

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, 15th June, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Ms L. L. Craine, Mr. G. S. Court, 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.

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

(2022/23:043) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 18th May, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to minor amendments:

- Clause 9 – the word “walkway” was changed to the word “footway”, and
- Clause 17 – Mr. McGuinness indicated his proposal was simply that the Commission “maintain the objection from the previous meeting and in addition request a review of the conditions of the original application”.

(2022/23:044) Matters Arising:

Mr. Singer again referred to horses accessing the footway on the Mooragh Promenade. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he had spoken to the Department of Infrastructure who are investigating horses and vehicles accessing the footway including the possibility of erecting bollards and signage.

Mr. Kelly took the opportunity to express thanks to the outdoor staff for all their work during the T.T. fortnight. Mr. Oldham reiterated Mr. Kelly's comments.

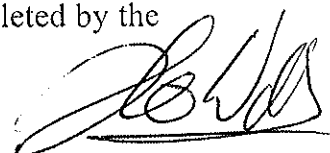
Matters for Information:

(2022/23:045) Action Tracker June, 2022:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 8th June 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey North Promenade Changing Huts – Mr. Kelly queried bathing water quality testing – members were informed that this was a year-round process and no results are expected to be received for some time. Members were reminded that the South Beach has acceptable bathing water status.

Mooragh Promenade Shelter Art – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that preparatory work on the fourth shelter has commenced in anticipation of painting being commenced by students of Ramsey Grammar School. It was reported that the students are eager to start this project which they anticipate will be completed by the end of the school term.



(2022/23:045) Action Tracker June, 2022 Continued:

Boundary Extension – Mr. Cowell asked about progress concerning the Boundary Extension - members were informed that the Town Clerk had received that afternoon the Draft Order and Maps but that no date has been set for the Public Inquiry. The Town Clerk undertook to distribute the details to members.

Empty Pubs – The Town Clerk reminded members of the Special Board Meeting to be held on 22nd June, at which the Commission will meet the Brewery for part of the meeting. [The meeting will also include a presentation by the Ambulance Service.]

Bicycle Shelters – Mr. Cowell asked why only 2 planning applications had been submitted – Members were informed that work was required to be undertaken at the MER Station, the site for the third shelter before a planning application could be submitted.

Jubilee Grant Events – Mr. Cowell queried the allocation of grant received for Jubilee Events - Members were informed that the approved Jubilee Grant would be allocated across the whole costs and not specific events.

Ramsey South Promenade Changing – Mr. Beighton advised members of his understanding that the Manx Sailing and Cruising Club's willingness to meet the Commission to discuss this matter. Mr. Court asked if a design could yet be considered. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members it was not yet appropriate to consider design as further liaison with interested parties needs to be undertaken because of differing views.

Bus Services – the Town Clerk confirmed that he had written on this matter but would address the matter again with the new Minister and new Chief Executive.

(2022/23:046) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 8th June, 2022, subject to the following:-

Station Road Car Park Resurface: Mr. Singer drew attention to ponding occurring at the car park – Members were informed that the works agreed by the Commission and undertaken had been for resurfacing only and not re-levelling; plaining-out and levelling having been considered too expensive an option.

(2022/23:047) Chairman's Report – June 2022:

Resolved: To note the Chairman's Report, with additional content by the Deputy Chairman, dated 7th June, 2022.

Mr. Williams reiterated thanks recorded to everyone involved with TT events in Ramsey in any way.



Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:048) Town Clerk's Report – Bircham Avenue Close Area – Manx Telecom Wayleave:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 31st May, 2022, concerning the request made by Manx Telecom that a wayleave be granted to enable them to place telegraph poles as part of the fibre broadband roll out strategy at 5 points on land in the Commissioners' ownership.

Mr. McGuinness referred to the need for cable fittings to be attached to the render of properties in the Commission's ownership. The Housing and Property Manager advised that there are no plans to undertake works to the external render of properties in the area for the next five years at least.

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

In response to a query from Mr. Singer it was confirmed that Manx Telecom will maintain the poles.

