

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, 18th May, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Mr. F. B. R. Williams

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

In the absence of the Chairman, due to illness, Mr. Court, as his deputy took the chair. Members were advised that Mr. Cowell would be attendance later in the evening.

(2022/23:008) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20th April, 2022, and the Annual Meeting held on 3rd May, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2022/23:009) Matters Arising:

Mr. Singer referred to the problem of horses being ridden along the Mooragh Promenade walkway and queried if it had been ascertained if this was permitted. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the promenade walkway is designated as a public footpath and it is not permitted to ride horses along it, other than crossing to access the foreshore; he advised that he would liaise with the Department of Infrastructure to promote the situation and ask if they will consider providing signage.

Mr. Singer queried if it is a legal requirement to provide signage and was informed that the matter would be investigated as it would be an offence under the Highways Act and within the remit of the Town Warden to "police".

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:010) Action Tracker May, 2022:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 12th May, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Planning Enforcements... Mr. Singer queried if there had been any update since April with regard to Planning Enforcement. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he would check this with the Town Clerk but also advised that he was aware that there is a long list of enforcements being progressed by the Planning Authority.



(2022/23:010) Action Tracker May, 2022

Ramsey South Promenade Changing Huts – in response to a query from Ms Craine the Deputy Town Clerk advised that he has now spoken with members of the bathing groups and their stated preferences are being followed up with interested parties. Ms Craine also asked about the area of land occupied by Mezeron and asked if that area could be tidied and used as a possible site. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the concept did not extend that far but members agreed that discussion with the company might be beneficial.

Bicycle Shelters – the Housing and Property Manager advised members that the cost for provision of the bases and fixing the bicycle shelters at the Town Hall and at Station Road totalled £3,490.

Bus Services – Mr. McGuinness referred to changes to the bus times between Ramsey and Peel but felt that the services were still lacking and asked if the matter could be retained on the “Action Tracker” so that the Commission might encourage the Department of Infrastructure and Bus Vannin to improve the service.

(2022/23:011) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 12th May, 2022.


There was a temporary gap in proceedings due to technical problems with the live-streaming equipment.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:012) Town Clerk’s Report – Cronk Elfin Area MUA Wayleave:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 29th April, 2022, concerning the request made by Manx Utilities that a wayleave be granted to enable them to lay, maintain and service electricity cables under land in the Commissioners’ ownership at Cronk Elfin, Ramsey.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed to approve the request subject to the submission and approval of the necessary petition to the Department of Infrastructure.



(2022/23:013) Town Clerk's Report – Good Stuff Street Furniture:

Discussion ensued concerning the Town Clerk's report dated 11th May, 2022, concerning the request of Mr. A. Hardy, trading as "Good Stuff" to place "A Boards" in the vicinity of his premises contrary to the Commission's existing policy.

Mr. McGuinness indicated his sympathy towards the applicant but emphasised that the Commissioners' Policy had been framed having regard to the Highways Act and allowing something that did not comply would create a precedent.

Mr. McGuinness suggested that the applicant be asked to remove the A boards, but that the Commission look at the matter when the Policy is next reviewed. Mr. Oldham asked if temporary permission could be granted for the T.T. period. Mr. McGuinness again referred to an unwelcome precedent being created if this were to happen.

A proposal was put by Mr. Singer that the Commission object to the proposals and consider the Policy further. Ms Craine queried the number of benches placed outside the premises and was advised that it is understood to be 2, but further investigation could be made. Mr. Parker suggested that Mr. Hardy seek to use the empty property adjacent to his, for advertising purposes.

Mr. Singer's proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and carried without division.

(2022/23:014) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Authorised Officers:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed the list of authorised officers with regard to the Town's various byelaws and actions under the Road Traffic and Litter Acts be updated to allow for staff changes including the change of designation of the Town Warden to Community Warden, as detailed within the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 5th May, 2022.

(2022/23:015) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Street Traders' Licence "The Hutch":

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the following matter.

Discussion ensued with regard to the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9th May, 2022, conveying the request of "The Hutch" to use a tuk-tuk instead of a bicycle to trade during the TT and MGP festivals as permitted in terms of a street trader's licence permitted by the Commission on 16th March, 2022.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that permission be granted.

