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10th March, 2022.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening next, **16th March, 2022**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Messrs. Rev'd Canon N. D. Greenwood and L. I. Singer

2. **Minutes for Adoption:** page(s): 1 – 28

- Minutes of Board Meeting held on 16th February, 2002.
- Minutes of Special Board Meeting held on 23rd February, 2022.

Minutes for Information – those budgetary / special meetings brought into the public domain and held on:-
8th December, 2021, 5th 24th and 26th January, 2022.

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

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- Action Tracker – March, 2022.

5. **Finance and General Purposes:** page(s): 32 - 41

- Town Clerk's Report(s):
 - Feedback on the Community Hub Trial
- Deputy Town Clerk's Report(s):
 - Street Traders Licence – The Hutch
- Finance Officer's General Report(s):
 - Accounts
 - Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure
- Technical Assistant's Report(s):
 - Fixed Penalty Notice - Litter

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- Technical Services Manager's Report(s):
 - Planning Applications

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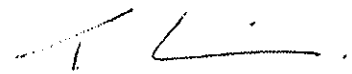
- Deputy Town Clerk's Report(s):
 - Lifeboat Naming Ceremony
 - Ramsey Motorcycle Club – British Enduro
 - Sea Dip for Sanity
 - Shelter Art

9. Any other Business:

page(s):

(by permission of Chairman - any will be advised)

- Matters Raised by the Public
 - ❖ None received
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ None Received



T. R. K. Cowin,
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, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 16th February, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Ms L. L. Craine, Messrs' A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs A. J. Oldham, R. D. Cowell and L. I. Singer.

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

In the absence of the Mr. Oldham Mr. Williams, Deputy Chairman, chaired the meeting.

(2021/22:317) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17th January, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2021/22:318) Matters Arising:

No matters were raised.

Matters for Information:

(2021/22:319) Action Tracker February, 2022:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 10th February, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Mooragh Promenade Shelter Public Art – Ms. Craine asked if publicity could be given to the painting of the third shelter as it progresses.

3 Legs – North Barrule – the Town Clerk advised members that of his discussions with the Planning Office – issues have arisen because the stone have been painted – if they are left in situ there is no problem but if they are to be removed an ecological impact study will be required. The Commission's interested party status in this application was explained and also that the matter had been referred to the Planning Enforcement Officer because the actions, in placing and painting the stones, had been taken without the requisite planning permission. Ms Craine queried if all art installations required planning approval and was informed not necessarily.

Empty Pubs – in response to a query from Mr. Court, the Deputy Town Clerk informed members of his understanding that the Brewery has a project for one public house, details for which will be received in due course.

(2021/22:319) Action Tracker February 2022 Continued:

Bicycle Shelters – Members were informed that the shelters would be located at the Town Hall, the Mooragh Park (in the vicinity of the skatepark) and near the Bus Station.

War Memorial – Mr. Beighton asked if the works undertaken at the War Memorial could be documented and publicised, possibly by way of “before” and after” photographs. Members were informed that the Technical Services Manager has recently met a representative of the War Memorials Committee.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2021/22:320) Town Clerk’s Report – Mountain Road Closure:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 7th February, 2022, advising of the arrangements being made to facilitate use of the Town’s Library during the closure of the Mountain Road should commuters wish to work in Ramsey.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that Manx Telecom has confirmed that installation work they are undertaking will be completed and have indicated that there will be no charge made for such work.

(2021/22:321) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Register of Members’ Interests – Standing Orders:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 9th February, 2022, concerning the wish of the Commission to vary the way in which declarations of interest are recorded implementation of which will require an amendment to Standing Orders.

Mr. Williams referred to the Operation of the Register which refers only to the Town Clerk and proposed that this should be expanded to include the Deputy Town Clerk. Mr. McGuinness agreed and stated this should be throughout Standing Orders.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against, that Standing Orders be suitably amended with regard to Register of Members’ Interests.

(2021/22:322) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Street Trader’s Licence – Manx Whippy:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th February, 2022, concerning the application of Manx Whippy for a street trader’s licence to operate Ice Cream Van within the town’s residential areas or at special events by invitation.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed that a licence be granted for two vehicles.

(2021/22:323) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 9th February, 2022.

Mr. McGuinness took the opportunity to thank the Finance Officer and staff for the hard work undertaken in the budget / rate setting process which was beneficial to the Commission in making difficult decisions.

Works and Development:

(2021/22:324) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 7th February, 2022, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted subject to the following:-

REF NO:	3953
P.A. NO.:	21/01569/B
PROPOSED:	Erection of a care home and day care centre with associated parking and both hard and soft landscaping
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Cooil-Ny-Marrey, Waterloo Road, Ramsey.

Members were informed that 6 objections have been made to the proposals siting light pollution, loss of view, loss of privacy and visual impact.

Having been informed that in terms of the Strategic Plan there are no grounds upon which the Commission should object to the application Mr. Kelly proposed that the Commission make no objection. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried by 7 votes to 1. Mr. Young voted against.

Revd Canon Greenwood declared an interest due to residential proximity and did not vote.

Housing and Property:

(2021/22:325) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2021/22:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 4th February, 2022, advising of the submission to Government of the required quarterly Housing Performance and Statistics to 31st December, 2021, a copy of which was appended to the report.

(2021/22:325) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2021/22 Continued:

The Housing and Property Manager responded to various queries raised as follows:-

1A – Numbers on Housing Waiting Lists – the Housing and Property Manager indicated he could include details of “new” applicants within the notes.

2G – the Housing and Property Manager explained emergency callouts and confirmed that reimbursement of costs, where appropriate, were sought from tenants.

3B – the Housing and Property Manager confirmed that property inspections were being carried out despite no figures being recorded in this section.

Parks and Leisure:

(2021/22:326) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sand Racing 10th April, 2022:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 5th February, 2022, conveying the request made by the Manx Grass and Sand Racing Club to stage a sand racing event on the south foreshore on Sunday, 10th April, 2022.

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed to approve the request. Members requested that the organisers be asked to ensure they liaise with other users of the foreshore.

Any Other Business:

(2021/22:327) Finance Officer's Report – Bank Account Signatories:

Members considered the Finance Officer's tabled report dated 16th February, 2022, concerning the need to update bank account signatories with HSBC.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. G. Court and agreed Mr. T. P. Whiteway be removed as a signatory to the Commission's bank account with HSBC and he be replaced by Mr. T. R. K. Cowin with immediate effect.

(2021/22:328) HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:

Mr. Court referred to conversations with Mr. Kelly concerning celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a suggestion that a street party event be held during the week leading up to “Sprint Fest”. It was suggested that the Commission could liaise with the Chamber of Commerce and hold a street party along Parliament Street (a different section representing a differing decade of Her Majesty's reign; have live music at the Courthouse, etc. Ms Criane queried if the timing of the event, immediately prior to Sprint Fest was best suited; Mr. McGuinness also expressed concern at the timing but with regard to impact on the Commission's resources which would require careful management.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that the Commission agree in principle to holding an event and the note that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Court will liaise with Deputy Town Clerk to progress the matter and determine whether any backing can be found for this event.

(2021/22:329) Vehicle Parking / Chewing Gum:

Mr. Kelly drew attention to complaints he had received with regard to vehicles parking on land in the Commission's ownership, namely the Peveril Plot and to incidents of discarded chewing gum

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the matters are contrary to the Town's byelaws and encouraged any incidents to be reported which would enable action to be taken.

(2021/22:330) Representative Reports:

Mr. McGuinness verbally presented reports on recent meetings of the Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board; viz:-

Chamber of Commerce – the Chamber had met for the first time under its new set-up; it will form a sub-committee to discuss Festival Lighting; will investigate its future role within the town. Mr. McGuinness stated that he had explained the budget, ruinous buildings and street-cleaning to the meeting. Noted that "Shop-Watch" had fallen-off because of data-protection. The Chamber will meet again in May, at which the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk will be attendees.

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – Mr. McGuinness advised that the authorities comprising the Board were all unhappy with the lack of support by way of funding from the Department of Education; expressed concern at the impact of increasing gas costs for which the Board pay a higher tariff than that for domestic gas supplies.

The Deputy Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 7.47 p.m.

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.

(2021/22:331) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes from the Board meeting held on 19th January, 2022, were recorded in private.

It was further resolved that the minutes of the Special Meetings held on 24th and 26th January, 2022, recorded in private, be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Chairman.

A further proposal was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the minutes of the budgetary meetings be brought into the public sector.

A proposal was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed, that subject to confirmation from the Members of the House of Keys, the minutes of the meeting with them be brought into the public sector.

Matters for Information:

(2021/22:332) Housing Committee:

Members were advised that the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 1st February, 2022, be confirmed subject to the following:-

Clause 92b) Cronk Elfin Refurbishment – the Housing and Property Manager informed members that a compound has been established by the developers and work is scheduled to commence very shortly.

(2021/22:333) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 10th February, 2022, , subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- **Town Branding** – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he will be meeting the designer and the Chamber of Commerce to progress the matter.
- **Ramsey Courthouse** – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he is aware that arrangements are ongoing with the Attorney General’s Chambers by the persons involved to establish the required “Trust” and that those involved are fully aware of the time constraints set by the Commission in progressing their application to operate the Courthouse.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2021/22:334) Town Clerk’s Report – Lease – Mooragh Rugby Pitch and Pavilion:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 7th February, 2022, advising that the lease of the Mooragh Rugby Pitch and Pavilion will expire on 30th June, 2023. The Club is now seeking to vary the terms of the lease and thereby enter into a new lease for a period of 20 years, from 1st April, 2022 until 31st March, 2043.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that the lease be renewed, subject to the approval of the Department of Infrastructure and Treasury, required because of the length of the lease and on the terms included within the report.

