

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**[ PUBLIC ]**

A Special Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs' F. B. R. Williams, G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell, Revd. Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, L. I. Singer, and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs. A. J. Oldham and J. McGuinness

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer were in attendance.

**Mr. F. B. R. Williams took the chair.**

**(2021/22:145) Consultation Climate Change.**

Mr. Williams introduced the Climate Change Consultation and asked whether members felt it appropriate to provide a response from the Commission.

Members agreed to respond to the consultation in full and undertook such by discussing and completing the questionnaire via the online consultation portal. A copy of the final submission is appended and forms part of these minutes.

**(2021/22:146) Ramsey Courthouse Flu Vaccinations**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's Report dated 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

Resolved: Unanimously to make the Courthouse available without charge to the Ramsey Group Practice for the purpose of their community flu vaccination campaign for a week to be agreed in October.

**(2021/22:147) Station Road Car Park**

Members considered the Town Clerks Report dated 25 August concerning access to the Station Road Car Park by the Bus Vannin Connect Villages Services.

Resolved: Unanimously to amend the car park layout and move two disabled spaces to facilitate a safe location for mini bus drop of and collection.

The Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer were thanked for attendance and left the meeting at 8:20pm.

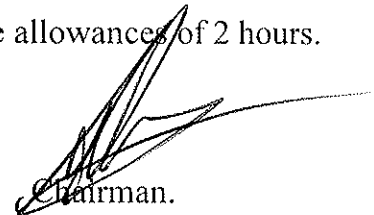


**(2021/22:148) Establishment**

Members received the minutes of the Establishment Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Resolved: It was proposed by Mr Williams, seconded by Mr Court and agreed unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Establishment Committee as to the appointment of a new Town Clerk and to proceed to seek the appropriate statutory consent.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m. giving a time for attendance allowances of 2 hours.



Chairman.

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Submitted to Climate Change Plan 2022-2027  
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A vision for 2050

1 Do you feel this is a vision the Isle of Man can live up to?

Yes

2 Please provide your comments about the Vision

Add your comments below:

Just Transition – making changes fairly

3 How much do you feel you understand about Just Transition - making changes fairly?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

4 Do you think the changes required to reach net zero will disproportionately impact the most vulnerable in society?

Yes

Yes – increased funding / grants / subsidies for vulnerable groups, Yes – increased education / outreach for vulnerable groups

Please add your comments:

If we can afford it, BATNEEEC

Emissions Category 1a – Energy Generation

5 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 1a - Energy Generation?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

6 Security of supply

Essential

No

No

7 Rapid reduction of emissions

No

No

No

No

8 On-island Renewables

Somewhat important

No – I would not be willing to pay more

most important - ranking - affordability and cost:

3

most important - ranking - green and sustainable electricity:

2

most important - ranking - resilience of supply (minimising black outs):

1

most important - ranking - independence of generation (generating our electricity on-island):

4

9 On-Island Dispatchable Renewable Generation

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

10 On-Island Baseload Generation

Yes

11 Structure and ownership of our electrical system

Yes

12 Please provide any further comments on the proposals around Energy Generation

Please add your comments:

Any generation or asset ownership would have to be well regulated. Multiple inter connectors from different jurisdictions could provide greater resilience

Emissions Category 1b – Hydrocarbon Extraction

13 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 1b - Hydrocarbon Extraction?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

14 Would you be supportive of a ban on any future hydrocarbon exploration and extraction licences in Manx territory?

Yes

15 Please provide any further comments on the proposals around Hydrocarbon Extraction

Please add your comments:

More practical solution would be to license wind farm usage within IOM territorial waters.

Emissions Category 2 – Transport

16 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 2 - Transport?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

17 Do you agree with the proposed commitments (points 1-20) in the extract above?

No

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

1. The targets are ambitious and rely on technological development which we have no control over. New vehicles have to be affordable. A more realistic timescale is needed., at least 2040.

17. Not at this time. Office space should be utilised to bring business in, conversion to housing could result in new office demand in out of town locations being created.

18 Acknowledging that travel to and from the Island by air or sea is likely to remain an essential part of our Island life, what measures do you think we could take to reduce these emissions?

Add your comments below:

19 What improvements to facilities on the Isle of Man could reduce your need for off-Island business travel [tick all that apply]?

None – I will always need to continue to travel for business as much as I did pre-COVID, Better internet connection at home or at work

Anything else? Please also explain why you ticked yes to any of the above:

Travel is dependent on business demand.

20 Leisure travel: what improvements to facilities on the Isle of Man could reduce your need to travel off-Island for leisure purposes? (tick all that apply):

More leisure facilities & activities, More family-friendly activities, More shopping options, More vibrant arts scene, Better opportunities for sporting events, More training and education opportunities

Anything else? Please also explain why you ticked yes to any of the above:

21 What would help you opt to take the ferry and train instead of flying or taking a car:

Anything else? Please give details:

Depends on the purpose of travel and therefore cant be answered.

22 What additional measures to cut transport emissions do you think should be included in this Climate Change Plan?

Please add your comments:

### Emissions Category 3 - Energy Use In Buildings

23 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 3 - Energy Use in Buildings?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

24 Do you agree with the potential actions (points 1-20 in the extract above) as a way to cut emissions associated with homes and other buildings?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to cut residential emissions do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027?:

Better grant provision - target public sector housing and govt buildings

25 Which of the below do you think is most important for driving energy improvements in the Island's residential and commercial properties?