(2022/23:049) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's general report dated 7th June, 2022.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:050) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 7th June, 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:	3992
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/00520/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Proposed erection of dwelling
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Land to the West of 17 Royal Park, Ramsey

Mr. Singer queried if the land was or had been in public use and was advised not – it had been left blank and not offered as public open space. In response to a request from Mr. Cowell the Technical Services Manager read Sections 2(b) and (c) of the General Policy of the Strategic Plan.



(2022/23:050) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed that the Commission object to the proposal which they consider to be over intensive.

REF NO: 3996
P.A. NO.: 22/00614/B
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement windows (Retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Harbour Bistro Shipdesign House, East Quay, Ramsey.**

Mr. Williams stated that he felt that Conservation Areas were too restricting in permitted works and therefore proposed that the Commission raise no objection to the retrospective application; Mr. Cowell seconded and the resolution was carried without division.

Mr. McGuinness expressed concern at an increasing number of retrospective planning applications but expressed he had no problems insofar as windows are concerned.

Mr. Young reminded members that the Board has a long-standing precedent for making no objection to window replacement applications.

Appendix:

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

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:051) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 7th June, 2022, advising that Manx Auto Sport are to run a stage of the Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally in Ramsey on the evening of 30th September, 2022, and in respect of which they are seeking the support of the Commission and assistance by way of the provision of barriers.

Mr. Beighton commended support of the event but queried the times, pedestrian crossings and business access. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the road closure for events of this type is arranged by the organisers; there is a requirement to suspend parking from 5 p.m. and the event will be run from 6.00 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. which includes a contingency to allow for delays.



(2022/23:051) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Chris Kelly Manx Stages Rally Continued:

Ms Craine queried if adequate insurance was in place to cover the Swing Bridge in particular and was advised that the Bridge is in the ownership of Government and it is the responsibility of the organisers to hold adequate insurance.

Mr. Singer queried if the Commission checked the insurance and was advised that it would need to be evidenced to the Department as part of the event organisation process.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to support the event.

(2022/23:052) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Royal British Legion Jubilee Street Party:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 7th June, 2022, advising of the request made by Ramsey Branch of the Royal British to hold a Jubilee Street Party on 14th August, 2022, at the Courthouse Grounds, between 12 noon and 4.00 p.m.

Mr. Beighton queried the extent of the proposed road closure on "Court Row and the areas of Parliament Street and Bourne Place around Ramsey Courthouse" and suggested a compromise to allow access to businesses and Market Hill.

Mr. Oldham informed members that the proposals did not include closure of Court Row. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the email correspondence from the RBL did include Court Row. Mr. Beighton asked if the parking bay outside "Feltons'" premises would be available to customers of that business. Mr. Oldham informed members that at similar events a ride was placed in that area.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed, that subject to clarification of the event be supported and a road closing order be applied for. Access in both directions from Court Row at its junction with Bourne Place/ Peel Street will be ensured.

(2022/23:053) Public Correspondence:

Resolved: To note those items of Public Correspondence at 7th June, 2022, brought to members' attention as hereunder and subject to any included comments:

- Civic Sunday – Douglas 3rd July 2022.
- Manx International Stage Race 2022
- Closure of Public Right of Way 632 (River Bank Road - to Whitebridge).
- Road Closure and Road Works Jurby Road
- Isle of Man Newspapers- The Business Club
- Implementation of 20mph Zone – in response to a query, members were reminded that road line markings are yet to be completed. Members asked that the zoning be publicised.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:054) Notice of Motion – Sprintfest:

The Chairman indicated, in terms of Standing Order 14, his concurrence to the matter being considered at this meeting.

Mr. Cowell presented the Notice of Motion dated 7th June, 2022, standing in his name concerning Sprintfest and in so doing confirmed that Sprintfest was a great event but wished the event to be reviews, such review to include an economic impact study; to see how it could be improved and taken forward, he felt that the road closures were “heavy handed”, expressed concern that the 2023 proposed TT Schedule could cause difficulties. Mr. Cowell also requested details of the cost to the town of running the event to be analysed and made known.