Mr. McGuinness declared a non-pecuniary interest owing to membership of the Rugby Club.

(2021/22:335) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Conrods ATBH:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9th February, 2022, concerning the correspondence received from "Conrods ATBH" concerning their tenancy of the "Boathouse Café" in the Mooragh Park.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed, the company be informed that the Commission cannot meet the requests made within their correspondence but authorise officers to meet with them to find solutions to the issues raised.

(2021/22:336) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Mooragh Hall:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th February, 2022, concerning the renewal of the former Mooragh Hall, used now as a Children's Nursery.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed, that the lease be renewed from 1st April, 2022, at the rental terms suggested, subject to advice from the Government Valuer, in the name of Hopes and Dreams Limited, rather than Parklands Private Nursery Limited., following streamlining of the company.

(2021/22:337) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's Report dated 9th February, 2022, subject to the following:-

Estimates and Revenue Expenditure – in response to a query, members were informed that lack of income when compared to the estimate was due to timing of receipt of income.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that he hopes to present details of debts to be recommended for writing-off for accounting purposes to the next Board meeting. Mr. Beighton asked if notes on some of the larger debts could be included within the report.

Rate Statement: The Finance Officer undertook to provide members with the draft Rate Statement, members were requested to submit any comments / amendments by Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022, to enable the matter to be further considered at the Special Board Meeting schedule for that evening.

Works and Development:

(2021/22:338) Technical Services Manager's Report – Litter Bin Replacements:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's report dated 3rd February, 2022, advising of savings to be made in the replacement of litter bins around the Town.

(2021/22:339) Technical Services Manager's Report – Mooragh Car Park Resurfacing:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 3rd February, 2022, advising that the extent of resurfacing works at the Mooragh Park, in the vicinity of the skatepark / Rugby Club was greater than originally reported.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that resurfacing be extended to the whole car park. Members noted that the budgetary costs would be off set from the savings made in the purchases of replacement litter bins (Clause 338 refers).

(2021/22:340) Technical Services Manager's Report – Refuse Wagon Replacement:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 3rd February, 2022, concerning the proposed purchase of a replacement refuse wagon.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly seconded by Ms Craine and agreed to permit the vehicle to be sourced from a single supplier, such action being contrary to Standing Order 3, on the Making of Contracts.

(2021/22:341) Technical Services Manager's Report – Ruinous Property...

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 3rd February, 2022, concerning on-going problems with a particular property and difficulties in communicating with the owner thereof.

A proposal by Ms Craine that the Commission proceed to undertake works on the property did not receive a seconder. Mr. McGuinness expressed concern at costs implications and queried that unsightliness was subjective. Members queried if the premises presented a danger to the public.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. McGuinness and Young voting against, that consideration of the matter be deferred and reconsidered after the presentation to be made to the board on 23rd February on Ruinous Buildings, which will enable them to make a more informed decision.

Housing and Property:

(2021/22:342) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Close Woirrey:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 9th February, 2022, and options available with regard to the future of the Close Woirrey site, which members noted were dependent on the acquisition, or otherwise, of the former Albert Road School site. Discussion ensued with regard to the housing waiting lists, the time schedules, the need to make allowance for flood defences, ongoing development around the town that could result in the provision of affordable housing being built and/or being made available at lesser cost to the Commissioners.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine that the Commission proceeds with the demolition of Close Woirrey. The Housing and Property Manager advised that it would be more difficult to obtain planning permission if a demolished site were left for some time.

An amendment was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Parker voting against, that the Commission give the owners of the Albert Road School site until 1st April to accept or formally decline the Commissioners submitted final offer, after which demolition of the Close Woirrey site be progressed.

(2021/22:343) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Toilet Cleaning Contract:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to accept the quotation submitted by "2Clean" for a 5-year term commencing on 1st April, 2022, for the fixed tender sum included within the report, which is subject to an annual increase based on CPI each April.

Parks and Leisure:

(2021/22:344) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Beach Designations / Beach Amenities:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9th February, 2022, concerning the Town's beaches.

Resolved: To note that part of the report advising that water quality testing for the North Beach is on-going and will not be designated as suitable for bathing until consideration of data being collected in 2022. Members also noted the South Beach has been designated as "good" for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Court seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that the Commission investigate the viability and feasibility of providing changing hut facilities for user by bathers at the South Beach.

(2021/22:345) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Ramsey Promenade Kiosk:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th February, 2022, concerning a request to site a trading kiosk on the North Promenade.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed to support the principle of the request and authorise further discussions with the applicant as to the location of the kiosk. Members queried whether or not planning approval would be required.

(2021/22:345) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – “Yellow Helicopters”:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 5th February, 2022, concerning a request to land a helicopter on land on the Mooragh Estate between the Ramsey Park Hotel and Ramsey Rugby Club on 7th July, 2022.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that permission be granted.

An amendment by Mr. Beighton that such permission be subject to any damage to the ground being made good was withdrawn.

Any Other Business:

(2021/22:346) Extinguishing of Highway Stanley Mount East:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the proposals of the Department of Infrastructure to extinguish part of the highway at Stanley Mount East adjacent to the Queen's Pier and for which the Department is proposing to make an Order.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that other than requesting the Department to be proactive in communicating with residents in the vicinity, the Commission make no comment on the proposal.

Members were informed that notices advertising the proposals were affixed to the fencing surrounding the Queen's Pier.

Matters of Establishment:

(2021/22:347) Minutes Meeting of Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 2nd February, 2022, subject to the following:-

Annual Leave and Absences - Mr. Kelly queried if the Commission adopted the “Bradford Factor” with regard to absences – the Town Clerk advised not at the present time.

Health and Safety – Members queried if staff were offered free vaccinations – and were informed that this had been considered some years ago. Full PPE is provided.

Town Warden – members queried if services should again be sought from specialist companies, or whether the job-title and description should be revised.

The matters raised will be considered at a future meeting of the Establishment Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.42 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC**

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday 23rd February, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, G. S. Court, S. R. Kelly, and W. G. Young. J. McGuinness (from 9.00)

Apologies: Mr a Oldham, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, L. I. Singer, F. B. R. Williams. and L. Parker.

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

As the Chairman and Deputy Chairman were not present Rob Cowell chaired the meeting.

(2021/22/348) Manx Telecom Presentation

Manx Telecom (MT) and representatives from DfE were in attendance

Jason Moffatt, Peter Callow and Dan Horisk MT

Richard Oliphant and Andrew Hanover DfE

There was an overview of why Fibre is required and the history of the project. The national Broadband plan is seen as a conduit for growth, the current copper network has issues such as speed of connection, loss of speed due to distance from the exchange and potential for problems.

The Broadband plan will see 99% of premises being able to connect to fibre

The contract was signed in July 2020, currently they are up to 62% of premises being able to connect to fibre and programmed for 70% by the end of the year.

Government is putting in £11.5m

There are 2 new undersea cables bringing the total to 7.

The IOM has moved up from 60th to 43rd in the world ranking for broadband and it is hoped that this project will lead to a top 10 place with speeds of 100mb/s.

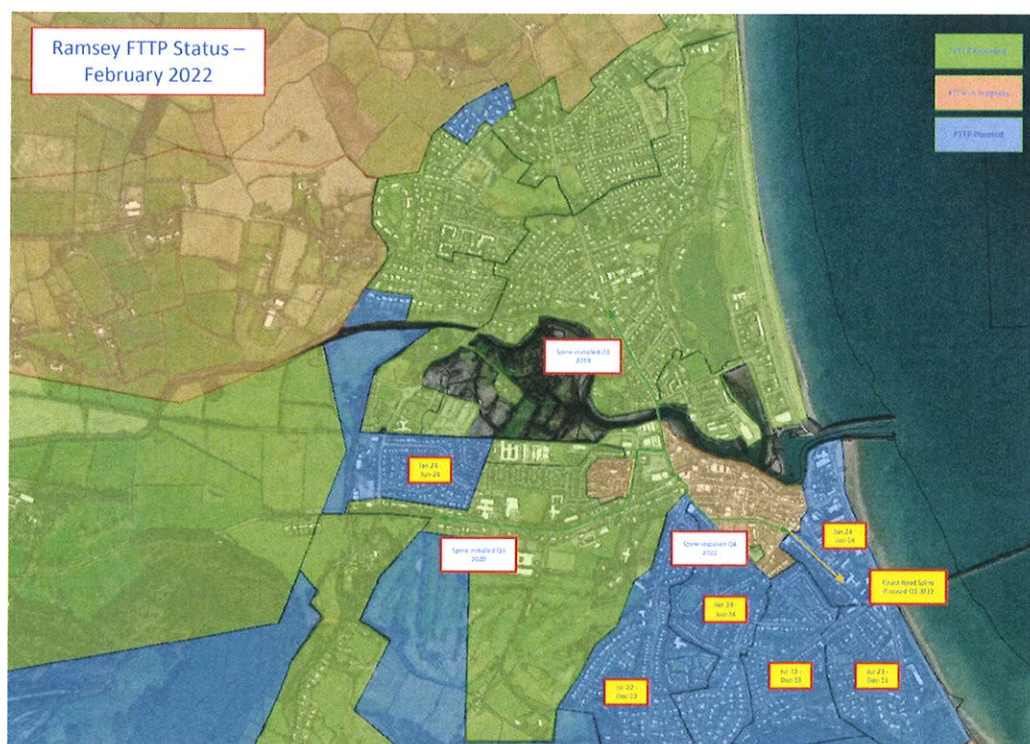
The plan of Ramsey (below) was presented by MT showing the roll out plan. Ramsey is 48% complete, Parliament Street is the next area.