Mr. Singer asked that the applicant be asked to ensure that no obstructions are caused to pavements.

(2022/23:016) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 11th May, 2022.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:017) Town Clerk's Report – Fynoderee Change to Licensed Opening Hours:

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of the Town Clerk's report dated 11th May, 2022, concerning the request made by Fynoderee that the Commission consider their application to vary the hours of business. Copies of correspondence received from the company had been distributed to members.

Mr. Beighton then proposed that in terms of Standing Order 13(2) the order of business be varied until Mr. Cowell's arrival. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Kelly and put to the vote. This failed by 6 votes to 4, Ms Craine and Messrs Beighton, Kelly and Parker voting with the proposal.

Mr. Cowell attended the meeting at this point 7.31 p.m.

The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to update the Commission on the company's application to the Licensing Court. He advised members that there were 2 aspects

- a. "Ginny Patch" – the Commission did not object to any licence the matter being subject to planning.
- b. The open hours' application was adjourned to 16th June unless on reviewing the hours the Commission remove their objection when there will be no need to go back to Court. There were no other objections submitted to the licensing Court.

Mr. Singer referred to changes in planning that he considered restricted those who could be afforded interested party status; he felt the newly proposed hours were better but there was still a strong possibility of noise nuisance to a lot of people and queried if any noise attenuation were planned.

Mr. Beighton stated that the applicant did not want to create an environment with loud music or cause any nuisance he pointed out that there had been no complaint to the police and queried how the applicant had not complied with planning restrictions. He informed members of his understanding that the applicant had contacted the Commission in February and queried how it had taken until April for the matter to be presented to the Board.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the contact in February was an invitation to go and see the premises; the details of the proposed hours had not been made known at that time and the planning application had not been received in time for consideration at the March 2022 Board meeting.



(2022/23:017) Town Clerk's Report – Fynoderee Change to Licensed Opening Hours:

Mr. Beighton asked Ms Craine about the number of residents that had spoken to her about the proposals for the "Ginny Patch". Ms Craine replied that comments had been passed to her "in confidence" and she wished to preserve the anonymity of those residents she commented that she was glad to see some change in the hours but queried why a "tasting bar" should be open for such long hours.

Mr. Cowell referred to the Commission being the only objectors at the Licensing Court and advised members that "Licensing hours" are not "Trading Hours" and whilst he had some sympathy with residents advised that the company want to run a successful business in the town.

Mr. McGuinness advised that licensing and trading hours will not affect the planning situation the matters are inter-lined and run in parallel. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the Company would not be granted a Music Singing and Dancing Licence without the appropriate planning approval.

Mr. McGuinness commented that he saw no reason for the Board to change their stance he referred to comments made at the time of the original planning application where reference was made to the unique venue and the difficulty in distinguishing between a "Tasting bar" and a full bar. He felt the matter needed to be reviewed by the Planning Committee. A proposal by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission maintain their objection was seconded by Mr. Oldham. Further debated ensued.

Mr. Cowell queried the application for the "Ginny Patch". The Deputy Town Clerk advised that there were two applications and two licences needed Alcohol, and Music Singing and Dancing which needs planning approval. Mr. Singer queried if the "Ginny Patch" is to be operated as a full bar, Mr. Court replied that it is just outside seating. Mr. Cowell responded that the matter was not the Commission's concern and the Commission need to be support business in the town. Mr. Court agreed but recognised the need to be aware of the town's residents concerns, he suggested the Commission canvass the public to get views on this application.

Mr. McGuinness formally proposed that the Commission maintain the status quo in objecting to the application but submit an observation that they would like to see a time restriction of 11.00 p.m. on Sundays and ask that the Planning Committee review the original application to determine its validity having regard to the current application. Mr. Oldham again seconded.

The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 4 Ms Craine and Messrs. Beighton, Cowell and Kelly voting against.

Mr. Kelly made an impassioned plea about the Commission working together for the benefit of the Town's residents and its businesses.

(2022/23:018) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Advertising Banner:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th May, 2022, advising of the request made by Harbour Views Bistro to site an advertising banner on fencing in the Commission's ownership at Parsonage Road during the TT period.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed by 9 votes to 2, that the request be declined. Mr. Beighton and Mr. Cowell voted against.

