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Parliament Square,  
Ramsey,  
Isle of Man.

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10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Sir/Madam,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening next, **16<sup>th</sup> June, 2021**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

**2. Minutes for Adoption:**

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- Minutes of Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.
- Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 (to be tabled)

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

**4. Chairman's Report:**

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- Armed Forces Day
- Douglas Civic Sunday

**5. Finance and General Purposes:**

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  - Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure
  - Rates

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  - Fibre in Ramsey – Planning
  - Planning Enforcement
  - Ramsey Quayside – to be tabled
- Technical Services Manager's Report(s):
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  - Various Assets Update

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- Town Clerk's Report(s):
  - Public Open Space – Royal Park Phase 2

**9. Any other Business:**

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(by permission of Chairman - any will be advised)

- Matters Raised by the Public
  - ❖ None
- Representative Report(s):
  - ❖ Isle of Man Municipal Association



Town Clerk & Chief Executive.  
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13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

Sir/Madam,

The monthly Private Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**, at the conclusion of the Public Sitting:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS</b> <b>[ PUBLIC ]</b></p>
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The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

**(2021/22:005) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, and those of the Special Meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, and 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2021/22:006) Matters Arising:**

No matters were raised.

**(2021/22:007) Chairman's Report:**

Resolved: To note the Chairman's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. The Chairman reiterated his congratulations to Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Garrett and to the Royal British Legion.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2021/22:008) Town Clerk's Report – Adoption of Public Open Space:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, advising of the approval by the Department of Infrastructure of public open space at Royal Park for nominal consideration.

It was also noted that the Commissioners' advocates will progress conveyancing and registration and that all area offered for adoption will be inspected prior to final acceptance.

**(2021/22:009) Town Clerk's Report – Annual General Meeting:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, drawing attention to Schedule 1 of the Local Government Act, 1985, as amended which refers to the date of local authority Annual Meetings.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed the Commission's annual meeting be held on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2021, subject to local authority general elections taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

**(2021/22:010) Town Clerk's Report – Community Hub:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, referring to discussion held with representatives of the Cabinet Office with regard to the possibility of extending Government services by way of establishing "Community Hubs" one of which to be within the Town Hall.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Commissioners support the introduction of Government Hub services at the Town Hall.

**(2021/22:011) Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority General Election 2021:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, reminding members of the proposed date for local authority general elections and requesting that, in view of the proximity of that date to the routine meeting of the Commission, the meeting be rescheduled.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the July, 2021, meeting of the Commissioners be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup>.

**(2021/22:012) Town Clerk's Report – Members' Attendances:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, to which was appended the summary of Members' attendances for the financial year 2020/21. A typographical error on the appendix was corrected to reflect that Mrs. Wedgwood had attended 11 Special Board Meetings.

**(2021/22:013) Town Clerk's Report – Boundary Extension:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's tabled report dated 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, which detailed questions posed by the Department of Infrastructure and suggested responses thereto with regard to the Commission's application to extend the Town Boundary, and to which was appended a draft timetable for the extension process.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the suggested responses be made to the Department.

**(2021/22:014) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Local Policing Plans:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the Policing Plan about which views are sought on policing matters and views on priorities and also conveying the request of Superintendent Stephen Maddocks to meet the Commission.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 7 votes to 3, that the request to meet Superintendent Maddocks be deferred until a new Board is in place. Mrs. Wedgwood and Messrs. Cowie and Parker voted against.

In response to a query from Mr. Parker the Deputy Town Clerk undertook to enquire whether there is a timeframe for responses to the Plan.

**(2021/22:015) Finance Officer General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, subject to the following:-

***IOM Bank Loans:*** It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed to:

- approve the draft Amendment Loan Agreement as provided by IOM Bank and,
- transfer existing LIBOR loan facilities to SONIA loan facilities.

**Works and Development:**

**(2021/22:016) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West:**

Members discussed the Town Clerk's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the consultation taking place with regard to the Area Plan for the North and West, responses to which are required to be submitted by 5.00 p.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that a Special Board Meeting be convened to discuss this matter. 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, respectively on these related matters including planning aspects,

**(2021/22:017) Town Clerk's Report – Art Installation North Barrule:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the Art Installation situate on North Barrule. The Town Clerk reminded members of the history of the application made in 2019 which was with-drawn, and that the matter had subsequently having been referred to planning enforcement by several parties. The Commission did not have interested party status in the original application but submitted a comment in opposition.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 9 votes to 1, an update be sought from Planning Enforcement on this matter. Mr. McGuinness voted against.

**(2021/22:018) Town Clerk's Report – Fibre in Ramsey:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, advising of the further information supplied by Manx Telecom with regard to the provision of fibre poles throughout the Town. The Town Clerk advised that the authority has scheduled a meeting with some residents to which members of the Commission and Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey will be invited, which is to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Commission be represented at the meeting by a member or members and an officer with the remit to liaise and report back to the Board, following which a decision will be taken whether or not to arrange a private meeting with the authority.

Mr. Cowie indicated his wish to attend, and Mr. Parker stated he would also attend if needs be.

**(2021/22:019) Town Clerk's Report – Proposal to Register Ramsey War Memorial:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, advising of the proposal to Register War Memorials around the Island including that situate at the Courthouse Grounds in Ramsey as Registered Buildings.

Members were advised that the registration would not affect routine remedial works required to the monument and agreed that they had no reason to object to the proposal.

**(2021/22:020) Town Clerk's Report – Withdrawal of Public Phone Boxes:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, advising of the intention of Manx Telecom to withdraw 3 public telephone boxes from service in Rasmeay, namely at Courthouse, Glen Elfin Road and Jurby Road. Members were reminded that a decision had already been taken to acquire the box at the Courthouse to facilitate installation of a defibrillator.

Mrs. Wedgwood drew attention to the box at Jurby Road being an obstruction on the footpath and as such caused people with prams or using wheel chairs to go onto the road. The Deputy Town Clerk, whilst declaring an interest as a Trustee advised that the League of Friends of Ramey and District Cottage Hospital has indicated a willingness to sponsor the provision of a defibrillator in the telephone box situate at Glen Elfin Road because of its location inside the T.T. Course.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr Williams seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed unanimously that Manx Telecom be informed of the Commission's agreement to the removal of the box at Jurby Road and of the wish to acquire the box at Glen Elfin Road to facilitate installation of a defibrillator.