There are approximately 285 houses where it is planned that they will be pole fed with new poles (currently there are no details available). A pole can supply up to 12 properties. The houses that are likely to require new poles are properties that currently have all their services underground.

Ramsey Town Commissioners – Special Board Meeting 23rd February, 2022 Public Continued:

(2021/22/348) Manx Telecom Presentation Continued:

If services are underground then the property owner is responsible for the trench on their curtilage. The cost for installing the duct across the garden is approx. £350. If a property is pole fed there is no additional charge.



If a pole is placed on private land then a wayleave is required and a payment of between £12 and £10 per year would be made. If the poles are situated on highway there would be no wayleave required.

There are plans for flats where the fibre will be brought into the building. A small box will be located by each flat front door and then “invisi fibre” (a 1mm thick fibre) would be glued to the architrave or skirting to bring it to the point of use.

Digital security was discussed the Office of Cyber Security and Information Assurance, a division of Government, are responsible for this area.

Connectivity in the town was discussed and there are opportunities to provide WiFi access in town.

The cost of fibre broad band will be at least as cheap as using the copper network come the 1st April 2022. There is a potential cost saving for customers as they can get rid of their home phones and save approx. £20/month.

**Ramsey Town Commissioners – Special Board Meeting
23rd February, 2022 Public Continued:**

(2021/22/348) Manx Telecom Presentation Continued:

The introduction of new poles will be the most intrusive element of this role out when more details are available then MT should be invited back to present on the specifics of the scheme.

Manx Telecom were thanked for their work in the library where fibre broadband is available for the next 6 weeks.

(2021/22:349) Dilapidations Presentation by Technical Services Manager supported by Alan Gordon Douglas Borough Council's (DBC) Community and Enforcement Manager.

The presentation will be sent to all members.

The Technical Services Manager discussed the current process that RTC use to deal with dilapidated buildings and the issues that have been arising.

Also discussed the preferred method of working which DBC have found to be the most effective in achieving results, and the different options available to support home owners in financial trouble to get the desired result.

Also discussed that should a final Notice be issued, that any zero-rated property could have the rates reinstated.

(2021/22:350) Isle of Play, Play Streets

Members considered the Town Clerk's Report which had been circulated prior to the meeting and viewed a video on the Play Streets concept.

The concept was discussed and some concerns were expressed such as children may not be able to differentiate between when they are and are not allowed to play or be on the road.

The proposal to support the scheme was proposed by L. Craine seconded with an amendment by J. McGuinness, the amendment being that Isle of Play be made aware that RTC are not responsible for the risk assessments, method statements or running the scheme.

It was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PRIVATE]

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 8th December, 2021, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham , Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. R. D. Cowell G. S. Court, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

Mr. A. R. Beighton attended remotely.

Apologies: L. I. Singer and F. B. R. Williams.

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

These minutes are recorded as private business until such time as the rate setting process is complete when they may, by resolution, be brought into public.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, congratulating the new members on their appointment, and introducing them to the meeting. The Chairman invited the Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes to present the papers previously circulated.

(2021/22:231) Rate Setting 2022/23:

Mr. McGuinness explained that the purpose of the meeting was to set base levels of expenditure for the Commissions operations, that the budget was seen in terms of three categories of actions – things the Commission have to do, should do, and could do. The meeting provided an opportunity to review initial figures and to raise requests for explanations or more information from managers before the budget is considered in more detail at meetings scheduled to be held in January.

The starting point was a projection of the Commission's outturn figures for the current year end, made more difficult due to the unusual circumstances of the past 24 months, he was appreciative of the work undertaken by the Finance Office to prepare such.

Mr. McGuinness drew attention to the projected underspend this year. Highlights of such were the unpredictability off the past two years, unusual and possibly high inflation, energy cost increases being passed on, the annual deficit and reduction of reserves resulting from the impact of rate debt, discounts etc. Mr. McGuinness would wish to avoid a zero-balance sheet and large increases in rate.

Members were advised to consider the product of a 1p town rate as being around £7,300. Rates are required by statute to be set by the end of January.

(2021/22:231) Rate Setting 2022/23: continued

The Finance Office provided a verbal explanation of the papers presented, including cash flow and provision for debt etc. He advised of a budgeted overspend on the current year's operation of £155,000.00.

The Finance Officer explained the projected spend calculations, based on an October 2021 actual spend starting point, which had been calculated having regard to expenditure patterns over the past 3 years and discussion with officers. The following key points were noted-

- rates discounts achieved on public sector housing rates is not passed to tenants who pay rent and rates weekly. In order to qualify for discount all rates must be paid by the end of June in any year.
- waste disposal costs and associated commercial refuse income have been affected by software issues, the figures project full budgeted expenditure as prudence.
- The training budget centralised and increased to £20,000 to allow for backlog of training during past 2 years. The budget is based on a skills and training matrix for all staff.
- There has been an impact of the pandemic on certain services where costs have reduced or income streams increased, a prudent approach to income has been adopted. Those categories with high variances when comparing 2021-22 projected figures to 2022-23 budget figures were discussed and explained.
- An inflation provision of 4% across budgets has been adopted, but is subject to review.
- Members were advised that the overall town rateable value had increase to £733,671.00, and increase of 1.52% over the previous year.
- Waste Disposal costs project to increase by 1.9% from the 1st April 2022, this figure remains subject to confirmation.
- A 2% uplift had been applied to wage and salary costs.
- A £716,000 projected balance at the year-end has been provided to allow for cash flow.
- Officers had reviewed lease options for the Commission's refuse collection vehicles (RCV) and concluded that our present acquisition route presents the best value for money.
- The impact of future cash flow and rate arrears and exempt properties was highlighted in arriving at a potential first draft rate of 417p in the £.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission should move RCV acquisition into revenue on the basis of 3 vehicles on a rolling finance provision. The Finance Officer was asked to provide further detail of how this would impact on budgets.

(2021/22:231) Rate Setting 2022/23: continued

Members were advised that future meetings are scheduled to review the detailed business cases for projects. Mr. McGuinness led a brief review of the projects notified for consideration, and the following points were noted: -

- Fleet vehicles: this is year 2 of an ongoing programme, provision is sought of 18-38k per vehicle, subject to specification, for 2 vehicles proposed to be acquired. There may be delivery delays on any orders.
- Replacement bin-weight software: the present system is over 12 years old and will soon be redundant and no longer supported. The option of running 2 systems on different vehicles would be untenable. It was agreed to look at costings and commerciality.
- New Street Sweeper: agreed to not take forward but to progress a business case for future discussion.
- Seasonal staff: agreed to retain for further review.
- Refuse Bins: noted that this related to the maintenance of a stock to enable replacements and new issues; to be retained for consideration.
- Litter Bins: agreed to retain for consideration.
- Resurfacing schemes: noted that there had been reports of trips; retain for review, possibly as a financed scheme.
- Street lighting: noted that some columns had been condemned or reported as near end of life; agreed to retain for further review.
- Christmas lights: further review was requested but it was also suggested that an annual sum be allocated and budgeted to be spent as decided by Lead Members and Officers.
- Fire cupboard library: noted that this related to the desire to provide storage at the ground floor to reduce the need to move items from the attic space.
- Equipment replacement: further detail is requested.
- Flags: further detail of options requested.
- Other minor projects were briefly discussed with some being acceptable because of their nature and cost, e.g. park path repairs, whereas for others further information was requested, e.g. Mooragh Park CCTV.
- Old River Road Yard: noted that there is an existing agreement for two storage containers; future use options for this land to be considered.
- Riverside extension: Members noted that the Commission had previously acquired land to the rear of the Riverside Workshops for future use. Operation of Riverside from the existing single access gate would be unworkable in the event that the potential development at Ballachrink proceeded due to increased traffic movement. A further report is to be provided.

Members were thanks for attending and noted that further meetings are scheduled for January. Members were advised that the Finance Officer and Managers would be happy to discuss any aspects of the proposals with Members if requested.

The meeting closed at 9:20 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PRIVATE]

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday 5th January, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, G. S. Court, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker and F. B. R. Williams.

Apologies: Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Ms. Craine joined the meeting at 7.03 p.m.

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

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(2021/22:275) Rate Setting 2022-23 : Review of Project Submissions

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting and noted that its purpose to review proposed projects for incorporation within the Ramsey 2022-23 Rates Budget, the papers related thereto having previously been circulated to members as both electronic and hard copies. It was noted that

The Chairman invited the Lead Member for Finance and General Purpose, Mr. J. McGuinness to lead the discussion. Mr. McGuinness stated that the meeting was to discuss and consider the various suggestions and that all would be subject to further review until such time as the Board has formally set the 2022-23 Town Rate in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 2006 which requires a rate to be set by 31st January 2022 and reminded the Members that every £7,336 spent equated to a 1p Town rate.

Prior to considering the projects the Finance Officer informed the Members that a couple of amendments had been made to the 'day-to-day' running costs budget figures being a provision for legal fees linked to the proposed boundary extension and, following a meeting of the Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee, a reduction in the estimated running cost contribution.

The following project submissions were considered in turn:

Project 1 – Replacement Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCV)

Reference was made to the replacement plan proposed and agreed during the 2021-22 budget meetings and the long-term impact of financing such a plan with a view to incorporating the annual costs into the 'day-to-day' budget calculations. It was stressed that the calculations were based on present quotes and interest rates, both of which are subject to change.