Mr. McGuinness asked if this was a 2-point proposal, and on being informed by Mr. Cowell that it was, agreed to second it subject to the Commission committing to running the event in 2023. Mr. Cowell felt it would be difficult to commit to the event prior to the review. Mr. Singer asked who would undertake the economic impact study. The Town Clerk advised that the Department of Infrastructure undertake a Business Impact Assessment and their template could be adapted although it would take time.

Mr. Singer proposed that the matter be deferred for one month. This was seconded by Ms Craine.

Mr. Cowell stated that he was only seeking a simple study. Mr. Court expressed that there were pros and cons to the event and purpose and its audiences; he queried to whom the impact study would be targeted and felt the need to commit.

Mr. McGuinness reminded members of the history of the event and how it had grown because of the “Ramsey Sprint”; he was in favour of the economic but felt any unnecessary delay would be detrimental.

Ms Craine queried whether members with business interests in the area should declare any interest as there was possibly a conflict of interest. The Town Clerk advised that so long as any members were not undertaking the study there was no conflict. The Chairman reminded members that it was down to individual members to declare interests.

Mr. Singer’s proposal about a deferral was put to the vote and failed on the casting vote of the Chairman. Messrs. Beighton, Greenwood, Kelly, Oldham, Singer, and Young voting for the deferral.

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(2022/23:054) Notice of Motion – Sprintfest Continued:

Mr. McGuinness proposed an amendment seconded by Mr. Court that the study progress but the Commission commit to the 4-day event at the Market Place.

Mr. Williams put a further amendment that the Commission commit to Sprintfest 2013 with no time frame. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Kelly, put to the vote and carried by 10 votes to 2 Ms. Craine and Mr. Parker voting against.

In response to a query from Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Williams confirmed that his amendment reflected undertaking the impact study and retaining the venue for Sprintfest.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:055) Sundry Matters – Raised by Members:

Social Media - Mr. Kelly referred to statements being published via social media networks and queried if any training could be given to members. Members were informed that a similar exercise had been undertaken some years ago and investigations would be given into suitable persons to do this and the costs involved.

Ramsey Bakery Premises – Mr. Singer asked if any plans were known for the Ramsey Bakery site and was informed that the Commission had not been made aware of any.

Manx Wildlife Trust – Ms Craine drew attention to concerns raised by the Manx Wildlife Trust about strimming undertaken in the vicinity of the swimming pool. Members were informed that the area to which Ms Craine was referring was under the control of the Department of Infrastructure who had undertaken the work.

Bay Raft Anchor – Mr. Court drew attention to the exposed raft anchor – which will be investigated.

“Bull Rock” Steps etc., - Mr. Court drew attention to the condition of the rail and steps at the “Bull Rock”. This matter is the responsibility of and will be drawn to the attention of the Department of Infrastructure.

TT Consultation – Mr. Parker referred to the TT 2023 Consultation which he felt members should respond to in view of possible impacts to the town by way of events, refuse collections. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the consultation was undertaken last year but indicated that the Business Development Manager of the T.T. was prepared to come and talk to the Commissioners. Resolved that following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the offer to meet be accepted.

Supercar Event - Mr. Cowell referred to the success of the “Super-Cars Event” and informed members of his understanding that the organisers wish to repeat the event in 2023 – Mr. Cowell suggested the Commission investigate making better use of the Town Hall for events around the TT fortnight.



(2022/23:056) Ramsey AFC Campsite Refuse Charges:

The Town Clerk informed members that Ramsey AFC had written in response to the decision to apply refuse charges and wished the content to be conveyed to the Board. The letter referred to the charitable status of the Club and emphasises the huge importance of the campsite over the last 26 years for the Club's income. The Club ask the Commission to reflect upon and review the decision to apply charges.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the matter to be considered.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 11 votes to 1, Mr. Kelly voting against, to reverse the decision to apply refuse collection charges for Ramsey AFC.

(2022/23:057) Sundry Matters – Brought to the attention of Members:

Town Boundary Extension – the Town Clerk informed members that he had received the first draft of the Order for the proposed boundary extension – which he will copy to members.

