Site quarterly rent	4,876.80
Ellan Vannin Fuels	Fuel	480.84
Various	Office supplies & printing	284.25
Manx Telecom	Phones	75.64
Various	Staff PPE	71.00
Various	Machinery repair	69.02
Worldpay	Debit card reader charge	44.96
Bank	Charges	8.10
		<b>26,398.50</b>

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### Suppliers utilised during October 2020

### Appendix 1

Allan C Swales Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Askew & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost Ltd.	IOM	Middle Park Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Orona Ltd.	UK
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Buck Recycling Ltd.	IOM	J Parker Dutch Bulbs (Wholesale) Ltd.	UK
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	PS IT Solutions Ltd.	Ire.
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Rossborough Insurance (IOM) Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Sadler Agricultural Supplies Ltd.	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	2Clean	IOM
Gray Law Advocates	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Unique Fire Protection Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	VPG Systems UK Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Macs Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	WF Howes Ltd.	UK
Magnet (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM		

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 OCTOBER 2020 - Appendix 2**

	2020-21 to date			Estimate for 2020-21		
<b>Social Housing</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	2,439,143	2,924,204	(485,061)	4,266,115	4,282,120	(16,005)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	6,434	11,320	(4,886)	16,500	13,500	3,000
Brookfield Court	5,364	9,310	(3,946)	15,950	17,050	(1,100)
Close ny Mooragh	11,349	20,396	(9,047)	33,700	42,700	(9,000)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£2,462,290</b>	<b>£2,965,230</b>	<b>(£502,940)</b>	<b>£ 4,332,265</b>	<b>£ 4,355,370</b>	<b>(£23,105)</b>

<b>Property and Assets</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	110,014	15,930	94,084	220,100	23,900	196,200
Workshops	50,709	0	50,709	72,900	0	72,900
Public Conveniences	31,157	0	31,157	54,500	0	54,500
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	6,483	910	5,573	13,300	2,950	10,350
Mansail Lease	2,975	2,500	475	5,700	7,930	(2,230)
Lakeside Centre	3,067	3,982	(915)	5,220	11,460	(6,240)
Parklands Day Nursery	1,869	9,041	(7,172)	2,550	17,470	(14,920)
Bowling Alley	174	3,750	(3,576)	2,000	15,000	(13,000)
Non-Lease Properties	3,150	0	3,150	5,950	0	5,950
Prom Shelters, etc	5,958	0	5,958	14,350	0	14,350
Private Property Repairs	3,477	3,820	(343)	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	3,114	0	3,114	4,350	0	4,350
Apprentices	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	22,036	19,120	2,916	56,700	62,370	(5,670)
Park assets	18,583	18,222	361	81,049	0	81,049
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£277,566</b>	<b>£77,275</b>	<b>£200,291</b>	<b>£563,969</b>	<b>£141,080</b>	<b>£422,889</b>

<b>Works &amp; Development</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	448	0	448	2,300	0	2,300
Car Parks	15,873	11,893	3,980	32,800	12,780	20,020
Refuse Removal	421,030	59,706	361,324	783,762	136,000	647,762
Civic Amenity contribution	162,837	0	162,837	217,000	0	217,000
Sewers & Pumps	52,328	52,328	0	104,735	104,735	0
Street lighting & maint.	50,220	0	50,220	77,930	0	77,930
Decorative lighting & maint.	12,433	0	12,433	21,150	0	21,150
Local Services	77,048	0	77,048	106,800	0	106,800
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£792,217</b>	<b>£123,927</b>	<b>£668,290</b>	<b>£1,346,477</b>	<b>£253,515</b>	<b>£1,092,962</b>

<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Advertising & Entertaining	18,274	3,624	14,650	61,900	10,900	51,000
Parks & Gardens	127,375	13	127,362	269,600	600	269,000
Games Concessions	6,052	0	6,052	12,000	2,000	10,000
Public Library	73,414	4,613	68,801	140,800	11,000	129,800
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£225,115</b>	<b>£8,250</b>	<b>£216,865</b>	<b>£484,300</b>	<b>£24,500</b>	<b>£459,800</b>