Alternative environmentally friendly versions were briefly discussed but considered not viable at this stage.

(2021/22:2751) Rate Setting 2022/23 Continued

Project 2 – Fleet Vehicle Overhaul

Reference was made to the replacement plan proposed and agreed during the 2021-22 budget meetings. It was noted that vehicles purchased solely for use on Social Housing activities could potentially be financed via the Government Housing Deficiency agreement.

Project 3 – Station Road Car Park re-surfacing

The various options and methods were discussed as were the obligations under the agreement with Isle of Man Enterprises. It was stressed that if the project was agreed and was to be financed over a period of time it may be best to combine projects similar in nature together, e.g. Projects 3, 4 & 5.

Project 4 – Mooragh Park areas re-surfacing

The various areas, options and methods were discussed. Certain areas were deemed more widely utilised by the public than others and therefore could be prioritised.

Project 5 – Poyll Dooley Car Park re-surfacing

Various options and methods were discussed. Although it was agreed that the existing surface was in poor condition the use by the public was thought to be limited.

Project 6 – Street Lighting : column & head replacement (after NDT)

The estimated costs arise from the most recent Non-destructive testing programme which has 1 more year to run and are for column & light head replacement. The Town Clerk suggested that ideally the Commission should be considering a rolling replacement plan, e.g. replacing 25 lights per year. It was agreed to research into available regeneration and support grants.

Project 7 – Street Lighting : Mercury head replacement

It was noted that environmentally this project would be worthwhile.

Project 8 – Street Lighting : Lezayre Road head replacement

With the problem arising from a design fault it was thought beneficial to address the problem sooner rather than later and take the opportunity to instal LED light heads.

Project 9 – Street Lighting : Upgrades areas of poor-quality lighting

The provision of good quality street lighting is part of the Commission street lighting policy and the benefits of installing LED light heads was noted.

The Finance Officer indicated that Projects 6-9 could potentially, if approved, be financed as one larger combination project.

Project 10 – Street Lighting : New Lighting Schemes

This project was agreed for the 2021-22 budget with the cost to be met from the Unapplied Capital Receipts (UCR) account, i.e. having no impact on the rates. Due to the pandemic the project had not progressed so was carried forward with some additional costs. It was believed appropriate to utilise the UCR account for the additional costs.

(2021/22:2751) Rate Setting 2022/23 continued

Project 11 – Wheelie Bins

The rationale for maintaining a stock of wheelie bins, the numbers issued this year to date and the potential for charging customers for damaged bins were discussed. The high estimated delivery costs were noted but were partially due to the fact that the larger bins cannot be stacked for transport.

Project 12 – Litter Bin Replacement

The background for the project, the options and the benefits and drawbacks were discussed. Two factors were identified as paramount to acceptance of the project:

- the size of the proposed bin surrounds and the positioning around the Town, particularly down Parliament Street.
- potential cost savings made by being able to reduce the number of litter collections per week with the litter collections being incorporated as part of the normal refuse collection rounds.

A plan of the intended bin positions and a detailed cost saving analysis was requested.

Project 13 – Upgrade of Bin Weigh System for Refuse Collection Vehicle.

It was noted that this was a project discussed and agreed for the 2021-22 budget but had not been progressed due to the pandemic. It was stressed that the existing system was an outdated version, was suffering increasing problems, software support was to cease in the near future and that we required an accurate weighing system to re-charge commercial refuse tonnage fees.

The options available were a standard specification providing a similar package to the existing or an enhanced specification allowing greater flexibility. Any new system would be included in the acquisition of a new RCV and would be fitted to the remaining 2 RCV's.

Project 14 – Seasonal Staff

The rationale behind engaging seasonal staff was discussed. The options proposed were for one or two staff on 6 monthly contracts.

Project 15 – Decorative Lighting

The potential for updating the decorative lighting was discussed together with financing avenues, e.g. loans, grants, sponsorship, utilising UCR account. An alternative could be to allocate set funds or a set rate on an annual basis.

Project 16 – Coronation Park Toilet Block re-roofing

It was noted that this was a project discussed and agreed for the 2021-22 budget but had not been progressed due to the pandemic and problems sourcing materials so was carried forward with some additional costs. It was believed appropriate to continue the project at the revised costings.

Project 17 – Old River Road Structures Clearance

It was agreed that the potential benefits of this project required further research either as a plan for its future use or an Expressions of Interest for use process.

Project 18 – Mooragh CCTV camera upgrades

It was noted that the cameras have a deterrent impact and that the Commission have a duty of care to the public who potentially could rely upon the CCTV footage.

(2021/22:2751) Rate Setting 2022/23 continued

Project 19 – Fireproof Library Storage

The potential need and the positioning of the proposed storage units were discussed. It was noted that the costs vary from approx. £800 - £7,000. The Town Clerk indicated that advice from the Fire Service would be useful.

Project 20 – Live Meeting Streaming

It was noted that in October 2021 a Notice of Motion to live stream all public Board Meetings by the 2022-23 AGM was submitted and agreed. The project information identified examples of equipment which could achieve the proposal for live streaming.

Having discussed all the projects, the Finance Officer referred the Members to a revised summary sheet tabled at the meeting. The amendments included disclosure of the impact on the possible rate figure where financing of similar projects was applied.

The Finance Officer also referred the Members to a projected cash flow schedule (this having been updated for December 2021 receipts and payments) and to the existing balance and allocation of funds in the UCR account.

In closing, Mr McGuinness mentioned the fact that as Chairman of the Northern Local Authority Swimming Pool Board (NLASPB) he was aware that given the recent gas price increases there was potential the NLASPB may have to consider increasing their rate from 2.5p up to a maximum of 6p which would have significant impact on the Town rates.

He stressed that from a Commission perspective he was against the idea as it appeared to simply be the Government refusing to accept any liability so imposing the increase on rate payers. He confirmed he would update the Members after the next NLASPB meeting.

The Town Clerk reminded members that there would be the usual Board meeting on 19th January 2022, a Special Board Meeting to set the rates on 24th January 2022 and a Special Board Meeting to meet with the Ramsey Members of the House of Keys on 26th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 9:27 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PRIVATE]

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Monday 24th January, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham , Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, G. S. Court, Revd. Cannon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W.G. Young

Apologies: Mr L. I. Singer

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

Mr Cowell joined the meeting at 8.15pm.

The Housing and Property Manager joined the meeting at 8.40pm

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(2021/22:305) Rate Setting 2022-23 : Review of Project Submissions

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers to the meeting and noted that its purpose was to review proposed projects for incorporation in and setting the Ramsey 2022-23 Rates Budget.

The Chairman invited the Lead Member for Finance and General Purpose, Mr. J. McGuinness to lead the discussion. Mr McGuinness reminded members of the process which would be adopted at the meeting and outlined the updated papers which the Finance Officer had tabled. Mr McGuinness also outlined the options for financing each of the projects. Mr McGuinness pointed out that where projects were financed that these would continue to part of the annual rate until the finance agreement had ended.

The Finance Officer advised that the “day-to-day” running costs had now been increased by 6 per cent inflation in line with the current trend. This gave a revised rate before taking account of any projects of 421.65 which also took into account the increase in the swimming pool rate of 3.5p.

The following project submissions were considered in turn:

Project 20 – Live Meeting Streaming

This had been agreed in a Notice of Motion passed in October 2021. The Town Clerk brought to Members’ attention that staff had raised some concerns about live streaming – it was agreed that these would be discussed at the Establishment meeting.

It was resolved to proceed with this project.

Project 19 – Fireproof Library storage

It was noted that advice had been sought from the Fire Service who had confirmed the proposal was possible provided at least 30 minutes protection could be achieved.

It was resolved to proceed with this project with a £2,000 budget.

Project 18 – Mooragh CCTV camera upgrades

Following discussion on the potential benefits and use of previous recorded footage it was resolved following a proposal from Mr Court, seconded by Ms Craine to go ahead with this project.

Project 17 – Old River Road Structures Clearance

Following discussion it was proposed by Mr McGuinness, seconded by the Chairman not to proceed with this project whilst an Expressions of Interest process for use of the yard by external parties is followed.

Project 16 – Coronation Park Toilet Block re-roofing

It was noted that the original project cost had been agreed in the 2021-22 budget and this request is for additional costs due to increased material prices. Following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Court, it was resolved to proceed with this project.

Project 15 – Decorative Lighting

Discussions included the potential for a ‘one-off’ major investment or a pre-determined set year-on-year upgrading of decorative lighting. It was noted that a significant proportion of the proposed cost was to put appropriate infrastructure in place.

Mr Kelly proposed supporting the proposed cost but utilising unused monies previously set aside for the Sports Hall and applying for regeneration grants thereby reducing the ‘new’ expenditure to approximately £25,000. This proposal did not receive any support.

After further discussion it was proposed and agreed to allocate £25,000 per annum for the upgrading of decorative lighting with the funds to be spent in the most suitable manner as agreed with the Lead Member and Officers involved.

Project 14 – Seasonal staff

Following discussions on the requirement and benefits of engaging seasonal staff and a proposal from Mr Court, seconded by Mr Young, it was resolved to proceed with this project.

Project 13 – Upgrade of Bin Weigh System for Refuse Collection.

The age and problems being incurred with the existing weighing system and the fact that technical support will cease in the near future were discussed. It was noted that if agreed any new RCV would be fitted with the new system whereas the other 2 RCVs would have to be shipped to the UK for fitting.