Works Required Public Rights of Way – the Town Clerk reported receipt of notification from the Department of Infrastructure concerning proposed works to 2 Rights of Way, namely:-

- PROW 632 which runs from Riverbank Road to the White Bridge and has been in need of repair for many years (I believe since the rains in 2015). It has been severely eroded by a broken drainpipe and is impassable to almost all. In the coming months a number of road works will be undertaken in the north of the Island, from which the materials extracted could be used to repair PROW 632.
- PROW 629 is shown on the Department's records as running from Ballure Promenade to the beach; however, a map produced at the Town Hall shows it running from Ballure Road to Ballure Promenade and then onto the beach. The confusion is exacerbated by the fact that the Department has at some point erected PROW signage on Ballure Road. A footway follows the property boundary of Dunluce off Ballure Road and partially down the section in question.

The Town Clerk indicated that it would be beneficial if the Department could be granted permission to proceed but that he would send the proposals to members for review. Mr. Williams, as a point of transparency, indicated that he had sent to the correspondence from the Department.

Department of Enterprise Business Grants – a further reminder was given that the Department of Enterprise officers would be in attendance at the Courthouse, on 16th June, between 2 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. and give advice / information about grants available to local businesses.

Meetings – reminders were given about the meeting about the Quayside on Monday, 20th June, and the Special Board Meeting on 23rd June, 2022, when the Commission will meet the Ambulance Service and the Brewery.

(2022/23:057) Sundry Matters – Brought to the attention of Members Continued:

Declarations of Interest – members were reminded to submit, even if it is a “nil-return” the pro-forma for Declarations of Interest.

(2022/23:058) Representative Report:-

Resolved: To note the tabled representative report submitted by Mr. McGuinness in respect of a recent meeting of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board. Members noted that the new Order is progressing but the views submitted had not been listened too during the consultation.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that the Commission’s views be conveyed to the new Minister, new Chief Executive and the Members of the House of Keys representing those parishes comprising the Board.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 8.15 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.

(2022/23:059) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes from the Board meeting held on 18th May, 2022, were recorded in private.

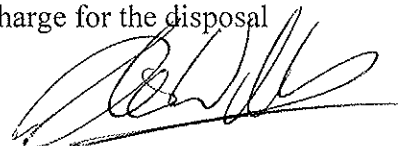
Matters for Information:

(2022/23:060) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 25th May, 2022, subject to the following:-

Household Refuse Collection Policy:-

- Mr. Parker referred to the disposal of medical waste and asked that the policy be suitably worded to include the correct disposal of these bags.
- Mr. Singer queried the frequency of refuse collection and asked had the Commission given consideration to fortnightly collections; he also queried the non-collection of refuse because bin-lids are not closed and was advised that the over-filling of bins made the bins too heavy to be lifted, refuse being collected the following week or taken by householders to a C.A. site.
- Mr. Singer also queried the fixed penalty fee for fly-tipping of £50 and asked if this was pro-rata to the size of item – he was informed that the penalty was fixed in statute and if not paid the prosecution fine £2,500 was also fixed in statute. Mr. McGuinness ask that investigation be made to determine whether the Commission could charge for the disposal of items fly-tipped.



(2022/23:060) Policy Committee Continued:

Cycle to Work Policy:-

- Mr. Singer queried the policy and asked whether this policy had any residential proximity constraints and was informed not as the policy is framed having regard to the Government's policy encouraging health and well-being.
- Ms Craine queried when the policy would next be reviewed and was advised that this information is included in all approved policies.

A Boards Policy:

Mr. Cowell asked if the Policy could be presented to the full board for further consideration. Members were reminded that Standing Orders would require to be suspended to allow the matter to be discussed. It was proposed by Mr. Cowell seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 9 votes to 3, to suspend standing orders, Ms Craine and Messrs. Greenwood and Parker voted against.

Mr. McGuinness summarised the Policy Committee's discussions on this matter which resulted in no changes being made to the Policy; regard was had to the Highway Act and requirements of those with sight-impairment or mobility needs. No further action was decided upon.

Ms Craine referred to the Commission's approved Menopause Policy and asked if reference to its adoption could be given some publicity.