**(2021/22:021) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:**

Members agreed that the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, 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: 3884  
P.A. NO.: 21/00310/B  
PROPOSED: Creation of new door and window in side elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **6, Parliament Square, Ramsey.**

It was proposed by Mr. Cowie, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 6 votes to 4 that the Commission submit an observation to express concern at the proposal to have a door opening outwards into a narrow lane. Mrs. Wedgwood and Messrs' McGuinness, Parker and Williams voting against.

REF NO: 3885  
P.A. NO.: 21/00326/OLA  
PROPOSED: Proposed alterations and erection of extension to rear elevation of dwelling  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Orrisdale, Brookfield Crescent, Ramsey**

It was noted that this application was not taken forward and as such it was not possible to find the plans on-line.

**(2021/22:021) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:**

REF NO: 3890  
P.A. NO.: 21/00531/GB / 21/0532/CON  
PROPOSED: Alterations and erection of a rear garage (Registered Building No. 151)  
NOTES: Registered Building  
SITE: **Norwood, May Hill, Ramsey.**

The address of this application was corrected to read "4, Albion Terrace, Ramsey".

No comments were made on the Appendices.

**(2021/22:022) Technical Services Manager's Report – Auldyn House Parliament Street:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's tabled report dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the property Auldyn House, Parliament Street, and for which an application to demolish has been submitted and an emergency demolition directive issued.

It was also noted that the timeline for works reflects a commencement, in earnest date, of 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2021/22:022) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Performance and Statistics:**

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, to which was appended the Fourth Quarter's Statistics to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021.

Mr Cowie referred to the lower percentage of property inspections and was informed that this was owing to Covid-19 restrictions and that although some tenants are still reserved about allowing people into their homes the number of inspections are getting back to usual levels.



**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2021/22:023) Town Clerk's Report "Pickle Ball":**

Members discussed the Town Clerk's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the request made by a resident about marking a tennis court in the Mooragh Park to facilitate the playing of "Pickle Ball". Members were reminded that the Tennis Courts are subject to a seven-year lease agreement with Ramsey Tennis Club, who also have control of the lights provided at the courts.

A proposal by Mr. Parker that the Commission support a trial on one court subject to discussions with the Tennis Club did not receive a seconder.

A proposal by Mr. Oldham that the matter be deferred until the views of the Tennis Club are known was also un-seconded.

A further proposal by Mr. Parker that the Commission support the application if the Clubs can reach mutual agreement again did not receive a seconder.

Further discussion ensued during which it was suggested that use could be made of tennis courts at Ramsey Grammar School.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mrs. Quayle, seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Cowie voting against, that the "Pickle Ball" club be advised to enter into discussions with Ramsey Tennis Club, as tenants of the courts in the Mooragh Park.

**Notice of Motion:**

**(2021/22:024) Notice of Motion – "Deckchairs" standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness:**

It was agreed by the Chairman that the Notice of Motion dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, standing in the name of Mr. McGuinness be considered, namely

"That the board agree that Ramsey Town Commissioners commit to the deckchairs being available on every weekend over the summer months until September, so that the amenity space at the heart of the town centre is used to its maximum potential and agree to the practical requirements to ensure this is carried out."

The Notice was seconded by Mr. Williams.

Members queried how setting out and taking in deckchairs could be achieved and at what overtime costs. The Technical Services Manager advised that those men already on call for other duties could set out the deckchairs at no extra costs and informed members that a Kermelly's Fishmonger had indicated a wish to sight some of their own deckchairs and had indicated a willingness to take in the Commissioners chairs at the same time as their own.

Resolved: To agree to the Notice of Motion and permit Kermelly's to site their own chairs and accept their kind offer to take in all deckchairs at the end of each day.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2021/22:025) Land Parliament Street:**

Mr. Williams referred to a request put to him that the Commission consider the purchase of land at the junction of East Street and Parliament Street, adjacent to an Italian restaurant. The Town Clerk informed members that the land is understood to be on the market for sale at a price of £345,000.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed by 9 votes to 1, that the Commission do not progress any enquiries for the acquisition of the land. Mr. Oldham voted against.

**(2021/22:026) Charges and Weekend Opening Civic Amenity Site:**

Mr. McGuinness referred to complaints put to him about charges made for depositing rubble at, and the weekend opening hours of, the Civic Amenity Site. Mr. Cowie made reference to the removal of electrical items.

Resolved: That Mr. Oldham, as the representative on the Committee, bring these matters to the Committee and report back to the Commissioners in due course.

**(2021/22:027) Broken Sewer Pipe:**

Mr. Young drew attention to a broken sewer pipe which was discharging “detergent” (sic) onto the beach. Mr. Young was informed that Manx Utilities were aware of the problem. The Town Clerk was requested to raise the matter with the authority.

**(2021/22:028) Congested Entrance Auldyn Meadows:**

Mr. Parker drew attention to complaints put to him about congestion at the entrance to Auldyn Meadows in that numerous vehicles are parking close to a roundabout. The Town Clerk undertook to raise the matter with the Highways Division.

**(2021/22:029) Representative Reports:**

Resolved: To note the representative reports submitted by Mr. Cowie and Mr. McGuinness for the Isle of Man Municipal Association and the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board, respectively.

It was further resolved that, following a proposal by Mr. Cowie seconded by Mrs. Wedgwood that the Town Clerk communicate with the Minister concerning progress on rate reform.

The Chairman closed the public session at 8.16 p.m. and, after thanking Mrs. Woolley and a member of the public for their attendance, moved 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.

**(2021/22:030) Minutes:**

It was noted, for record purposes that no matters from the Board Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April or the Special Meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> April or 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, were recorded in private.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2021/22:031) Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**(2021/22:032) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, and the following comments made thereon, accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- **War Memorial** – in response to a query from Mr. Cowie members were advised that registration of the War Memorial (Clause 019) refers) would not affect the placement of the Royal British Legion’s plaque.
- **Ramsey North Beach (Raft)** – the Housing and Property Manager advised that the raft is half-completed but advised of difficulties in obtaining suitable timber, because of waiting lists. Mr. Young suggested that treated larch-decking might be a suitable alternative.
- **Toilet Art** – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that works would be completed after the Summer Season and had a completion date of March 2022.
- **Ramsey Quayside** – the Town Clerk read a letter from the Director of Highways confirming items raised by the Commission and seeking the Commission’s support to a submission of a planning application. It was agreed that a further meeting be held with the Planners and Design Team – Mrs. Wedgwood and Messrs. Williams and Oldham volunteering to attend in company with officer(s). Mr. Young suggested the need for further public consultation.