The pro’s and con’s of the two alternative specifications were discussed. Following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Williams it was resolved to go with the basic system.

Project 12 – Litter bin replacement

The Technical Services Manager outlined that a survey had been undertaken in respect the location of the new bins. The potential cost savings were also discussed.

It was initially proposed by Mr Williams and seconded by Mr Court to purchase 50 bins this year.

Subsequent discussion resulted in a proposal from Mr Williams for to purchase all of bins and employ just one seasonal worker. Mr McGuinness amended the proposal to acquire all of the bins and to finance them with a loan. The amendment was agreed.

Project 11 – Wheelie bins

The reasoning behind the need to retain a stock of wheelie bins was discussed and supported by the usage to date in the present financial year. Following a proposal from Mr Parker, seconded by Mr Court it was resolved to proceed with this project.

Project 10 – Street lighting : New lighting schemes

It was noted that the original project cost had been agreed in the 2021-22 budget and this request is for additional costs due to increased material prices. Following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Kelly, it was resolved to proceed with the project.

Project 9 – Street lighting : Upgrades areas of poor quality lighting

Project 8 – Street lighting : Lezayre Road head replacement

Project 7 – Street lighting : Mercury head replacement

Project 6 – Street lighting : Column & head replacement (after NDT)

The various benefits and costs of Projects 6 to 9 were discussed together. Following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Kelly, it was resolved to proceed with projects 6 to 9 by way of a loan.

Project 5 – Poyll Dooley car park re-surfacing

Project 4 – Mooragh Park areas re-surfacing

Project 3 – Station Road car park re-surfacing

Discussion took place about each of the projects in respect of the areas involved and the materials to be used. It was resolved that projects 3, 4 and 5 should be included this year with the projects being funded by a loan.

It was indicated that potentially projects 3 to 9 could be accommodated under the umbrella of one larger loan.

Project 2 – Fleet Vehicle Overhaul

It was noted that this project is a second year of a replacement programme agreed during the 2021-22 budget discussions and that funds raised from vehicle auctions over the past 18 months had allowed earlier than expected purchases for 2 of the 4 planned vehicles thereby lessening the impact for 2022-23. Following discussion, it was resolved to proceed with this project and purchase the remaining 2 planned vehicles with a loan.

Project 1 – Replacement Refuse Collection Vehicle

It was noted that this project is the result of a replacement programme agreed during the 2021-22 budget discussions. The necessity for replacement was agreed via loan finance with the annual repayments to be included as part of the day-to-day budget.

Following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Mr Williams, it was resolved to accept all of the projects agreed during the meeting by 9 votes to 2 with the Chairman and Mr Kelly voting against the motion.

The Finance Officer updated the spreadsheet to take account of the projects which had been agreed and those which were going to be funded using finance.

The Finance Officer advised that from a cash flow perspective he would be comfortable with rate of 435p to 440p.

It was noted that there were a number of capital items which needed to be dealt with this year and that we should be looking to reduce the deficit in the future.

Canon Greenwood proposed a rate of 440p.

Mr Williams amended the proposal to 445p. This was seconded by Mr Cowell and received 7 votes in favour and 4 votes against. Ms Craine, Mr Court, Mr McGuinness and Mr Parker voted against the proposal.

Canon Greenwood's proposal did not receive a seconder and was not voted on.

(2021/22:306) Riverside Workshop Fire Alarm

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's Report and following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine unanimously agreed to accept the tender from Gough Electrical Limited.

(2021/22:307) Shoprite Toilets

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's Report and following a proposal from Mr McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine unanimously agreed to the hire of two portable toilets for the TT 2022 and to discuss longer term plans for a toilet facility in the area of the Shoprite toilets..

The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PRIVATE]

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday 26th January, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, G. S. Court, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker and W. G. Young.

Apologies: F. B. R. Williams, L. I. Singer and.

Messrs. The Hon. Dr. Alexander Allinson, M.H.K., and the Hon Lawrie Hooper, M.H.K.. attended the meeting by invitation.

The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk were in attendance.

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(2021/22:308) Rates

The Chairman welcomed Members Dr A. Allinson, Mr L. Hooper and Officers to the meeting.

The Chairman invited the Lead Member for Finance and General Purpose, Mr. J. McGuinness to lead the discussion.

a) Ramsey Town Rate 2022-23

- The rate is to rise by 30p or over 7% to 445p.
- There would be loans to support some of the projects as there is a need to “bite the bullet” and get on with some projects that have been delayed from previous years.
- Station Road, Poyll Dooey, and the Mooragh rugby club car park are to be resurfaced
- Litter bins through the town will be replaced with larger bins that accept wheelie bins.
- There will be a rolling programme of vehicle replacement, starting with a new refuse wagon and two vans.
- The refuse rate will not be separate on the rates bill
- 3.5p increase (to 6p) will be shown on the rates bill for the swimming pool
- The mail shot showing the breakdown of the way rates are spent by RTC will be included with the rate demands when they are sent out.
- The rate is conservative in nature but the bottom line is that there will still be a small deficit at the end of the year.

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(2021/22:308) Rates Continued:

b) Northern Swimming Pool Rate Rise

- The timing of the pool rate rise was very poor, as it was so late in the rate setting process
- Gas price rises and staff wage rises to bring their terms in line with PSC were the main pressures on the pool finances.
- The supply costs of raw materials is rising
- Other pools on the Island are in a very different position.
- There is approx. £5k in reserves.

c) Rate reform/ All Island Leisure rate

- The regional pools are paid for by the parishes, the NSC is not paid for by Douglas or Onchan.
- A leisure rate would likely include other services
- The Town Clerk has written to DESC in relation to the increased rate and parity for all rate payers across the Island

(2021/22:309) West Quay

- The planning application for the scheme has been pulled
- The main issue was the loss of parking
- Flood defences and reconstruction of the road are still required
- Need to work with the DOI and come up with a scheme that both the DOI and Ramsey residents and businesses are happy with
- This needs to get back on track and be driven by the commissioners

(2021/22:310) Parking

- Base work on parking was by a STEP student
- Albert Road site is for sale but this has not been progressed by the DOI
- Charging for parking is a non-starter
- The Transport interchange has gone quiet, but the bus station and tram station are both in a poor state of repair.
- LH agreed to get an update on the Transport Interchange.

(2021/22:311) Regeneration and Buildings

- There have been problems with buildings having preservation orders
- There is work being done to address blockages in Regeneration and Redevelopment
- The regeneration cap of £25K is restrictive for local authorities
- Amenity Improvements need additional access to funding
- Derelict and unsightly buildings list is kept and being acted upon

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(2021/22:312) Cottage Hospital

- More secure than ever with its changing role
- Dermatology and fracture clinic have worked well at the Cottage
- Ramsey is to be used more as a community hub
- Ambulance response times were questioned as they have been 45 mins or more. LH to investigate what will happen when the Mountain Road closes for 6 weeks come the end of Feb.

(2021/22:313) Boundary Extension

- The request for the Public inquiry is to go to Feb Tynwald
- RTC will be sticking to the inquiry terms
- After 30 years most of the green field space in Ramsey has been used up

(2021/22:314) Northern Civic Amenity

- Vans are allowed
- Commercial waste is not accepted and there are other commercial waste sites in the north
- The lunch time closures are to enable the 2 operatives to have a break. The timing of the lunch time break needs to be further promoted.

(2021/22:315) Promoting Working in Ramsey

- RTC will have super-fast broadband in the library
- The Mountain Road is to close for 6 weeks from end of February
- RTC should tie in with Government activities and promote the opportunity for people to work in the library.