<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	19,494	0	19,494	66,000	0	66,000
Office Expenses	533,677	80,386	453,291	955,042	87,500	867,542
Sundry Expenses	4,380	0	4,380	12,300	0	12,300
Miscellaneous	12,661	42,199	(29,538)	34,500	24,500	10,000
Swimming Pool	16,524	0	16,524	17,500	0	17,500
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	3,850	0	3,850	4,500	0	4,500
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£592,586</b>	<b>£122,585</b>	<b>£470,001</b>	<b>£1,091,842</b>	<b>£112,000</b>	<b>£979,842</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,349,774</b>	<b>£3,297,267</b>	<b>£1,129,782</b>	<b>£ 7,818,853</b>	<b>£ 4,886,465</b>	<b>£ 2,932,388</b>
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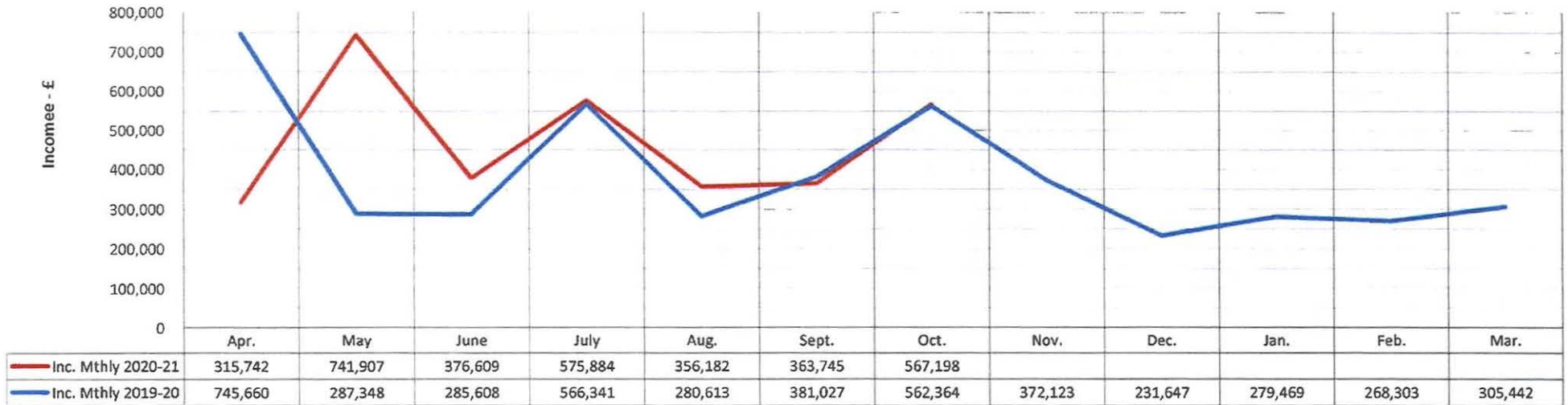
<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,352,699</b>	<b>(£2,352,699)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,922,284</b>	<b>(£2,922,284)</b>
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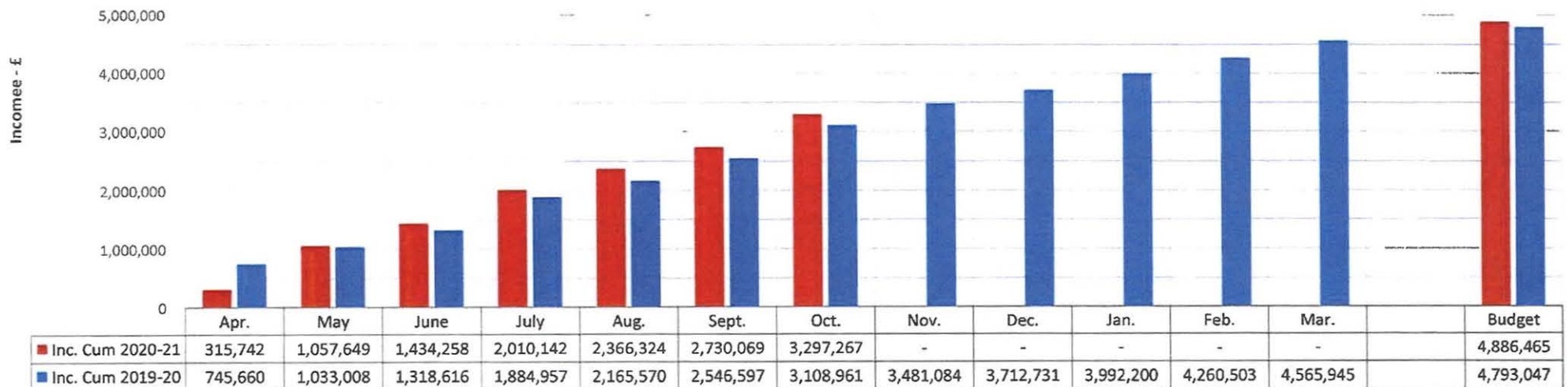
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