Members also noted the Register of Ruinous Property and Unsightly Land and Buildings to 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, subject to the following:-

- **Auldyn House** – the Technical Services Manager advised that the owner has been asked if they are prepared to make a contribution towards public relations and raising awareness that businesses are open as usual.
- **10/11 West Quay** – the Technical Services Manager advised that the owner has agreed to seek a Structural Engineers Report following concerns raised about the condition of the building.
- **The Holly, Grove Mount** – the Technical Services Manager advised that Notice has been served

**(2021/22:032) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”: continued**

- *Seymour House, Ballure Road* – the Technical Services Manager again advised that Notice has been served.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

Mr. Oldham withdrew from the meeting during discussion of the following clause.

**(2021/22:033) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Ramsey Courthouse Expressions of Interest:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s tabled report dated 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, to which was appended details of 2 expressions of interest with regard to operation of the former Ramsey Courthouse.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr Cowie, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed, both parties be invited to make presentations to the Commission.

Mr. McGuinness queried the option of the Commission operating the premises and was advised that it was not dis-similar from one of the expressions but that a paper would be prepared.

Mr. Oldham returned to the meeting.

**(2021/22:034) Finance Officer’s Report:**

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer’s Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

**(2021/22:035) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Appeal:**

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, advising that an appeal has been submitted against a fixed penalty notice issued for littering, the appellant stating that he was not responsible for all the packaging.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed that the Notice stand. Members noted that the appellant did admit to depositing some packaging and agreed that if the communication implied responsibility for all packaging, apology be made, having regard, however, to the resolution.

Concern was raised about the regularly overflowing recycling bins and it was agreed to raise the matter with the Department of Infrastructure.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2021/22:036) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Close Woirrey:**

Members received the Housing and Property Manager's tabled report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning proposals for the redevelopment of Close Woirrey.

Resolved: To defer consideration of the matter and the Housing and Property Manager report further after a meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2021/22:037) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Fireworks Display 2021:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, concerning the 2021 Fireworks Display.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cowie and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood voting against, that the fireworks display be held, weather permitting on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, with 6<sup>th</sup> November as a reserve date.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and also agreed by 9 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood again voting against, to recommend a theme based around Marvel Superheroes"

The Deputy Town Clerk was requested to report back giving detailed costings.

A suggestion by Mr. Cowie that the Commission have donation buckets to assist with funding the event received no support.

**(2021/22:038) Events:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's tabled report un-dated report concerning events schedule to take place in Ramsey.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr Cowie, seconded by Mrs. McGuinness and agreed the Family Funday, scheduled to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> August be transferred to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, in view of the Rotary Club of Ramsey having informed the Deputy Town Clerk that the Club cannot run its event in 2021.

It was further resolved to agree to permit a Tin Bath Race to be held on the same day as Ramsey Carnival, namely 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 – members agreed that both events will complement each other.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2021/22:039) Complaints Policy:**

The Town Clerk verbally reported feedback from the Tynwald Administrator in which a shorter response time than that included within the Commission's existing policy is suggested.

Resolved: That the Commission's existing policy remain in place.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
JUNE, 2021.**

Fellow Members,

**Armed Forces Day**

We have been informed that this year's Armed Forces Day Celebrations will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

There will be no Church service this year but the usual Parade will go ahead through Strand Street, from 3.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. in Regent Street and arriving at the Villa Marina Gardens at approximately 4.15 p.m. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney, and the Archdeacon, the Venerable Andie Brown will address the veterans when they arrive. Afternoon tea and Evening entertainment will follow from 5.00 p.m.

The event is open to all between 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m., but tickets will be required for the Afternoon Tea and evening events which will conclude at 10.30 p.m.

**Civic Sunday Douglas**

We have been given advance notice that Douglas Corporation will hold its Civil Sunday Church Service at St. George's Church on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, and for which further details will be sent out nearer the date.

9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LOCAL AUTHORITY GENERAL ELECTION 2021  
JUNE 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure has confirmed that the Local Authority General Election, will take place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2021.

The timetable for the elections has been provided with the following being the key dates in the election and polling process.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Department publish Notice of Election in press (Examiner)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Local Authorities display election notices within district
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Last date for delivery of nomination papers (5pm)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Delivery of withdrawal of candidature/making objections (2pm)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Last date for receipt of Absent Voter <b>applications</b> (Off-IOM)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Last date for receipt of Absent Voter <b>applications</b> (On-IOM) Last day for issue of Absent Voter <b>ballot papers</b> (Off IOM) Last day for issue of absent voter <b>ballot papers</b> (On –IOM)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	ELECTION – Polling Day – 8.00am to 8.00pm

Nomination papers are available at the Town Hall, and from the Commissioners' website [www.ramsey.gov.im](http://www.ramsey.gov.im).

Persons seeking nomination are reminded that to be eligible for election they must appear on a Register of Electors for any electoral district on the Island. Proposers, seconders and assentors to any nomination must all appear on the Register of Electors for the electoral district to which the nomination exists, which means North Ward or South Ward in respect of nominations to serve on Ramsey Town Commission.

The Register of Electors for Ramsey North and Ramsey South can be inspected at the Town Hall during normal office hours.

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

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

4<sup>th</sup> June 2021



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
JUNE 2021 - 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 May 2021 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £334,937.36 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £25,830.43 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in May 2021. 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 2021-22 Income and Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 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 2021-22 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs and they are:

Cronk Elfin – refurbishment scheme professional fees                      £5,695.

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

**Rates**

During May 2021 a £293,654 payment from the Treasury was received being the first instalment of rate income for the 2021-22 year (£287,058 was received in May 2020).