(2021/22:316) Any Other Business

The properties in Bride that RTC are managing were discussed

Dr. Allinson and Mr. Hooper were thanked for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m. giving a time of 1 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	The developer has cancelled the meeting twice. TC to meet developer on 11/3/22.	FGP	Mar-22	TRKC	May-22	
	Ramsey North Prom distance Markers	Design Complete and order will be placed 11/3/22	Install when here.	PL	Mar-22	SB	May-22	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Awaiting water quality standard to be confirmed. DEFA will be testing for 20 weeks throughout the summer.	Await test results. South Prom to be considered and officers are to engage with stake holders.	PL	Mar-22	SB	May-22	
	Moorough promenade shelter public art.	The 3rd shelter is currently being painted.	A web page has been set up to showcase the works. Start search for funding the 4th shelter. Contact with RGS art department for work to 5th shelter.	PL	Mar-22	SB	Jul-22	
	Toilet Art	Arts Council and artist have committed to do the works last 2 weeks of August.	Artist to confirm if they require RTC to clean and prep surface.	PL	Mar-22	SB	Dec-22	
	Ramsey Quayside flood defence and highway reconstruction	Planning application has been withdrawn by the DOI. Design work to restart in April/May 2022.	TC has engaged with DOI designers, and initial meeting to be programmed for late March 2022.	WD	Mar-22	TRKC	Dec-22	
	3 Legs - North Barrule	RTC opposed planning application, application withdrawn, DEFA indicate development under investigation for which RTC interest has been lodged.	Awaiting Planning (note to be removed from tracker April 22 and only to be re raised if painting of the 3 legs continues).	WD	Feb-22	TRKC	Mar-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Phone called placed to planning 8/2/22. Awaiting determination of actions by Planning Enforcement Officer. TC to chase monthly.	WD	Feb-22	TRKC	Mar-22	
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for an Public Inquiry is to go to March 2022 Tynwald. It is item No 8 on the order paper for 15/3/22.	Following approval at the March sitting of Tynwald for a public inquiry: 1) Organise Inquiry with Chief Secretaries Office 2) Prepare packs and documentation.	FGP	Mar-22	TRKC	Mar-22	
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery.	TC and DTC to meet the Brewery.	WD	Mar-22	SB	Sep-22	
Jul-21	Ramsey Swing Bridge (register as a protected building)	Registration has been submitted. Assistant Registered Building Officer contacted and responded 7/2/22 "...hope to be in a position to deal with outstanding requests in the near future..."	TC to chase Registered building officer on a bi monthly basis	WD	Feb-22	TRKC	Apr-21	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Meeting with Manx Telecom took place on 23/2/22. A plan showing the role out plan was tabled at the meeting. The details information on where poles are to be situated is still to be developed and presented. It is envisaged that there will be 285 houses that require poles in Ramsey. Fibre Broadband will not be complete in Ramsey until June 2024.	Awaiting details of poles and pole locations in Ramsey from Manx Telecom. The role out continues until June2024.	FGP	Mar-22	TRKC	Mar 22 target completion date changed to Dec 22	
Oct-21	Live Streaming of Meetings	Trial 16/3/21. Complete	Remove from Action Tracker April 2022.	FGP	Mar-22	SB	Apr-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelters on Island but DOI do not have the funds for installation. DOI are submitting a planning application for the shelters.	TC to confirm costs for installation for the 2 shelters on RTC land. Awaiting details of the concrete base from the DOI.	WD	Feb-22	BW	Apr-22	
Nov-21	Cronk Elfin Refurbishment	Started on site. Remove from Action Tracker April 2022	On Site to be reported separately. Remove from Action Tracker April 2022.	HP	Mar-22	MC	Mar-24	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22.	Legal transfer to take place. The playground will be started June 2022. The land transfer will take place following completion of the playground.	FGP	Mar-22	TRKC	Mar-22	
Jun-18	War Memorial (repair and renovation)	Memorial added the Register of Protected Buildings 2021. TSM to meet the War Memorial committee representative to discuss cleaning of the memorial and future works 10/2/21. No costs have been included in the RTC 2022/23 budget.	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year.	WD	Jun-18	BW	Cleaning Apr 22 Repairs 23/24	
Mar-22	Jubilee celebration	Officers and Lead member for Parks and leisure have met and it is proposed that an event take place on the weekend of 16th July.	DTC, Lead member and others to work to develop the proposal, and engage with eh Northern Chamber of Commerce.	PL	Mar-22	SB	Jul-22	
Mar-22	Parking on Hope Street (Peveril Plot)	Officers will use current by laws to enforce.	TO visit site and enforce.	TO	Mar-22	SB	Jun-22	

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FEEDBACK ON THE COMMUNITY HUB TRIAL
MARCH, 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Central Government have launched their plan for this administration called “Our Island Plan”. In that the Cabinet Office have been tasked with evaluation of the Community hub pilot.

The pilot was run at various locations around the Island, one of which was here at the Town Hall in Ramsey.

The Delivery of the Community Hub service was undertaken by the staff of the Welcome Centre, it took place from 16th June 2021 and it was held monthly through to January 2022.

The services that were available were those offered by the Welcome Centre and they encompassed Villa Marina and Gaiety tickets, bus and rail cards and time tables, proof of age cards, Government on line services Government Invoices, Parking fines and recreational fishing licences.

The service was very well received by Ramsey residents, but the frequency (once per month) was seen to be to infrequent to build a solid foundation for the service.

The Commissioners would welcome this service back and support it through providing space at the Town Hall in the atrium. As this is delivering a service the area in the atrium would be made available free of charge.

The service appeared to be well used but there is no data on actual foot fall or foot fall increase within the Town Hall.

The service would be improved by being more regular, ideally at least weekly and offering a greater range of services.

Recommendation: for noting.

9th March 2022

T. R. K. Cowin,
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADERS LICENCE– THE HUTCH
MARCH 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The owner of The Hutch, a takeaway food premises located in Parliament Square, is seeking to obtain a Street Traders Licence for the duration of the TT Festival and Manx Grand Prix 2022.

The main entrance to this business is not accessible to the public when roads are closed for TT or Manx Grand Prix practicing or racing.

The owner would like to operate a Hutch branded pedal bike (pictured below) in area outside the Central/Top 2 Top or at Albert Square selling a range of cold local produce including sandwiches, salads, sausage rolls, quiches and cakes.



Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Traders for this activity.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th March 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
MARCH 2022 - 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 February 2022 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 28th February 2022 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £492,488.19 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £23,932.51 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in February 2022. 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 1st April to 28th February 2022 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 Appendix 2, the 2021-22 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment - professional fees & materials	£131,939.
Upper QPR refurbishment – final costs	£10,344.
Close Woirrey redevelopment – design professional fees	£3,060.

Recommendation: To be noted.

9th March 2022

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 28 February 2022

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	168,655.34
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	140,707.18
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	59,986.94
Various	New vehicle purchases	50,025.60
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	12,447.67
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	11,966.23
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	9,403.14
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	5,806.30
Various	IT costs	5,438.68
Various	Town events	4,994.41
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	4,348.08
Manx Utilities	Street lighting - maintenance contract & repairs	2,604.17
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	2,224.10
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	2,154.50
Various	Contract cleaning	2,103.26
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,871.08
Various	Library books & materials	1,735.51
Various	Security & safety costs	1,469.80
Manx Telecom	Phones	1,243.00
Various	Park materials	988.12
Various	Staff training	970.80
RTC	Petty cash	585.41
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply & water charges	462.15
Various	Machinery repair & servicing	296.72
		<u>492,488.19</u>
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	10,752.74
Island Drainage & Groundworks Ltd.	Waste skip haulage	3,996.00
Various	Recycling charges	3,607.13
Various	Plant & machinery maintenance	2,905.93
EPL Ltd.	Agency contract labour	1,020.28
Various	Site maintenance	812.05
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel	675.71
Manx Telecom	Telephones	71.66
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	63.66
Bank	Charges	27.35
		<u>23,932.51</u>

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during February 2022

Appendix 1

Ace Hire & Sales Ltd.	IOM	Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM
Allan C Swales Ltd.	IOM	K & R Parts Ltd.	IOM
AP Plastics & Supplies Ltd.	IOM	Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Ashcrofts (1997) Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Media Group Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Fork Lift Trucks Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Brunel Engraving Co. Ltd.	UK	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Chris Johns	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Chrystal Auctions	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Chrystal Bros. Stott & Kerruish Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Promenade Shirts & Embroidery Ltd.	IOM
Colas IOM Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
CopyCat Computers	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Creative Video Productions Ltd.	UK	Sadler Agricultural Supplies Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Safety Management Services IOM Ltd.	IOM
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Sage UK Ltd.	UK
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Sharon Rice	IOM
EPL Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Event Management Solutions Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	St. Johns Ambulance	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Street Solutions UK Ltd.	UK
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Thomann GmbH	Ger.
Go Marketing Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Office Point	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
IOM Post Office	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
Island Drainage & Groundworks Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Jacksons Engineering Merchants Ltd.	IOM	WS Mezeron Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Yesss IOM Electrical Ltd.	IOM
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022 - Appendix 2

	2021-22 to date			Estimate for 2021-22		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	3,345,350	3,877,951	(532,601)	4,311,316	4,365,499	(54,183)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	5,153	1,449	3,704	5,500	2,130	3,370
Brookfield Court	13,262	7,548	5,714	15,050	13,420	1,630
Close ny Mooragh	27,022	15,251	11,771	28,800	31,300	(2,500)
New vans	0	0	0	83,100	83,100	0
Sub Total	£3,390,787	£3,902,199	(£511,412)	£ 4,443,766	£ 4,495,449	£ (51,683)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	177,331	25,393	151,938	219,800	23,250	196,550
Workshops	85,114	0	85,114	95,110	0	95,110
Public Conveniences	40,349	0	40,349	58,850	0	58,850
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	10,749	3,780	6,969	12,200	2,650	9,550
Mansail Lease	2,723	9,187	(6,464)	6,020	10,275	(4,255)
Lakeside Centre	3,399	7,773	(4,374)	5,130	11,550	(6,420)
Parklands Day Nursery	1,939	15,710	(13,771)	2,620	17,900	(15,280)
Bowling Alley	543	10,625	(10,082)	2,000	15,000	(13,000)
Non-Lease Properties	1,507	0	1,507	6,150	0	6,150
Prom Shelters, etc	21,738	3,280	18,458	11,100	0	11,100
Private Property Repairs	5,266	813	4,453	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	973	0	973	4,350	0	4,350
Apprentices	7,381	0	7,381	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	30,586	37,789	(7,203)	38,900	42,790	(3,890)
Park assets	50,845	0	50,845	63,825	0	63,825
Sub Total	£455,243	£114,350	£340,893	£551,355	£123,415	£427,940

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	2,014	0	2,014	2,100	0	2,100
Car Parks	13,879	24,981	(11,102)	14,450	16,480	(2,030)
Refuse Removal	686,154	123,439	562,715	777,473	104,000	673,473
Civic Amenity contribution	225,680	0	225,680	225,685	0	225,685
Sewers & Pumps	78,394	78,394	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	87,958	0	87,958	79,000	0	79,000
Decorative maint.	11,036	0	11,036	11,150	0	11,150
Decorative lighting new items	3,693	0	3,693	9,050	0	9,050
Local Services	133,533	0	133,533	92,700	0	92,700
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£1,242,341	£226,814	£1,015,527	£1,316,108	£224,980	£1,091,128