Appendix 2

### Ramsey Town Commissioners Month-on-month income summary 2020-21 & 2019-20 comparative



### Ramsey Town Commissioners Comparing income to budget 2020-21 (with 2019-20 comparative)



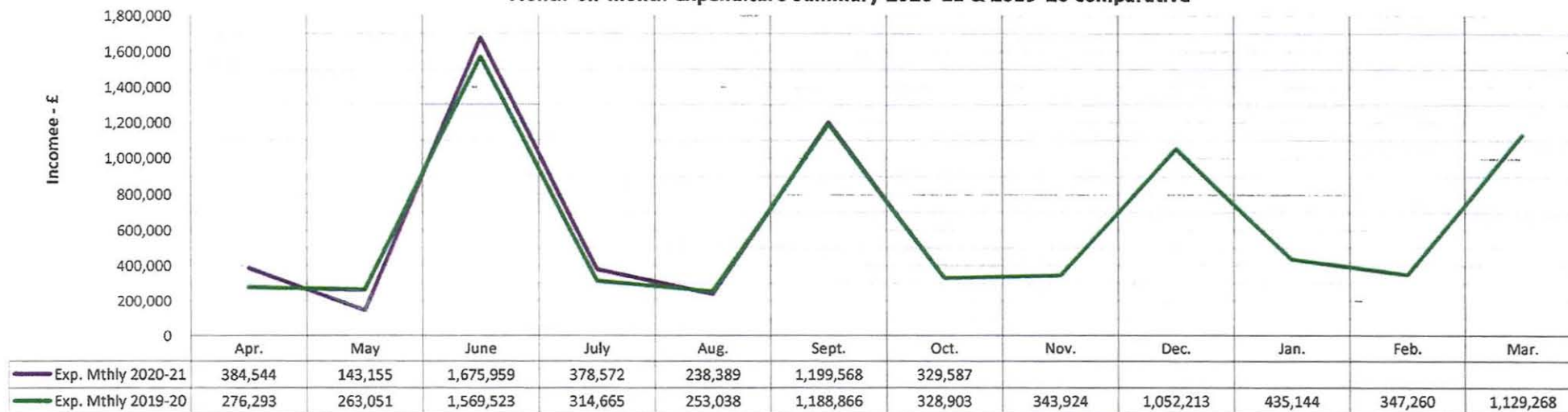


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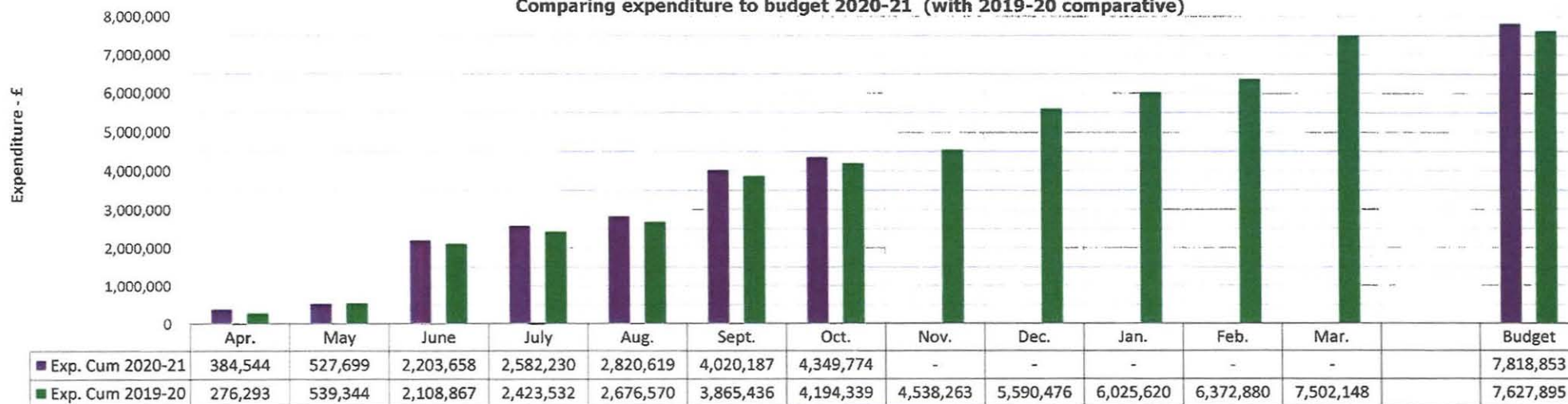
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month expenditure summary 2020-21 & 2019-20 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Comparing expenditure to budget 2020-21 (with 2019-20 comparative)