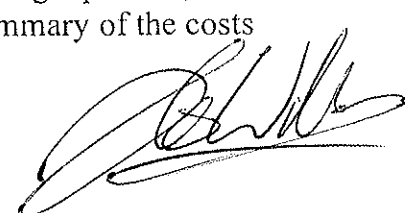
(2022/23:061) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker" :

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 8th June, 2022. Mr. McGuinness asked that the Target Completion dates could be updated. Ms Craine asked if any updates since a previous meeting could be reflected in a different coloured font as is the case in the Ruinous Property...Register.

(2022/23:062) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the "Register of Ruinous Property .." to 8th June, 2022, , subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- ***Bleak House*** – The Town Clerk verbally reported on a recent meeting with the prospective owner of the freehold and presented a final offer made, double that reported last month Mr. McGuinness queried the legal option sought and was advised that the debt is against the freeholder. Ms Craine queried why the debt was not against a Management Company and was advised that the freeholder was the only tangible source for recovery; the advocate being confident that the debt could be recoverable although it could be a long and protracted legal process, the cost of which was not known. The Town Clerk produced a summary of the costs incurred by the Commission with regard to this property.



(2022/23:062) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings Continued:

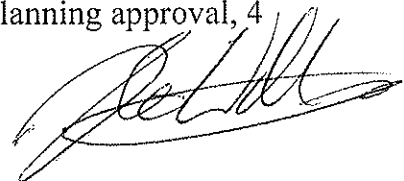
A proposal was made by Mr. Beighton and seconded by Mr. Singer that the Commission accept the offer. Members were advised that it is clear from documents First Registered in 2009 what land was in the Commission's ownership. A proposal by Ms Craine that the Commission go back and seek a greater settlement amount did not receive a seconder.

Mr. McGuinness suggested the Town Clerk be delegated power to negotiate a final settlement; this was seconded by Ms. Craine, who withdrew her previous proposal. A proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham that the Commission accept the offer failed by 8 votes to 4; Ms Craine and Mr. Young voting in favour with the proposer and seconder.

The original proposal put by Mr. Beighton and seconded by Mr. Singer was put and was carried by 9 votes to 3, Ms Craine and Messrs. McGuinness and Oldham voted against.

- ***The Holly Grove Mount*** – Mr. Singer queried progress and asked if the item should be removed from the list. The Chairman asked that further content be included on this register entry.
- ***5, College Street*** - Mr. Cowell referred to the ongoing problems with this property; members were informed that it is understood that the premises have been sold subject to satisfactory parking facilities being provided in the vicinity. He queried if the Commission had any liability with regard to the condition – members were advised that the owners and police are fully aware of the conditions.
- ***Victoria Mall*** - Victoria Mall – Mr. Beighton referred to some new businesses in the Victoria Mall and queried the rateable status of the units. Members were informed that it is understood a Demolition Order has been granted; that the Town Clerk is attempting to meet the owner and that rates are still chargeable.
- ***Seymour House, Ballure Road*** – the Technical Services Manager advised that rates have been reinstated and the matter is with advocates.
- ***The Jewel Box*** – Mr. Cowell queried progress and members were informed that there were understood to be internal issues; a planning application had been submitted about which the Technical Services Manager will ask for an update.
- ***67 Parliament Street*** – the Technical Services Manager sought the Board's permission to serve Notice on the owner of these premises as the work promised to be undertaken had not been carried out. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that Notice be Served. Mr. McGuinness referred to the change of entrance and queried if the necessary planning permission had been obtained – it was noted that this would need to be checked.

Ms Craine queried the status of the planning application for the site of "Auldyn House" and was informed that the developer has, in terms of the planning approval, 4 years to commence works.



Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:063) Town Clerk's Report – Interested Business:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 1st June, 2022, advising of an approach by a business interested in setting up in Ramsey and asking about using part of the Albert Road School Site.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that whilst the Commission welcome this incentive they feel they cannot consider part of the Albert Road site suitable for the proposals but would be pleased to welcome the business and offer any assistance in identifying an alternative site.

(2022/23:064) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 7th June, 2022. Several questions with regard to allocation of expenditure / budget figures were explained to members' satisfaction.