In seconding the matter Mr. McGuinness qualified that giving approval would create a precedent and suggested that it might be prudent for the Commission to create a policy on this matter or review an existing policy. Ms Craine agreed with the principle of a policy being created.

Mr. Cowell felt that refusal was being seen as being unsupportive of business in the Town.

Mr. Signer expressed concern at Mr. Kelly's comments at the conclusion of the previous clause and agreed that the Commission does need to support residents and businesses but the Government incentives should be available for which grants are available through the Department of Enterprise towards disabled access – he felt this matter should be discussed with the Chamber of Commerce.

(2022/23:019) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 10th May, 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:	3934	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01223/REM</u>	
PROPOSED:	Reserved matters application in association with PA 20/01401/A for the erection of a 3 storey dwelling and associated access	
NOTES:	Reserved Matters	
SITE:	Land to the rear of 6, Summerland, Ramsey.	

Ms Craine declared an interest due to family membership. Canon Greenwood declared a lesser interest in that he knew the applicant and was advised that did not prevent his voting on the matter.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 8 votes to 2 that the Commission object to the application as it is contrary to General Policies 2(b) and (c) of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016.

Messrs. McGuinness and Parker voted against and Ms Craine did not vote.

(2022/23:019) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

REF NO:	3968	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/00306/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Creation of an outside seating area with associated landscaping	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Land south of MER Stop, Parsonage Road, Ramsey	

Members were informed that the amendments referred to access.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Court that no objection be made.

It was proposed by Mr. Young that, because of objections submitted by residents the Commission also object to the application.

The proposal not to object was carried by 8 votes to 3 Messrs. Oldham, Singer and Young voting against.

Appendix:

No comments were made on the appendices to the Technical Services Manager's report.

(2022/23:020) Technical Assistant's Report – Additional Refuse Collections TT Period:

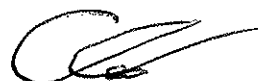
Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 10th May, 2022, concerning requests received for additional refuse collections during the TT period and querying whether or not charges should be passed on.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine no additional service charges be applied. The proposal was carried by 8 votes to 3 Messrs. Cowell, Kelly and Oldham voting against.

(2022/23:021) Technical Assistant's Report – Ramsey Association Football Club Campsite:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 10th May, 2022, concerning request received from Ramsey AFC for the provision of bins and refuse collections from their TT campsite and querying whether or not charges should be made.

A proposal was put by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell that the Commission charge the Club full service and commercial disposal costs. Mr. Beighton submitted an observation that whilst the Commission were supportive of the Club not to make charges could create a precedent.



(2022/23:021) Technical Assistant's Report – Ramsey Association Football Club Campsite Continued:

Mr. McGuinness asked for clarification as to what the charges were and was advised that there were 2 – the first being a service charge and the second a charge for the weight of refuse collected. Discussion progressed as to whether the Club should be charged for waste removal at domestic or commercial rates, the commercial disposal charge being approximately double that for disposal of domestic refuse which is currently £96 per tonne.

An amendment was put by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Court that the Club be charged disposal costs only based on the domestic rate. This failed by 7 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton, Court, Parker and Singer voted in favour.

Further discussion ensued and it was suggested that the Commission make a charge of half service and disposal costs. At this point Mr. Kelly withdrew his original proposal with Mr. Cowell's agreement.

A proposal by Mr. Court seconded by Mr. Beighton that the Commission make no charges did not receive any further support.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms Craine that the Club be charged full service and domestic disposal costs was carried by 7 votes to 4, Messrs. Court, McGuinness, Parker and Singer voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:022) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2021/22:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 10th May, 2022, advising of the submission of the appended Housing and Statistics Report, as required, to the Department of Infrastructure. The Lead Member, Mr. Parker, referred drew attention to the increasing numbers on the housing waiting lists and the need to still allow for cash rental payments.

Parks and Leisure Property:

(2022/23:023) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Shelter Art:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th May, 2022, advising of progress with regard to shelter art on the Mooragh Promenade.

