

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall on Wednesday, 28th 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.



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(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. *The scheme will incorporate electric vehicle charge points.* *M*

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

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.