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

# Ramsey Town Commissioners

**Accounts paid to the 31 May 2021**

**Appendix 1**

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b><u>General Account</u></b>		<b>£</b>
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	168,288.70
IOM Govt	Waste disposal at EFW plant	88,176.74
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	26,751.60
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	9,563.21
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	9,442.89
Various	Security & safety costs	4,500.78
Various	IT costs	3,914.94
NLASPB	Balance of 2020-21 rate contribution	2,794.81
Various	Machinery servicing & repair	2,757.33
Account transfers	R & N DHC - transfer of rents collected by card	2,493.30
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	2,492.31
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,172.66
Various	Contract cleaning	2,013.26
Ramsey Town Band	2021-22 donation re event performances	2,000.00
Various	Library books & materials	1,788.08
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	1,537.39
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	899.94
Various	Media & advertising	818.50
Various	Legal & prof. & final audit fees : housing	798.00
Various	Park materials	778.53
Various	Legal & prof. & final audit fees : non-housing	579.00
Various	Staff training	195.39
Various	Gift vouchers	180.00
		<u>334,937.36</u>
<b><u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u></b>		
GJF Fabrications Ltd.	New skips	11,496.00
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	9,302.36
Various	Recycling charges	4,176.68
Various	Site maintenance	582.90
Various	Office supplies	208.38
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	52.51
Bank	Charges	11.60
		<u>25,830.43</u>

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during May 2021

### Appendix 1

Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	IOM Post Office	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Magnet Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost Ltd.	IOM	Mann Recovery Services Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
BB Consulting Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Fork Lift Trucks Ltd.	IOM
BHW Print Group Ltd.	IOM	Marksmann Locksmith	IOM
Brenntag UK Ltd.	UK	Marown TV Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	NLASPB	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Chrystals Auctions	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
ClearVu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	PS IT Solutions Ltd.	Ire.
Crossroads Manx Workshop	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Curtins Consulting Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Town Band	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Sharon Rice	IOM
Galaxy Fireworks	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
GJF Fabrications Ltd.	UK	2 Clean	IOM
Go Marketing Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Ijcad Services	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM		

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2021 - Appendix 2**

	2021-22 to date			Estimate for 2021-22		
<b>Social Housing</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	84,082	958,178	(874,096)	4,311,316	4,356,149	(44,833)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	1,612	174	1,438	5,500	2,130	3,370
Brookfield Court	1,835	0	1,835	15,050	13,420	1,630
Close ny Mooragh	4,963	4	4,959	28,800	31,300	(2,500)
New vans	0	0	0	83,100	83,100	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£92,492</b>	<b>£958,356</b>	<b>(£865,864)</b>	<b>£ 4,443,766</b>	<b>£ 4,486,099</b>	<b>£ (42,333)</b>

<b>Property and Assets</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	8,135	16,368	(8,233)	219,800	23,250	196,550
Workshops	7,565	0	7,565	95,110	0	95,110
Public Conveniences	5,585	0	5,585	58,850	0	58,850
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	804	600	204	12,200	2,650	9,550
Mansail Lease	289	1,125	(836)	6,020	10,275	(4,255)
Lakeside Centre	0	(1,250)	1,250	5,130	11,550	(6,420)
Parklands Day Nursery	0	2,162	(2,162)	2,620	17,900	(15,280)
Bowling Alley	410	(625)	1,035	2,000	15,000	(13,000)
Non-Lease Properties	55	0	55	6,150	0	6,150
Prom Shelters, etc	3,354	0	3,354	11,100	0	11,100
Private Property Repairs	420	0	420	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	96	0	96	4,350	0	4,350
Apprentices	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	7,305	9,349	(2,044)	38,900	42,790	(3,890)
Park assets	6,357	0	6,357	63,825	0	63,825
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£55,175</b>	<b>£27,729</b>	<b>£27,446</b>	<b>£551,355</b>	<b>£123,415</b>	<b>£427,940</b>

<b>Works &amp; Development</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	10	0	10	2,100	0	2,100
Car Parks	2,211	12,240	(10,029)	14,450	16,480	(2,030)
Refuse Removal	123,106	41,220	81,886	777,473	104,000	673,473
Civic Amenity contribution	56,420	0	56,420	225,685	0	225,685
Sewers & Pumps	0	0	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	8,336	0	8,336	79,000	0	79,000
Decorative lighting & maint.	0	0	0	11,150	0	11,150
Local Services	23,782	0	23,782	92,700	0	92,700
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£213,865</b>	<b>£53,460</b>	<b>£160,405</b>	<b>£1,307,058</b>	<b>£224,980</b>	<b>£1,082,078</b>

<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Advertising & Entertaining	1,193	3,645	(2,452)	55,950	4,000	51,950
Parks & Gardens	26,751	1	26,750	253,391	600	252,791
Games Concessions	75	0	75	12,000	0	12,000
Public Library	18,976	637	18,339	140,395	8,000	132,395
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£46,995</b>	<b>£4,283</b>	<b>£42,712</b>	<b>£461,736</b>	<b>£12,600</b>	<b>£449,136</b>