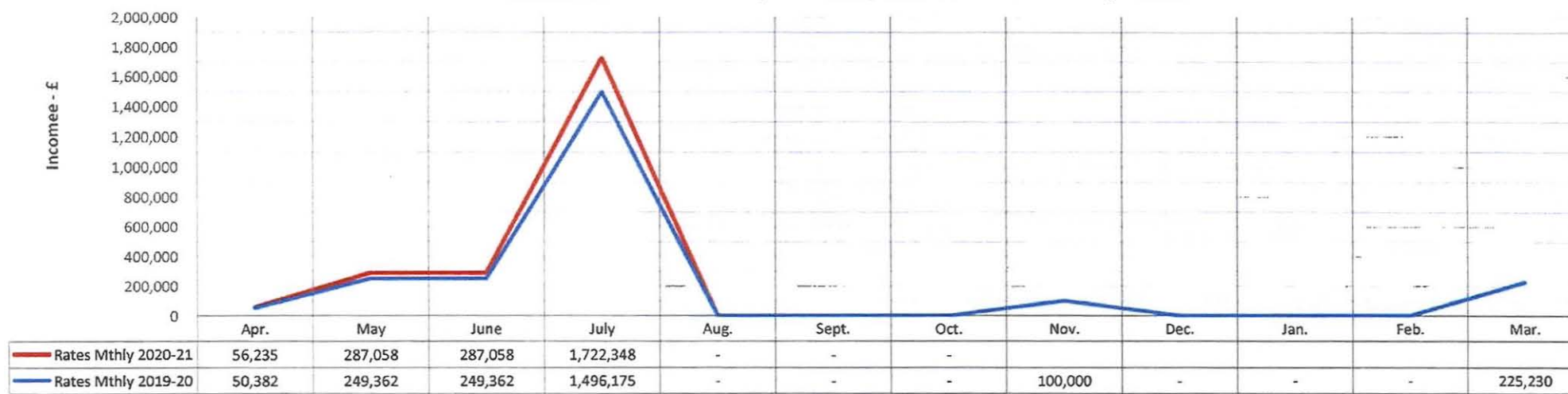


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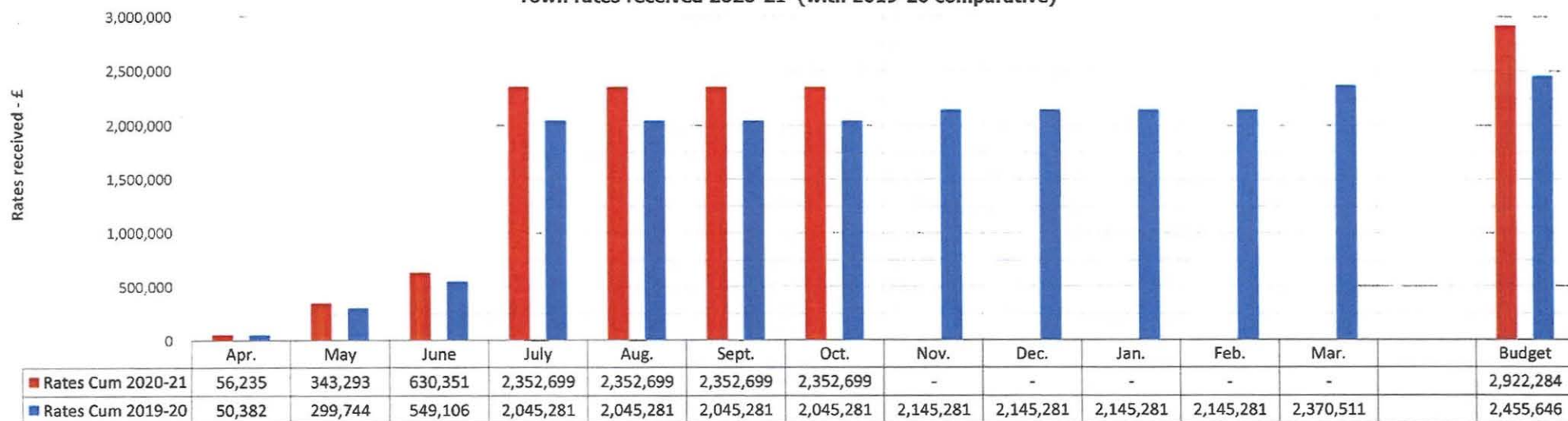
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2020-21 & 2019-20 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Town rates received 2020-21 (with 2019-20 comparative)



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINTS  
NOVEMBER 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Manx Utility Authority has confirmed that it would wish to proceed with the introduction of two EV charge points in Station Road Car Park, the authority will provide a wayleave for such to operate for 7 years with a 6 month break clause on either side.

The authority has also now formally adopted the charge points at Market Place, which the Commission has been responsible for since installation as part of the regeneration works, and will in future discuss extending the provision of EV points at this location with the Department of Infrastructure.

The authority is also considering other locations in Ramsey and will be making a further approach for wayleave agreements where they are on RTC owner land in the near future.

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
ENERGY FROM WASTE GATE CHARGES  
NOVEMBER 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has advised that with effect from 1st April 2021 the Department will be increasing the waste gate fee charges at the Energy from Waste Plant by 2.09%.

This will result in domestic waste being charged at £95.66 per tonne and commercial waste charged at £190.45 per tonne.

Dedicated loads of wood will still attract the preferential tipping charge of £35 per tonne and Tyres £100 per tonne, for this reason wood is collected separately at the northern civic amenity site.

The 2.09% increase is the annual indexation charge levied by SUEZ on the Department from 1st April 2021.

The revised charges will be incorporated with the estimated 2021-22 costs for rate setting purposes.

**Recommendation: to be noted**

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
FORMER FARMERS COMBINE BUILDING  
NOVEMBER, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Comment has been received from residents regarding the lengthy period of time which the planning process for de-registration of the Former Farmers Combine Building has taken, which the Town Clerk has been asked to bring to the attention of the Board.

The building was added to the protected buildings register by the Minister for Environment Food and Agriculture on 6 February 2019.

An application to de-register the building was made by the owners on 6 March 2019 19/00235/CON, and on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 the Minister determined the application stating that the entirety of the building did not reach a sufficiently high bar to be of special architectural interest in the national context. The decision was appealed against by Manx National Heritage and following two deferments of the appeal hearing, the first due to Covid-19, the second due to the non-availability of the protected buildings officer for DEFA, the appeal was eventually heard by an independent inspector on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020.