Mr. McGuinness informed members that it is hoped the shelter to be decorated by students from Ramsey Grammar School will be transient in that future students could re-imagine the art work on regular occasions. Mr. Beighton queried the sponsors "Pop Investments" and was informed that it is a firm based in the North of the Island.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:024) Notice of Motion – Shelter Art:

Mr. McGuinness asked if the Notice of Motion dated 4th May, 2022, standing in his name could be considered this evening. Members were agreeable.

Mr. McGuinness in proposing the matter advised that extending the art work into the park shelters was a natural progression from the shelters along the promenade and because the shelters were smaller it afforded greater potential. Mr. McGuinness also suggested the theme be not necessarily restricted to those suggested, namely Ramsey or Manx themes Leisure or Play. In seconding the proposal Mr. Court also suggested the Town's history as an additional theme.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

(2022/23:025) Sundry Matters:

Rotary Club of Ramsey 75th Anniversary Bulb Planting – resolved that following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed by 10 votes to 1, the Commission agree in principle to the request made by the Rotary Club of Ramsey to plant crocus bulbs at the Courthouse Grounds to commemorate their 75th Anniversary. Mr. Oldham voted against.

Temporary Rate Reduction – resolved that following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court, to note and make no objection to a temporary rate reduction recommended by the Rating Tribunal.

Car Event – resolved that following a proposal by Mr. Cowell seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to permit cars attending a motoring event to park-up along the driveway in the Mooragh Park between 2 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on 27th May, 2022. [On 25th May 2022 we were informed that the organisers had offered the opportunity to take a charitable collection at the event to Douglas Corporation's Mayor's Charities. Because the land is in the Commission's ownership RTC consent was sought; the Chairman gave the approval but wishes it to be recorded for transparency as one of the charities concerned is "SARDA" with which he is involved.]

Sprintfest – Mr. Court referred to the posters and events planned over 4 nights for "Sprintfest" and advised that younger bands will be afforded the opportunity to play. Mr. Court also took the opportunity to thank Mr. McGuinness for his input in the organisation of the event.

Drop-in Session Grants for Businesses – the Deputy Town Clerk referred to the Action Tracker and took the opportunity to draw attention to the Drop-in Session organised by the Department of Enterprise and being held on 16th June, 2022, at the Courthouse for any businesses. He advised that the matter was brought up at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Singer asked that the Commission publicise the session as much as possible.

(2022/23:026) Northern Chamber of Commerce:

Resolved: To note the report dated 16th May, 2022, on the meeting of the Northern Chamber of Commerce held on 12th May, 2022, presented by Mr. McGuinness.

Mr. McGuinness drew attention to an anti-dog fouling promotion being undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce with additional anti-fouling posters and offering an initiative for dog owners to ask for water to clean the pavements outside shop premises in addition to the proprietors being asked to undertake routine cleaning in addition to the Commission's deep cleaning.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 8.40 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.

(2022/23:027) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes from the Board meeting held on 20th April, 2022, or the Annual Meeting held on 3rd May, 2022, were recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:028) Ramsey Quayside:

Resolved: To note the report of a meeting held with the officers from Department of Infrastructure, representatives from Chamber of Commerce and Manx Fish Producers and the Commissioners held on 9th May, 2022.

It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20th June, 2022.

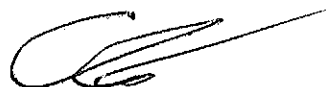
(2022/23:029) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 10th May, 2022, subject to the following:-

Clause 005c) Additional Residents- in response to a query from Mr. McGuinness it was confirmed that two lodger charges would be applied from 25th April, 2022.

(2022/23:030) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker" :

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 12th May, 2022. Mr. McGuinness asked that the Target Completion date with regard to Rate Arrears could be updated.



(2022/23:031) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 12th May, 2022, , subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- **Court Café** – Mr. Singer asked who would be responsible if further debris fell from the building and was advised that the owners would be. The premises are on the list so that the Technical Services Manager can be aware of the problem and monitor the situation as and when necessary.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:032) Town Clerk’s Report – Purchase of Albert Road Site:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow consideration of this matter.

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 11th May, 2022, concerning the site of the former School at Albert Road, Ramsey, and its availability for purchase. Members noted that the vendor is prepared to accept an offer £5,000 above that previously offered for the entire site.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed that subject to qualification of the availability of Government Funding and an acceptable timescale the Commission submit an offer to purchase the site.