<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	5,000	0	5,000	67,050	0	67,050
Office Expenses	159,516	6,172	153,344	977,386	88,250	889,136
Sundry Expenses	1,928	0	1,928	12,100	0	12,100
Miscellaneous	3,032	13,969	(10,937)	31,850	24,500	7,350
Swimming Pool	2,795	0	2,795	17,000	0	17,000
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	386	0	386	4,000	0	4,000
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£174,657</b>	<b>£20,141</b>	<b>£154,516</b>	<b>£1,111,386</b>	<b>£112,750</b>	<b>£998,636</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£583,184</b>	<b>£1,063,969</b>	<b>(£453,056)</b>	<b>£ 7,875,301</b>	<b>£ 4,959,844</b>	<b>£ 2,915,457</b>
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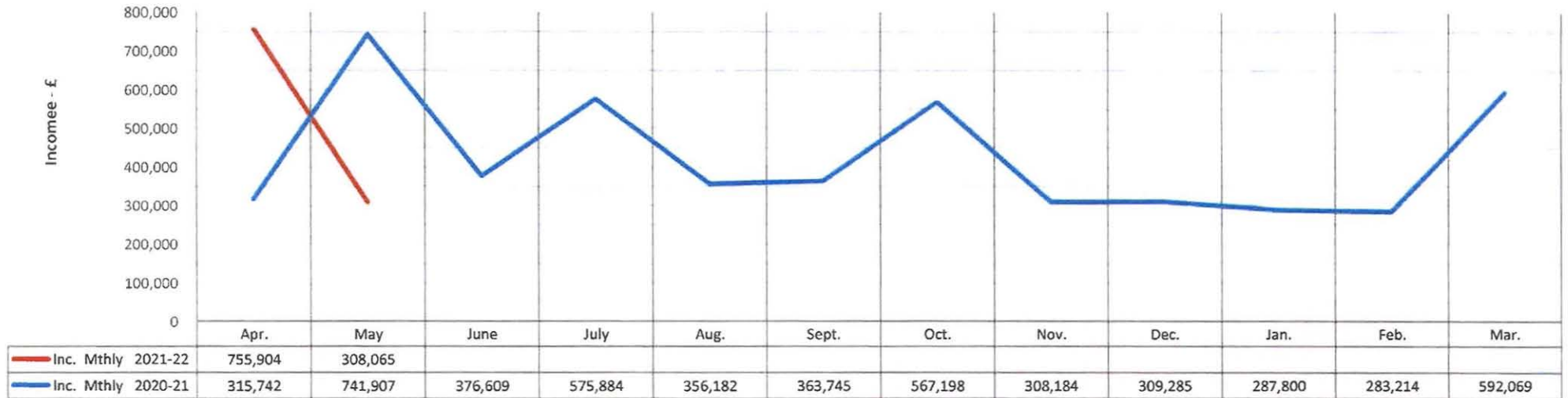
<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 344,354</b>	<b>(£344,354)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 2,776,672</b>	<b>(£2,776,672)</b>
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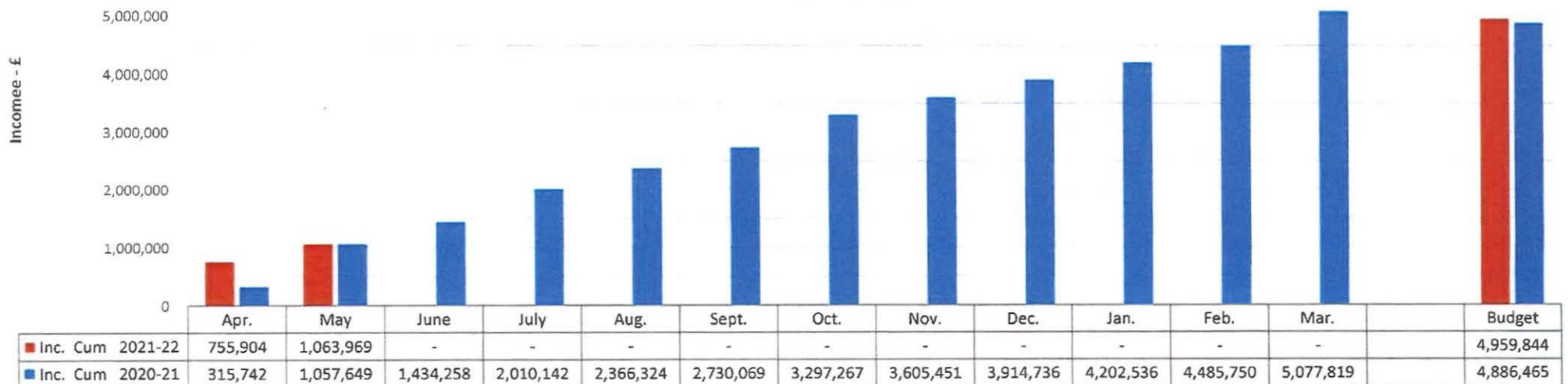
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2021

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month income summary 2021-22 & 2020-21 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Comparing income to budget 2021-22 (with 2020-21 comparative)

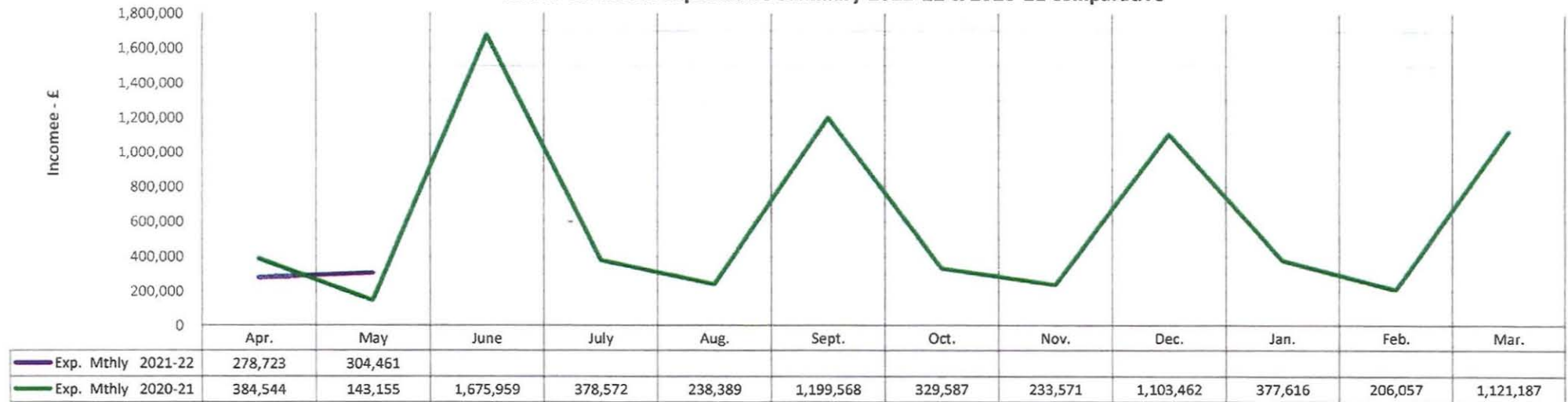


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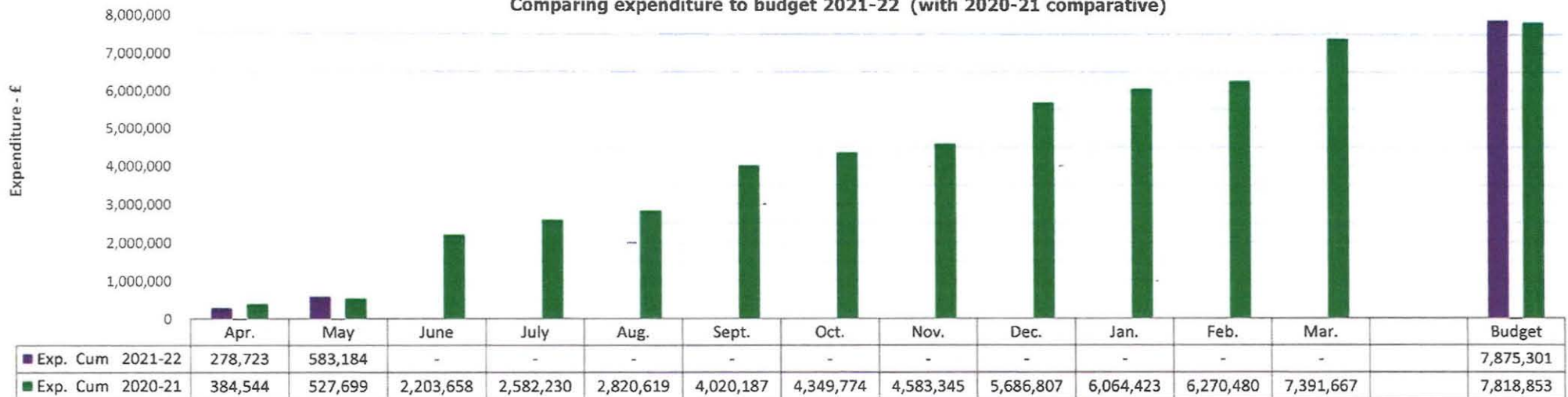
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2021