Reduced cost of improvement works

If other, please specify:

If other, please give details:

### Emissions Category 4 - Agriculture

26 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 4 - Agriculture?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

27 Do you agree with the potential actions described above to cut the emissions associated with agriculture?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to cut agricultural emissions do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027?:

28 What would influence you to buy food with a lower carbon footprint?

Local food labelling displaying carbon footprint information, Promotion of a diet lower in red meat and dairy consumption in line with World Health Organisation and IPCC advice

If other, please give details:

### Emissions Category 5 - Business

29 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 5 - Business?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

30 Do you agree with the proposed commitments (points 1-9) in the extract above?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to cut business emissions do you think should be included in this Climate Change Plan?:

31 Which initiatives do you think would help businesses achieve reductions in emissions and increases in carbon sequestration:

Better information to clarify what individual businesses should do., Training to provide the skills to undertake necessary work., Schemes that highlight or reward emissions reductions e.g. Gold Biosphere partner status

If other, please give details:

Legislation should always be a last resort.

#### Emissions Category 6 - Waste Management

32 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 6 - Waste Management?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

33 Do you agree with the potential actions described above (points 1-6) to reduce emissions from waste?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to reduce emissions from waste services do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027?:

#### Emissions Category 7a - Removals

34 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 7a - Removals?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

35 Do you agree with the proposed commitments (points 1-15 in the extract above) to increase natural carbon sequestration and reverse ecosystem and biodiversity loss?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to increase natural carbon sequestration and reverse ecosystem and biodiversity loss do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027? :

36 How can we respond most effectively to the ecological emergency (please order the below in terms of priority with 1 being highest priority)

ranking - respond effectively to ecological emergency - Introducing a new Ecosystems and Biodiversity Bill to provide a higher level of protection to our habitats and species:

2

ranking - respond effectively to ecological emergency - Increasing the resources available for government to deliver ecosystems and biodiversity, including for restoration, enforcement and community involvement:

4

ranking - respond effectively to ecological emergency - Supporting local organisations, communities, environmental NGOs and schools to carry out biodiversity, conservation and restoration projects:

3

ranking - respond effectively to ecological emergency - Accelerating work on Biodiversity Action Plans for threatened and declining species and habitats and ensure that implementation can be funded.:

1

#### Emissions Category 7b - Blue Carbon (Ocean-based climate solutions)

37 How much do you feel you understand about Emissions Category 7b - Blue Carbon (Ocean-based climate solutions)?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

38 Do you agree with the potential actions described above (points 1-7) to increase marine carbon sequestration and reduce emissions?

Yes

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures to increase marine carbon sequestration and reduce emissions do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027?:

#### Adaptation and Resilience

39 How much do you feel you understand about Adaption and Resilience?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

40 How do you think adaptation should be captured in the Climate Change Plan?

Add your comments below:

41 Do you support the proposal for a national adaptation plan?

Yes

42 How do you think the Isle of Man can contribute to international adaptation initiatives?

Add your comments below:

Global leadership as with beach buddies.

43 Do you think a Climate Change Adaptation Bill is required?

Yes

#### Community Engagement

44 How much do you feel you understand about Community Engagement?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

45 Do you agree with potential actions on community engagement (points 1-15) in the extract above?

Yes

If not please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

What additional measures do you think need to be included in the Climate Change Plan for 2022-2027?:

Greater engagement with local authorities to lead community engagement

#### Funding, Taxation and Finance

46 How much do you feel you understand about Funding, Taxation and Finance?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

47 Do you agree with the potential actions described above (points 1-7 in the extract above) to increase funding available for climate action and change behaviour?

No

If no please highlight which actions you do not support and why:

Reserves should be invested on the basis of best return.

Contributions must be means tested, without the use of stealth taxation such as through community rates.

48 To what extent should Government provide funding for climate change transitions, given this could entail increased borrowing / increased revenue-raising?

Majority funding via Government

If other, please give details:

49 Would you support the principle of using tax mechanisms to make carbon-intensive activities less attractive (e.g. carbon taxes)?

Yes

50 Do you believe that any revenue-raising around carbon taxes / dis-incentives should be ring-fenced for climate change projects?

No

51 Do you support a requirement for businesses to calculate and disclose their emissions data?

No

52 If you are a business operator, would you be willing to voluntarily offset your emissions through funding local offsetting projects (which could either be emissions-reducing or enhancing carbon storage)?

Yes

#### Setting Interim Target(s)

53 How much do you feel you understand about Setting Interim Targets?

I have a basic understanding (e.g. previous reading for general interest)

54 Additional research is required to inform a decision on an ambitious, yet equitable and achievable statutory interim target which will be consulted on later in the year. Which approach to setting the interim target(s) would you prefer:

Focus on making rapid progress in emissions reduction in the short term, and base interim targets accordingly

Please add your comments:

55 Whilst we have an overall target for net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, we have not yet considered our plans for post-2050. Should we aspire to:

Continue to reduce remaining emissions and increase sequestration beyond 2050, in effect, going carbon-negative and making a greater contribution to mitigating climate change?

#### Submit responses

56 We would love to keep in touch! Please let us know if you would like us to email you:

an updated version of the 5-year Climate Change Plan

First name:

Ramsey

Surname:

Town Commissioners

Email address:

enquiries@rtc.gov.im

Prefer not to say

57 May we publish your response?

Yes, you can publish my response in full