(2022/23:065) Technical Services Manager's Report – Purchase of Land on Railway Line:

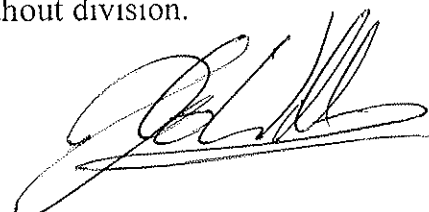
Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 6th June, 2022, advising of a new formal request from a resident whose property abuts the former railway line to purchase some land.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the request and afford the opportunity to all property owners to purchase land. Members were reminded that the sale would be subject to Government approval, at a price per square metre recommended by the Government Valuer and the purchaser meeting all legal costs. The Deputy Town Clerk declared an interest due to residential proximity.

Members then referred to those property owners who had encroached the railway line and it was proposed by Mr. Singer seconded by Ms Craine that the offenders be given 6 months to reinstate the land. Mr. Parker queried how many properties had encroached and Ms Craine queried that the Commission had already decided the matter. Mr. McGuinness confirmed that the Commission had discussed the encroachment and the matter now presented was a new offer to purchase.

The proposal by Mr. Singer to apply a time factor for those encroaching the line was carried by 10 votes to 2, Messrs. Cowell and Young voting against.

Mr. McGuinness's original proposal was then put and carried without division.



(2022/23:066) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's detailed report dated 7th June, 2022, concerning appeals submitted in respect of fixed penalty notices issued by the Town Warden.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed that the appeals be rejected and the penalty notices be upheld.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:067) Town Clerk's Report – Kerbside Recycling:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 24th May, 2022, concerning a kerbside recycling subscription service in the Isle of Man. Members noted various options proposed whereby a local authority could contribute towards the service.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Singer that the Commission make no contribution as the service provider is a private business. Ms Craine proposed that the Commission pay 50% of the costs because of the importance of recycling did not receive a seconder.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to its conclusion.

A further proposal was put by Mr. Williams that the Commission inform the service provider that the Commission cannot support a single business and invite tenders for kerbside collections. Mr. McGuinness retracted his proposal and seconded that of Mr. Williams which was carried by 8 votes to 4 – Ms Craine and Messrs. Greenwood, Parker and Singer voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:068) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Albert Street Flats:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, confirming that the tenants of flats at Albert Street have been made aware of the Commission's intentions to sell these flats, subject to the necessary approvals; and detailing the assistance to be given to tenants who will all be offered suitable alternative property. Discussion ensued with regard to the financial assistance to be given to each tenant and a proposal was made by Mr. Parker, but subsequently withdrawn that the amount be increased.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed without division that the flats be offered for sale and the sum suggested within the recommendation be given to each tenant to assist their transfer of tenancy.

(2022/23:069) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, updating members on the progress of the Cronk Elfin refurbishment project.

The Housing and Property Manager advised members that the bathroom arrangements being implemented were at the request of tenants.

(2022/23:070) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Former Albert Road School Plot of Land:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 1st June, 2022, advising of progress with regard to the acquisition and redevelopment of the site of the former Albert Road School.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the necessary Petition for borrowing powers to purchase the site be submitted.

A further proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Cowell that enquiry be made from the Department of Infrastructure for the acquisition of the remaining car parking area of the site for nominal consideration, was carried.

(2022/23:071) Private Correspondence:

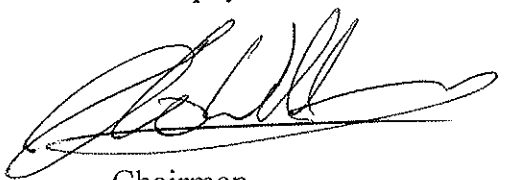
Resolved: To note the item of Private Correspondence at 8th June, 2022, brought to members' attention concerning a meeting with the Shoprite Group and about which further report will be presented in due course.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:072) Resurfacing Shoprite Car Park:

Mr. Singer referred to the surface of the car park at Station Road which is pitted and has been gouged out in places. Mr. Singer requested that the contractor requested the matter be investigated and the contractor be requested to make good.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.



Chairman.