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month expenditure summary 2021-22 & 2020-21 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Comparing expenditure to budget 2021-22 (with 2020-21 comparative)

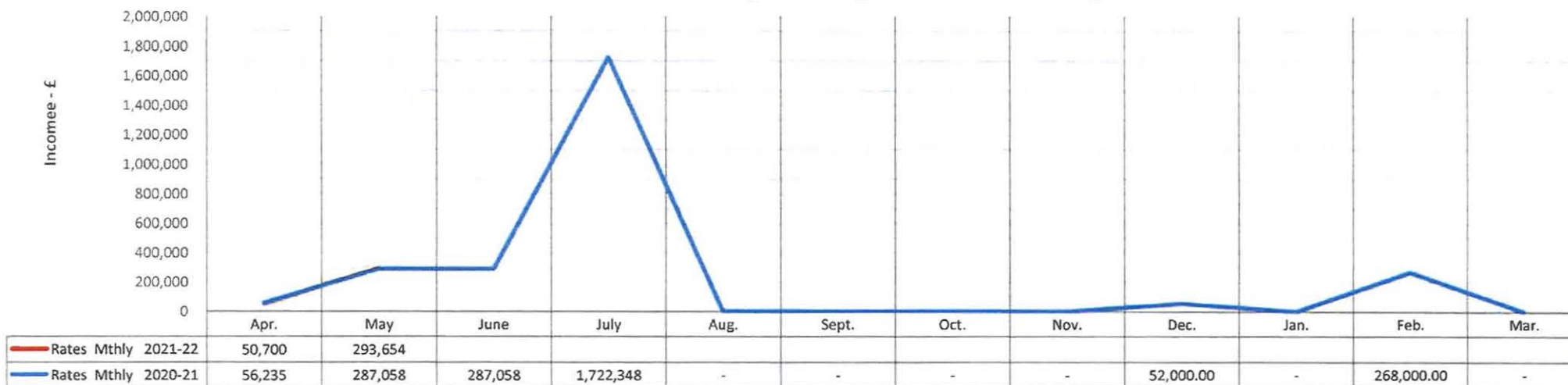


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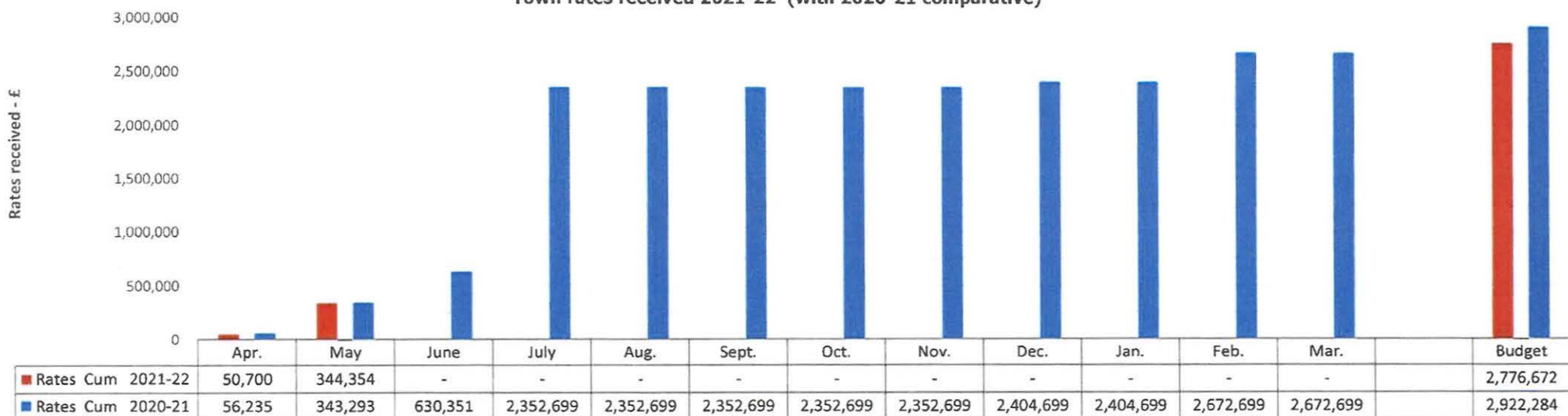
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 MAY 2021

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2021-22 & 2020-21 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Town rates received 2021-22 (with 2020-21 comparative)





**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERKS REPORT  
FIBRE IN RAMSEY - PLANNING  
JUNE, 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Town Clerk has sought advice from the planning office regarding planning for the use of telegraph poles for fibre installation.

The Town Clerk sought clarification of the following interpretation. Installations fall within the Town and Country Planning (Telecommunications) Development Order 2019, and if the installations would be within 20 metres of a primary window a prior approval would be required.

The Order states that

- “mounted equipment” means transmission equipment including transmission lines, base transceiver stations and multiplexers; and
- “telecommunications structure” means a structure the primary purpose of which is to have mounted equipment attached to it;

and it follows therefore that the installation of telegraph poles requires to be permitted under the terms of the Order.

Article 4 of the Order grants approval to classes of development within Schedule 2 which provides the following conditions or limitations on the installation of telecommunications structures on land.

SCHEDULE 2

Order 2019

**PART 2 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURES**

Table 2

<i>Class of development</i>	<i>Conditions or limitations</i>
<b>Class 2 Telecommunications Structures on Land</b> The installation, alteration or a replacement of a telecommunications structure on land	1 No part of the development may be within a conservation area. 2 No part of the development may be within 9 metres of a designated watercourse. 3 No part of the development may be within 20 metres of a primary window unless it would be behind the elevation that contains the window. 4 No part of the development may exceed — (a) 15 metres in height; or (b) 0.3 metres in diameter.



**Town Clerk's Report – Fibre in Ramsey - Planning**  
**June, 2021 – Public Continued:**

Where development does not meet these conditions then it is to be dealt with in accordance with Article 5, which states that planning approval is granted subject to the giving of prior approval to development specified in Schedule 3.