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	56,303	19,577	36,726	55,950	4,000	51,950
Parks & Gardens	173,784	103	173,681	253,391	600	252,791
Games Concessions	1,884	1,000	884	12,000	0	12,000
Public Library	116,762	7,831	108,931	140,395	8,000	132,395
Sub Total	£348,733	£28,511	£320,222	£461,736	£12,600	£449,136

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	27,080	0	27,080	67,050	0	67,050
Office Expenses	897,623	88,025	809,598	977,386	88,250	889,136
Sundry Expenses	9,543	0	9,543	12,100	0	12,100
Miscellaneous	17,676	50,335	(32,659)	31,850	24,500	7,350
Swimming Pool	16,795	0	16,795	17,000	0	17,000
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	(30)	0	(30)	4,000	0	4,000
Sub Total	£970,687	£138,360	£832,327	£1,111,386	£112,750	£998,636

TOTAL	£6,407,791	£4,410,234	£2,111,907	£ 7,884,351	£ 4,969,194	£ 2,915,157
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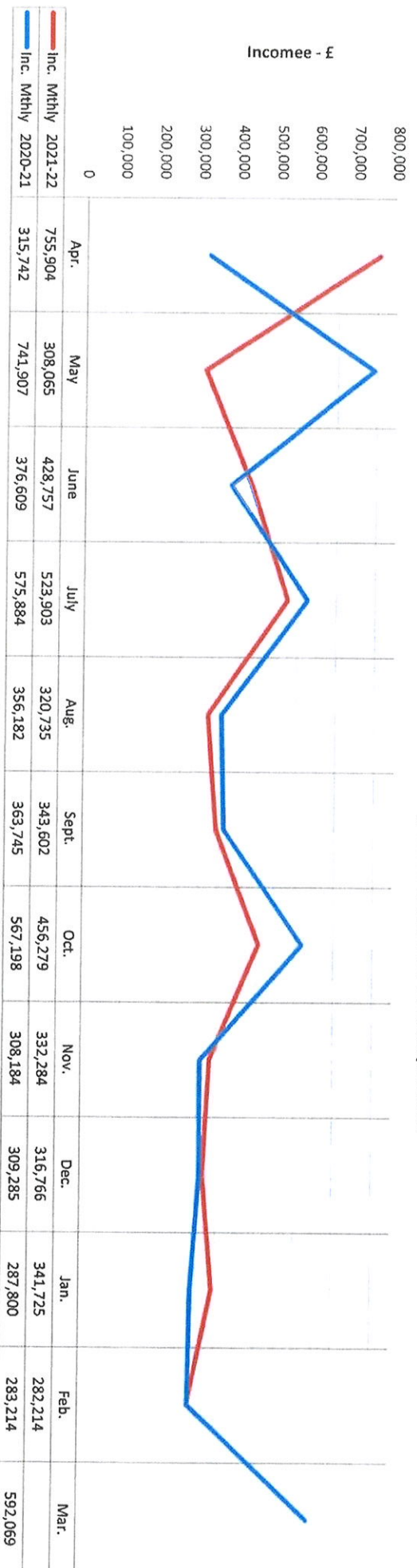
Town rates	£ -	£ 2,666,010	(£2,666,010)	£ -	£ 2,776,672	(£2,776,672)
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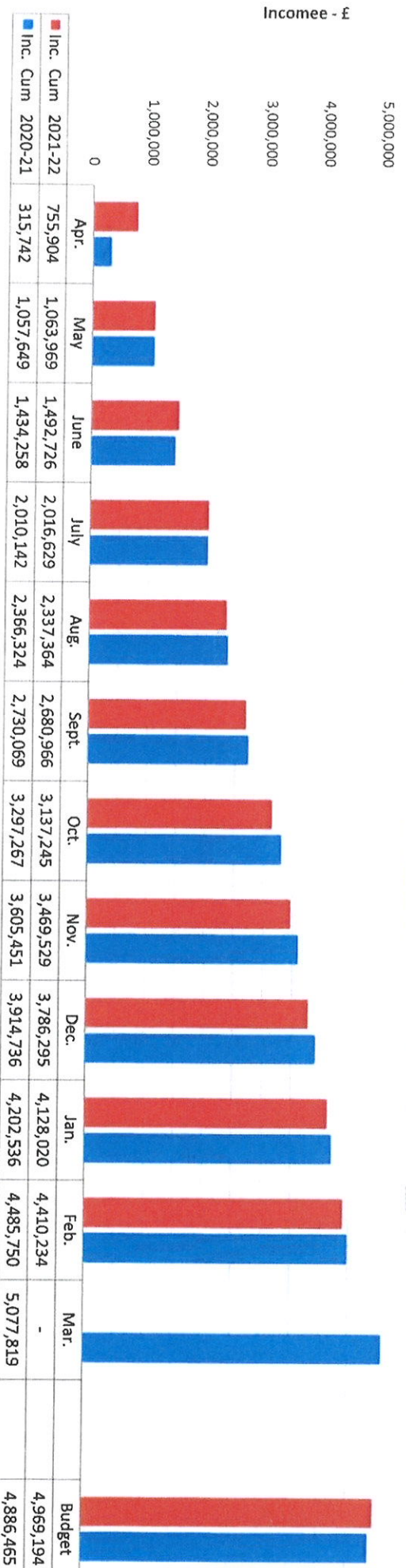
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2021-22 & 2020-21 comparative



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

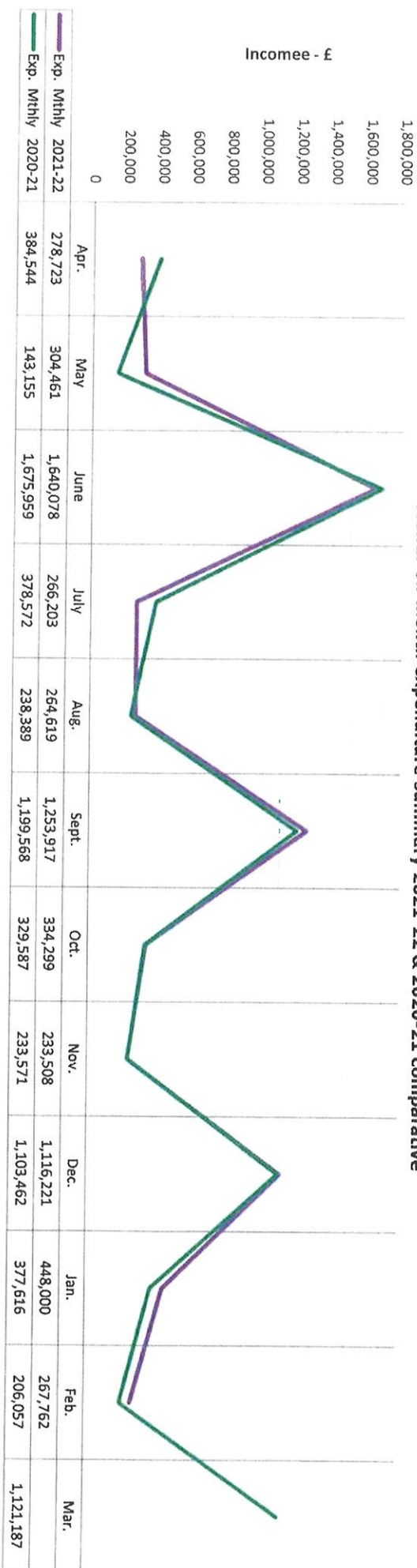


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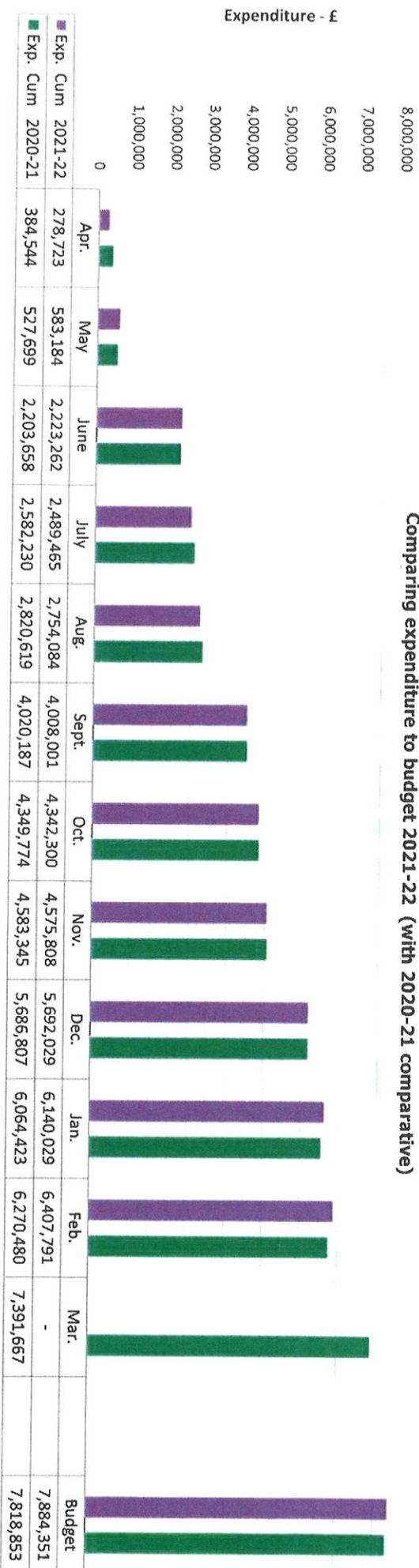
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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)

