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15th September, 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, **21st September, 2022**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. **Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II**
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- Matters Raised by the Public
 - ❖ Town Warden Services
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ None received



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

**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 10th August, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs' G. S. Court, A. Beighton,, R. D. Cowell, A. J. Oldham, , L. I. Singer, W. G. Young.

Apologies: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Ms Craine Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, Messrs' J. McGuinness, S. R. Kelly, L. Parker.

Mr. Court chaired the meeting.

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

(2022/23:108) Sulby Riverside Development

Mr. N. Church attended the meeting in person and the following members attended via Zoom – Messrs. R. Coutts, R. Pattison, J. Church and G. Megarity.

The team then gave a presentation on the design:-

- 7.92 Hectares are included in the planning application.
- 36% will be residential
- 7% will be employment
- 6% will be play space (3 different types for different ages)
- 51% will be open to the public and be green space.
- Phase 1 is the dedicated spine road and 78 houses.
- There will be a further 127 houses, flats and a pub in later phases.
- The “elephant in the room” is flooding.
- The development has been designed not to flood in a 1:200 year tidal event or a 1:100 year river flooding event and this has been modelled using the flood risk levels for 2120.
- The spine road will be 6.9m high and 1.5m above the current ground level.
- Swales will be used to impound water and there will be sustainable urban drainage.

They will work around the majority of mature trees but they will need to remove some trees, they will replace them with semi mature trees and in the near future the canopy should be back to its current size.

(2022/23:108) Sulby Riverside Development Continued:

There will be green parking bays “grasscrete” and this will meet the parking standard plus break hard standing areas and improve the look of the estate.

There will be a variety and mix of properties and building types. The estate will be sustainable, there will be electric charging points, passive style houses, ground source heat pumps and solar energy.

The following questions were sent to the developer prior to the meeting:

- 1) Will the parking standards be met?
A: Yes the appropriate Isle of Man parking standards will be met.
- 2) Can refuse vehicle negotiate the estate and turn round?
A: A swept path analysis will be undertaken and the results presented to show a refuse wagon negotiating the estate.
- 3) Will there be pavements throughout the estate?
A: No there will not be pavements throughout the estate. This was later clarified to say that there will be pavements on at least one side of the road.
- 4) Will there be Bin Stores and bike stores?
A: there will be bin stores and bike stores for the flats.
- 5) What street lighting is being proposed?
A: The street lighting will be sufficient for public safety but will be minimised to reduce the ecological impact.
- 6) How will flooding be addressed?
A: This site has been modelled; the modelling was by JBA who undertook the flood risk modelling for the Government. There will be no impact on these houses or on any other development in Ramsey due to the construction of this estate.
As above the flood.
- 7) What is the phasing?
A: The phasing plan showed the spine road and phase 1 starting in 2023 but the entire development would not be complete until 2033.
- 8) Ecology?
A: In the construction phase there will be a negative impact on ecology however they will be addressing ecology in there scheme and only 49% off the site will be built upon meaning that tin the future there should be a net ecological gain.

Questions and comments originating in the meeting:-

Mr. Beighton commended the team and the gold standard of this development proposal for Ramsey.

Mr. Singer - The spine road will be built first but will there be pedestrian access?

A: Pedestrian access will be possible when the first houses are lived in, up until that point it will be a building site.

(2022/23:108) Sulby Riverside Development Continued:

Q: Will the flood attenuation be constructed in the early phases?

A: Yes the flood attenuation will be built early on.

Q: The time scale shows construction up until 2033 delivering 200+ houses in 10 years.

A: The plan is to get on with building phase 1 as soon as possible. Mr. N. Church did comment that if this scheme did not get approval he would be looking to put industrial units on the site.

Mr. Young requested a 1:1 meeting with Mr. D. Ramsbottom “here on site”.
This was agreed.

Mr. Cowell asked for a planning condition for the road to be built first to ensure that it happens.

Mr. Church said the proposal is to build the road first and that he would expect nothing less in terms of a planning condition.

Mr. Singer asked about affordable housing.

Mr. Church said the planning gain for the first phase is the spine road. That the other phases would be reviewed to see if this is economically viable.

[Post meeting note: The Strategic plan does actually set standards for affordable housing.]

Q: Will the garages be big enough to fit a decent car?

A: Yes the garages will be big enough for a decent car.