SCHEDULE 3

Order 2019

**PART 2 - TELECOMMUNICATIONS STRUCTURES**

Table 2

<i>Class of development</i>	<i>Conditions or limitations</i>
<b>Class 2 Telecommunications Structures on Land</b> The installation, alteration or a replacement of a telecommunications structure on land	No part of the development may exceed --- (a) 15 metres in height; or (b) 0.3 metres in diameter.

In relation to residential estates, where telegraph poles installed in pavements are unlikely to be more than 20 metres from a primary window, such as Marlborough Crescent, it follows that any installation will require to be dealt with by way of a prior approval.

The Order further details in Schedule 4 the procedures under which the Department is required to consider and determine prior approval applications, this does not include advertising of such nor the opportunity for public or local authority comment. Of relevance in this matter is the requirement in sub-paragraphs 7 to 9 of the Schedule that

*(7) The Department **must** only consider the following factors in determining an application—*

- (a) the visual and noise impact on residential amenity;*
- (b) the visual impact on the character and appearance of the area;*
- (c) the impact on any designated conservation area; and*
- (d) the impact on any designated watercourse.*

*(8) The Department **must only approve** an application if it considers that the development **would not have a material negative impact in relation to any of the factors specified in sub-paragraph (7).***

*(9) The Department **must adopt a precautionary approach and in cases of doubt it must assume a material negative impact.***

In circumstances where there are no other overhead services it is difficult to perceive a position where telegraph poles would not have a negative visual impact unless they were in rear lanes etc, and any decision to approve despite this, would in my view be open to challenge (accepting that there is no planning appeal process for prior approval) in the courts should residents feel aggrieved.

**Town Clerk's Report – Fibre in Ramsey - Planning  
June, 2021 – Public Continued:**

A response has been received from Steve Butler, Head of Development Management, who advises that having discussed with colleagues, he can confirm that:

- the erection of telegraph poles would constitute 'development' and as such require planning approval;
- planning approval may be either by order (permitted development) or specific application;
- the 2019 Telecommunications PD Order allows for the erection of 'telecommunication structure' which could include telegraph poles;
- the order sets out various conditions that apply to everything (schedule 1), development which is permitted with certain limitations/conditions but does not require prior approval (schedule 2), and that which is potentially allowed subject to prior approval (schedule 3) and the process for prior approval (schedule 4 – which is very different to the planning application process); and
- to date we have not had any applications under this order for prior approval of telegraph poles, so it is difficult to comment on how these may be viewed, other than to say that any such applications would be judged on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the process/issues as set out in the schedule

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021.**

**T P Whiteway  
Town Clerk & Chief Executive**

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PLANNING ENFORCEMENT  
JUNE 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has previously referred the operation of retail units at Gladstone Park Industrial Estate to the Planning Enforcement office for investigation.

The Planning Office has advised that the following submissions are being dealt with at this time:-

21/00033/COU – Unit 22 Gladstone Park, the Department has received a planning application for this and is in the process of negotiating some of the details before it is validated. Once the application is validated the yellow notice will be sent out.

21/00294/COU – Unit 24 Gladstone Park, the Department has received a planning application for the change of use of the site which also required more detail. The Administration team are in the process of dealing with this.

A further update will be provided.

A report of a catering operation on the Industrial Park has also been received and the Enforcement Office has asked if more information on this could be provided.

**Recommendation: to be noted.**

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

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS</b>  <b>TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT</b>  <b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE, 2021</b></p>
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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:	3869	<u><b>AMENDED PLANS</b></u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/00218/GB</u>	
PROPOSED:	Creation of a doorway from an existing window and installation of replacement windows, doors and roof slates (in association with 21/00219/CON)	
NOTES:	Registered Building	
SITE:	<b>17, Bridge Lane, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	3870	<u><b>AMENDED PLANS</b></u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/00219/CON</u>	
PROPOSED:	Registered Building consent for the creation of a doorway from an existing window and installation of replacement windows, doors and roof slates (in association with 21/00218/GB)	
NOTES:	Registered Building	
SITE:	<b>17, Bridge Lane, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	3892	
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/00530/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Reconstruction of existing bay window, installation of replacement windows and removal of existing rear lean to store unit	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>Stafford, Ballure Road, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	3893	
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/00564/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Alterations, extension and conversion of detached garage into additional living accommodation	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>Thie Grennaugh, Cloughbane Road, Ramsey</b>	

REF NO: 3894  
P.A. NO.: 21/00584/B  
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows to front elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **3, Hespera Terrace, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3895  
P.A. NO.: 21/00585/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of a building to provide retail and office space, with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Former Barry Curran and Farmers Combine Site, West Quay, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3896  
P.A. NO.: 21/00593/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of a detached dwelling with attached garage  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Rheast Mooar House, Andreas Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3897  
P.A. NO.: 21/00600/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of five detached dwellings with associated garages, parking and external works  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land at Corner of Premier Road and Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3898  
P.A. NO.: 21/00616/B  
PROPOSED: Alterations and erection of extension (amendment to PA 20/01253/B)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **32, Laurys Avenue, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3899  
P.A. NO.: 21/00623/B  
PROPOSED: Variation of condition 2 of PA 21/00102/C involving alterations to opening hours  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Ground Floor B, Court Row Chambers, Court Row, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3900  
P.A. NO.: 21/00638/C  
PROPOSED: Additional use of residential apartments as tourist accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use  
SITE: **Apartments 7 & 10, Eskdale Apartments, Queens Drive West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3901  
P.A. NO.: 21/00647/B  
PROPOSED: Alteration to existing window opening and removal of an existing window for the creation of a doorway and window to North West elevation  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **46, Barrule Park, Ramsey**

B. Wallace  
Technical Services Manager

9<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

**R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT**  
**APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE, 2021**

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
20/00533/B R.T.C. 3777	Installation of 28 solar panels to gable wall and installation of a heat pump	The Haven, Windsor Mount	Meeting held: 17/06/2020  No Objection	09/11/2020 Application APPROVED 27/11/2020 Appeal requested 24/05/2021 Application APPROVED
20/01386/A R.T.C. 3842	Approval in Principle for erection of new dwelling addressing matters of access and landscaping	Land adjacent to Fasque, Andreas Road	Meeting held: 20/01/2021  No Objection	02/03/2021 Application APPROVED 07/06/2021 Appeal requested

**R.T.C. - TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER - APPENDIX II - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE, 2021**