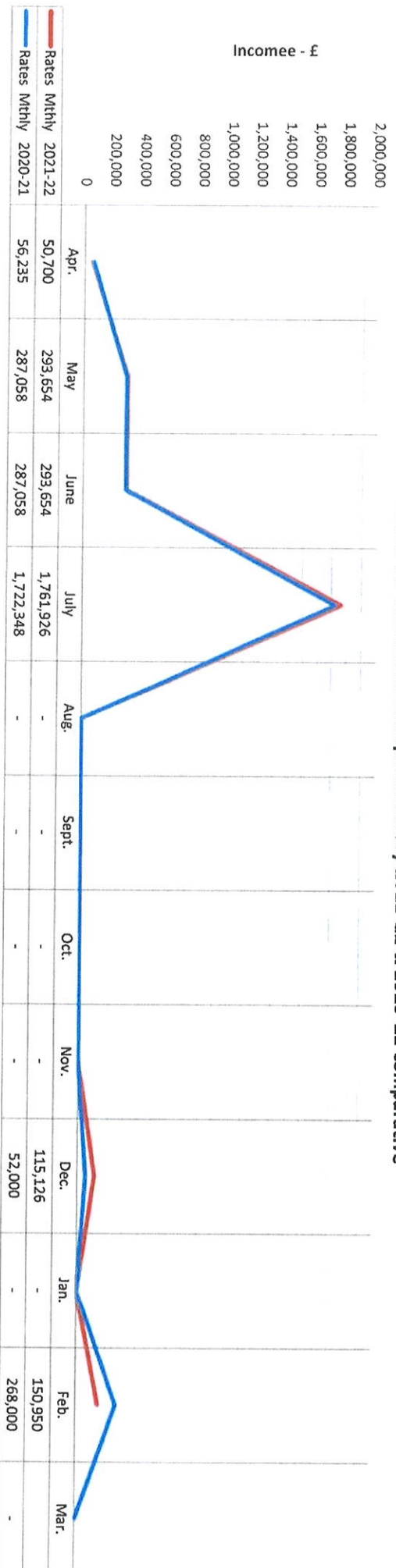


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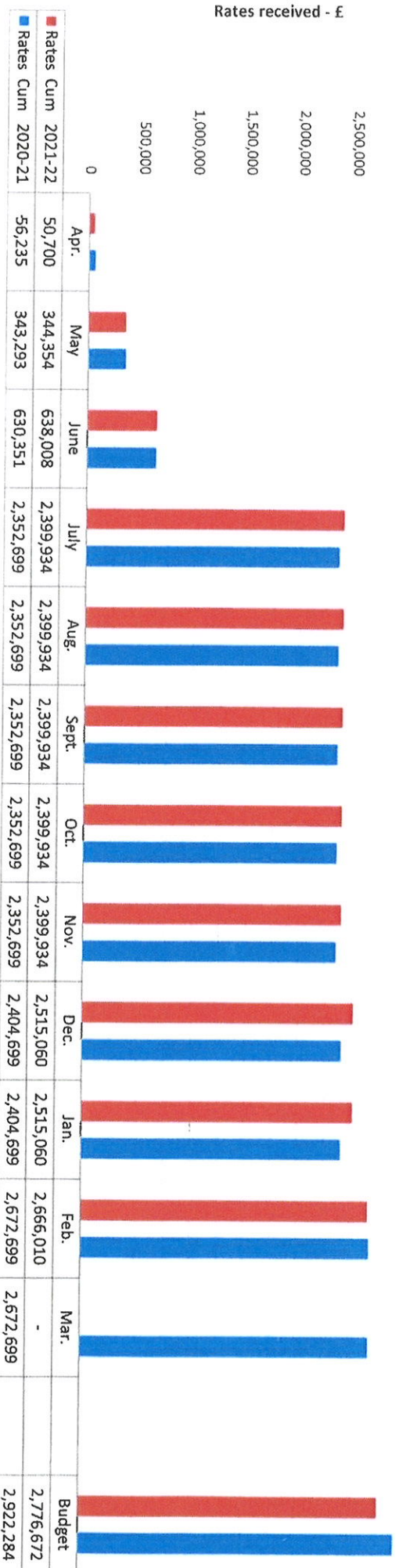
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT
FIXED PENALTY NOTICE - LITTER
MARCH, 2022 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following update is brought to the Board's attention for information and noting.

Fixed Penalty Notice No. 0686 was issued retrospectively on 21st September, 2021 to Mr. Paul McCann in respect of a littering offence committed on the public highway in the in the lane at the rear of No. 39, Parliament Street, Ramsey (U147), under the provisions of the Litter Act 1972.

Mr. McCann did not submit an appeal against the Fixed Penalty Notice and did not pay the fine, despite being allowed an additional 14 days in which to pay. Therefore, at the Board Meeting held on Wednesday 17th November, 2021, the Board of Ramsey Town Commissioners agreed to prosecute Mr. McCann for the offence.

Mr. McCann appeared in Court on Thursday 3rd March, 2022 and admitted the offence.

Following Mr. McCann pleading guilty to the charge, the Court ordered that he be made subject to a 6 month conditional discharge with no order as to costs.

All recipients of Fixed Penalty Notices are informed that should they disagree with the Notice issued they may write to the Board to ask for mitigation in their case. If no appeal or payment is received against the Fixed Penalty Notice, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Board requesting permission to refer the offender for prosecution.

Recommended: To be noted.

G. Kelly (Miss)
Technical Assistant

9th March, 2022.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MARCH, 2022</p>

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:	3926	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01062/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Erection of a detached dwelling with integral garage	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Plot west of 10, Westlands Close, Ramsey	

REF NO:	3808	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>20/01080/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Residential development of 138 dwellings with associated drainage, highway works and public open space	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Land at Lower Milntown (Fields 134278, 134279, 134280, 134281, 134282, 134283, 134284, 134288 & 134289) and Strip of Land Between Auldryn River & Auldryn Meadows, Off Lezayre Road, Lezayre & Ramsey	

REF NO:	3946	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01561/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Installation of awning, disabled ramp access and new shop front	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	1, Dale Street & 2, Market Place, Ramsey	

REF NO:	3950	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01578/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Erection of a replacement storage building with assoicated roller shutter door	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	69, Parliament Street, Ramsey	

REF NO: 3960
P.A. NO.: 22/00038/B
PROPOSED: Erection of summerhouse adjacent to pond
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Sky View, Gardeners Lane, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3961
P.A. NO.: 22/00184/B
PROPOSED: Erection of single and two storey extension and widening of driveway and access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **16, Auldyn Meadow Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3962
P.A. NO.: 22/00205/C
PROPOSED: Additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use
SITE: **10, Windsor Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 3963
P.A. NO.: 22/00215/B
PROPOSED: Resurfacing of existing hardstanding and creation of vehicular access (retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **22, Ellan Park, Ramsey**

B. Wallace
Technical Services Manager

9th March, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LIFEBOAT NAMING CEREMONY
MARCH 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Members may be aware the new Ramsey Lifeboat, the Ann & James Ritchie II, arrived in Ramsey on 27th February 2022.

Preparations are underway for a formal naming ceremony and dedication to take place at 11am on 2nd July 2022. A “Lifeboat Day” event will also be held on 2nd July commencing around 1pm.

Theresa Shammon from Ramsey RNLI has written asking if the Commission would be able to allow the use of some chairs, a dais, barriers and logistical support in respect of the road closure for this event.

Full details of timing of the events will be published in due course.

An invitation will be extended to the Commission to visit the refurbished boathouse and view the Ann & James Ritchie II ahead of the naming ceremony.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th March 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
RAMSEY MOTORCYCLE CLUB – BRITISH ENDURO
CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Ramsey Motorcycle Club (RMC) has contacted the Commission to seek logistical support for an event it will be staging.

RMC have applied to the ACU to run a round of the British Sidecars and British Classics as well as two rounds of the Isle of Man Centre Championships over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July 2022. The events will attract up to 100 entrants in total.

The event will again have its base at Ramsey Rugby Club with a small section of Mooragh Promenade being used as parc ferme. The stages will be “off road” in plantations around the island.

RMC successfully staged a round of the British Enduro Championships in 2021. The event headquarters was at Ramsey Rugby Club and first stage being started outside Ramsey Courthouse. The Commission provided logistical support for the event around highway closures and use of barriers and the organisers are asking if the Commission would be able to provide similar support for the event this year.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th March 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SEA DIP FOR SANITY
MARCH 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Officers have been contacted by Minds Matter and Isle Listen with regards to “Sea Dip For Sanity” event which they wish to stage on Ramsey South Beach at 8.00am on 14th May 2022.

The organisers will marshal the event are arranging for safety cover for the event with Ramsey RNLI. They have been advised to engage with other stakeholders.

They are seeking permission from the Commission to hold the event on the south beach.

Recommendation: To grant permission to Minds Matter and Isle Listen to hold the “Sea Dip for Sanity” event on 14th May 2022 on Ramsey South Beach.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th March 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SHELTER ART
MARCH 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Work has now commenced on the third shelter on Mooragh Promenade as part of the Shelter Art project.

Artists Karolina Pawlowska and Kate Summerville started their work on Friday 4th March and are picture below.



The art in this shelter has been generously sponsored by Town Commissioner Juan McGuinness and Ramsey resident Mr. Chris Glaister. Mr McGuinness has been instrumental in the revitalisation of the shelters on the Mooragh Promenade.

The first two shelters were completed in 2021 by artists Beth Louella and Adam Berry with support from the Isle of Man Arts Council. These have proved very popular attracting visitors from across the island as well as much coverage in the local and international media.

Recommendation: for noting.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th March 2022