At the time of reporting no decision has been issued.

**Recommendation: to be noted or comment as members determine.**

**T. P. Whiteway**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NOVEMBER, 2020**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following applications have been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The applications are listed for consideration subject to comments where appended. Hyperlinks are provided on the P.A. No. to link to the plans which are available on the IOM Government website.

REF NO: 3771 **AMENDED PLANS**  
P.A. NO.: **20/00433/B**  
PROPOSED: Demolition of existing buildings within yard and creation of residential development of 10 dwellings with associated roads, landscaping and parking  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail.  
SITE: **Caines' Yard, Shipyard Road, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 3812  
P.A. NO.: 20/01037/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of 2 detached dwellings with integral garages  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **94 & 96, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3813  
P.A. NO.: 20/01070/B  
PROPOSED: Proposed detached dwelling with integral garage (incorporating amendments to previously approved to include sun lounge)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **102, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3814  
P.A. NO.: 20/01143/B  
PROPOSED: Two storey extension to side of property  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **16, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3815  
P.A. NO.: 20/01149/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of single storey extension  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Enayjay, 9, Balleigh Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3816  
P.A. NO.: 20/01153/C  
PROPOSED: Change of use from residential property to self-catering tourist accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use  
SITE: **56, Claughbane Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3817  
P.A. NO.: 20/01189/B  
PROPOSED: Refurbishment of the main entrance area to provide a new entrance lobby  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **The Northern Swimming Pool, Old River Road/Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3818  
P.A. NO.: 20/01212/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of a two storey extension and creation of a retaining wall  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **21, Princes Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3819  
P.A. NO.: 20/01227/C  
PROPOSED: Change of use from tourist accommodation to residential accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use  
SITE: **Apartment 1, Eskdale Apartments, Queens Drive West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3820  
P.A. NO.: 20/01253/B  
PROPOSED: Single storey rear extension, creation of rear decking area and alterations to existing property  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **32, Laurys Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3821  
P.A. NO.: 20/01257/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of garage to the rear of the property  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **19, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**



REF NO: 3822  
P.A. NO.: 20/01259/B  
PROPOSED: Installation of domestic gas tank in West corner of site  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Dreem ny Geay, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

B. Wallace  
Technical Services Manager

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2020.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS  
NOVEMBER, 2020 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Report has been submitted by Mrs. Wedgwood:-

**“Community Partnership Meeting:**

This was the regular bi-monthly meeting with the local police force held on the 10th of November. It was chaired by Sergeant Neil Hastie and Inspector Paul Kemp was in attendance.

Since January local policing has been reinstated, allowing for lockdown restrictions, so we now should be seeing Ramsey based officers. Major incidents will see them called away, but normally Ramsey and the north will be policed by officers who know us and are known to us.

We were told that the North was faring quite well in that we have experienced only a minor crime wave following the end of lockdown, and drink related incidents are down. A Police Constable with intel experience is in post and is following up on leads on organised networks.

Victim and Offender management - Sex offender Management has had a very open response to help for mental health issues due to Covid. All offenders are contacted on release on a “know we know” basis.

There is an 8 lesson programme in train for RGS, starting soon and going into the new year. This is led by the local officer with School liaison responsibilities. Youth clubs are monitored and trouble makers are known.

Road safety has seen few speeding issues leading to penalties (with a notable exception) and a winter lights campaign is on-going. There are one or two trouble spots which are being monitored.

The re-started “Cuppa with a Copper” has been held in Jurby, with small attendance, but deemed worthwhile, and will be rolled out as a nationwide experiment. Questions were asked concerned the safety of the returning students and equality of punishment of Covid breaches.

There was a very interesting youth service report from Nigel Howard which I found very encouraging, especially that RGS has been chosen as the pilot school for a “Prison me? No way” project. (I think this should be something we Commissioners ask about at meetings. It greatly impacts our community and is far more important to the locality than a lot of stuff we wade through.)”

November, 2020.