The Housing and Property Manager was instructed to discuss a business case with the Department of Infrastructure.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he was obliged to advise the Board that another party has discussed an interest in this site with him.

Mr. Oldham withdrew from the meeting at this point.

(2022/23:033) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Ramsey Community Hub:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 10th May, 2022; detailing proposals presented by “Ramsey Community Hub” for operation of the Ramsey Courthouse. The Hub is now a registered charity on the Island.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed that the Commission agree in principle to the requests made.

It was further agreed to invite representative of The Hub to meet the Commission on 22nd June, 2022, to enable a presentation of their proposals and particularly business plan to be put to the Board, as many members did not hold office at the time of The Hub’s original presentation.



Mr. Oldham returned to the meeting.

(2022/23:034) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's Report dated 11th May, 2022, subject to the following:-

Aged Debtors – in response to queries raised the Finance Officer confirmed that some of the debts had been paid since preparation of the appendix; one debtor had promised payment and in the case of one staff are struggling to trace the business owner.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:035) Town Clerk's Report – Peveril Plot / Bleak House:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 10th May, 2022, concerning a meeting held with the prospective owner of the freehold. Members were reminded of the history of this protracted matter and advised of the current status of the debt which is chargeable against the property. Members noted that the prospective owner has commenced clearance and repair works. Members were advised that a low offer to clear the debt to the Commission has been submitted but welcome this as a starting point to possible negotiations.

A proposal by Mr. Young that the debt be written off because it was not that of the prospective owner did not receive a seconder.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 8 votes to 3, Messrs. Cowell, Singer and Young voting against, the Commission maintain its current stance with regard to the debt and seek legal verification that it is a charge against the property.

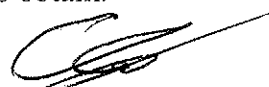
It was further resolved to confirm the Commission's ownership of the land, forming a garden adjacent to Bleak House.

(2022/23:036) Technical Services Manager's Report – Street Lighting:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 11th May, 2022, concerning various aspects of street lighting.

Resolved:

- **Street Lighting Contract** proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to approve and authorise signature of the 2022/23 agreement for the provision and maintenance of street lighting within the town.
- **Improvement of Street Lighting** proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to seek borrowing on a sum greater than envisaged and if appropriate extend the proposed work schedule to improve street lighting.
- **Colour of Lighting Columns** – proposed by Ms Craine seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against to agree to use black powder coated columns which are cheaper and easier to obtain.



Housing and Property:

(2022/23:037) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Blue Light Hub

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th May, 2022, informing members of a meeting held with the Department of Home Affairs concerning the Department's wish at some time in the future to create a "Blue Light Hub" in the town which may involve land in the Commission's ownership.

(2022/23:038) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 11th May, 2022, updating members on the progress of the Cronk Elfin refurbishment project.

Mr. Oldham declared an interest due to residence at Cronk Elfin.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:039) Town Clerk's Report – "Bags for Life":

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 11th May, 2022, presenting Mr. McGuinness's proposal with regard to the acquisition and subsequent sale of "Bags for Life" using promotional advertising for the Town.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that 100 bags be purchased as a "test-run". Mr. Cowell commented on the importance of promoting the Town and suggested that local businesses might consider becoming involved.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the bags be sold through the town's library at a retail price of £5.00 per bag, inclusive of V.A.T.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:040) Parking Spaces:

Mr. Singer queried if the "Parent and Baby" parking bays created at Shoprite Car Park were to be "policed" by the Town Warden. The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that the matter could not be enforceable but it is hoped that the public will respect the purpose of these bays.

(2022/23:041) Britannia Hotel:

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the brewery had indicated that they would like to come and discuss the future of the former Britannia Hotel with the Commission. It was agreed that a meeting be arranged.



Matters of Establishment:

(2022/23:042 Minutes Meeting of Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 11th May, 2022, subject to the following:-

Town Warden – Ms Craine asked if there was any update on the work being undertaken by the newly appointed Town Warden. Mr. McGuinness advised members that the Establishment Committee has asked to be provided with details and detail will be brought into public.

GDPR/FOI – Mr. Beighton's query with regard to a GDPR/FOI request was answered by the Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