<i><b>P A No.</b></i>	<i><b>Site &amp; Proposed Work(s)</b></i>	<i><b>Details</b></i>
20/00533/B  R.T.C. 3777	The Haven, Windsor Mount  Installation of 28 solar panels to gable wall and installation of a heat pump	<p>The Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture, the Hon. G. Boot MHK, has considered the report, concurs with the appointed person's conclusions, and accepts the recommendation that the appeal should be allowed. Accordingly, he has directed that the Department's approval of the application is upheld, and that the application should be Approved subject to conditions but without complying with Condition 3 attached to the approval dated 9 November 2020.</p> <p>1. The development hereby approved shall be begun before the expiration of four years from the date of this decision notice.</p> <p>Reason: To comply with Article 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order 2019 and to avoid the accumulation of unimplemented planning approvals. 2.</p> <p>2. The heat pump hereby approved must not result in a noise level that exceeds 42dB LAeq5 mins, where the 'LAeq 5 mins' means the A-weighted equivalent continuous sound pressure level over 5 minutes when measured at 1 metre external centre point of any relevant door or window to any neighbouring building as measured perpendicular to the plane of that relevant door or window.</p> <p>Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to safeguard the neighbouring property from unnecessary noise in accordance with General Policy 2 of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016. This approval relates to Drawing Numbers MSE_PRES_01 and MSE_PRES_02 1728- both date stamped as received on 29 May 2020 and the MCS calculations given and the correct details for the air source heat pump sent to the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture via email on the 7 September 2020.</p>



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
HOUSING AND PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT  
VARIOUS ASSETS UPDATE  
JUNE 2021 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

***Water Play Area – Mooragh Park***

At the time of writing this report, the water play area is nearing completion. Additional materials had to be ordered from two different suppliers causing delays in the completion of the installation of the rubber crumb safety surface.

The current specification stipulates a thickness of 15mm as a fall absorbent surface, and it appears, for whatever reason, the thickness of the original surface varied, and the material quantities used in the relaying therefore has been found to be greater. Delivery charges have also been incurred due to difficulties in sourcing some of the materials.

The maintenance supervisors estimate at the time of reporting (9<sup>th</sup> June) there are 2 days left in resurfacing and it will take a week in total to complete the works once the materials have arrived; this will include installing and commissioning the water play equipment. At the time of writing this report, no delivery date was available for the materials which an issue and concern.

An update will be provided at the Board meeting and a cost report provided on completion.

***Beach Raft – South Beach***

The raft has been constructed to the point where the available timber provided by Mr. Young has been used. An off-Island quote was obtained for the remaining timber required to complete the raft and was in excess of £1,200, however on inquiry the Island's Sawmills have agreed to provide this product for just over £200, delivery expected in 2-3 weeks. The project should be able to be completed soon after delivery of this timber.

A 6-tonne anchor block has been sourced, given free of charge by the Driving Test & Vehicle Examination Centre. Once the materials are obtained the construction of the raft will be completed. In the meantime, the anchor block will be placed which is currently being arranged.

***Hospice Sit and Chat Benches***

Two of the worse condition benches, at Parliament Square and East Bank, Mooragh Park, have been brought back to the workshop, stripped back to the bare wood and are being primed, under-coated and painted and will be returned to their original position. The remaining benches will be treated the same way over the summer months, as time allows.

**Recommendation:** For noting.

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Mark Close  
Housing & Property Manager

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE – ROYAL PARK PHASE 2  
JUNE 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following plan shows the approved layout for the large area of Public Open Space at the entrance to Royal Park, which Ramsey Commissioners have agreed to adopt on completion.



The Town Clerk has been approached by the developer, Hartford Homes Limited, who advise that with the climate emergency in focus and the wish to improve biodiversity, they have been developing ideas with Manx Wildlife Trust and their tree consultant and wondered whether the Commissioners would give consideration to a micro forest being established on the land. An example being found at <https://earthwatch.org.uk/get-involved/tiny-forest>

Hartford Homes anticipate the tree planting occupying half or 2/3rd of the area of POS with paths running through and areas of woodland ground cover with wild flowers, etc., to create a very natural and bio diverse environment. Hartford Homes would supply and plant the trees before handing over to the Commissioners on completion. Alternatively, if the Commissioners wanted to promote a community event, Hartford could supply the trees and help the Commissioners organise/promote a tree planting event, perhaps in association with the Woodland Trust or Manx Wildlife Trust.

Once handed over to the Commissioners, there will be a requirement for maintenance, but this should be less onerous than the regular cutting of the amenity grass. Perhaps a link up with the Woodland Trust and /or Manx Wildlife Trust and a team of local volunteers / schools, could promote community involvement and education.

<p><b>Town Clerk's Report – Public Open Space – Royal Park Phase 2</b> <b>June, 2021 – Public Continued:</b></p>
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The proposal would fit within the Commission's wish to incorporate more wildflower areas and would create a new biodiverse rich area of open space with low ongoing maintenance costs. The option to engage with the community by providing a chance to volunteer or holding a tree planting event would also raise the environmental profile of the proposal.

**Recommendation: to support the creation of a micro forest in association with the Manx Wildlife Trust, and to seek to promote a community event to undertake tree planting.**

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

4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT(S)  
JUNE 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Report has been submitted by Mr. McGuinness:-

**“Isle of Man Municipal Association: 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

The speaker for the meeting was the President of Tynwald Steve Rodan, he provided an interesting summary of how he came to be a resident of Laxey and subsequently got involved in local and then national politics. It was interesting hearing his memories of the early 90's, past (and current) members of the Municipal Authority that he had met and his regret that the Single Transferrable Vote was not retained as the electoral system on the IOM.

The business of the meeting is summarised as;

- \* the fee for the Municipal Authority for the year being proposed as £300 as a number of Authorities felt that £340 was too much to pay.
- \* there was a desire to request the DOI to instigate some training or a manual for new Commissioners to assist in understanding of their duties and it was agreed they would request this. I proposed that in parallel to this the Municipal Authority organise some independent training sessions with pertinent departments and this was agreed to be organised for September.
- \* the member for Castletown raised the issues they are experiencing as a result of the new Flood Defence in the town. The harbour has lost a lot of ability as a working harbour due to the restrictions in access and the silt build up is becoming difficult to clear as equipment is struggling to access the harbour due to the new walls.
- \* the member for Port St Mary raised concerns regarding the DOI's approach to speed reduction in towns around the island and relayed their experiences with feedback to plans for speed calming measures that do not involve speed bumps. Castletown also advised of their ongoing issues.

The next meeting in June is scheduled to hopefully have Tim Baker be the guest speaker but he is yet to confirm that.”

10<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.