Q: Will the pub get built?

A: Yes the Churches own and operate pubs.

Mr. Beighton asked what will you as developers bring to Ramsey?

Q: Flood protection for this site, they are committed to the community, there houses are to be a high standard and they will make it a special place to live.

The representatives of Sulby Riverside Development left were thanked for their attendance , in person and remotely, and left the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

It was proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Beighton that no objection to the application be made. The vote was 4 votes to 2, Messrs. Court and Young voted against.

The meeting then was closed in public and continued in private.

Chairman

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, 17th August, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Mr. G. S. Court, Messrs' A. R. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss L. L. Craine, and Mr. S. R. Kelly.

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

(2022/23:110) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20th July, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 085 – Mr. McGuinness queried the voting. [The notes taken at the meeting were subsequently checked and it is confirmed that the decision was carried without division noting that Miss Craine's vote could not be determined at the time of voting.]

(2022/23:111) Matters Arising:

The following matters were raised by members:-

Manx Telecom Services – raised by Mr. Singer who asked if the tender process had been commenced – members were informed, by the Finance Officer, that it was not felt appropriate to seek tenders until fibre cabling is in place – the matter is held in abeyance until that time.

Bus Vannin Service to Peel – Mr. McGuinness asked if there was an update on this matter. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that we had requested publicity material so that it could be shared, but none had been provided so far. Members asked that leaflets be requested despite the short time remaining of the current timetable.

Waste Recycling – Mr. McGuinness asked that this matter be included in the "Action Tracker".

Ramsey Bay Swim – Mr. McGuinness informed members that, as Chair of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board, they had no knowledge of the trophies for the event held many years ago and suggested that enquiry be made from the Ramseian Swimming Club.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:112) Action Tracker August, 2022:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 11th August, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Bicycle Shelters – the Town Clerk referred to the planning approval granted for two bicycle shelters in Ramsey and sought the permission of the Board to install the bases to facilitate the 2 shelters available to the Commission. He informed members that he had approached the Department of Infrastructure and “Climate Change Team” to determine if any funding could be provided towards the costs and had been informed not from either.

Mr. McGuinness reminded members that the Commission had considered the provision of bicycle shelters many times and had never been able to justify the costs, the siting of proposed shelters had been instigated by the Department of Infrastructure advised members that planning approval has been granted for the bicycle shelters. He felt it inappropriate to use rate funding on a central Government scheme for which Government had no budget and for which the Commission did not budget. He also commented that the Commission would be giving-up car parking spaces as well. Mr. McGuinness stated he would welcome the shelters if they were free but could not justify £3,500 of ratepayers’ money being spent.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that the matter be left on the “Action Tracker”, and also be referred to the Department of Infrastructure to progress as there is no funding available from the Commission. Mr. Singer seconded the proposal.

Mr. Parker commented on the need for shelters, stating that e-bikes are expensive and need covering in bad weather and somewhere they can be properly secured. Mr. Cowell agreed with Mr. Parker and felt that funding could be used from savings from “Sprintfest”. Mr Beighton queried how many shelters had Government paid for in other towns? The Town Clerk advised that he did not think any but could check that if required.

The proposal was put to the vote and failed by 5 votes to 4 – Mr. Oldham and Mr. Young voting with the proposer and seconder.

Mooragh Promenade Shelters – Mr. Parker referred to the promenade shelters and recorded his thanks to Mr. McGuinness, Mr. Bevan and congratulated all the artists. Mr. Parker asked if all the artists could be invited to meet at the same time as a photographic opportunity and public relations exercise. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the School’s shelter was not yet completed and that he would speak with all the artists about any weatherproofing required.

(2022/23:112) Action Tracker August, 2022 Continued:

Ramsey Rocks – Mr. Beighton took the opportunity to refer to the Ramey Rocks and queried whether the event was progressing and also queried the advertising therefor.

Mr. Court confirmed the event was to take place and advised that new posters were being distributed via the Chamber of Commerce, social media and “What’s On” guides had details of the event which would receive all-Island coverage. He explained that delays had occurred because confirmation had been awaited from participating acts.

(2022/23:113) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 11th August, 2022.

Refuse Collection Vehicle and Fleet Vehicle Overhaul - The Town Clerk informed members that the Department of Infrastructure has received Treasury approval for the Commissioners’ petitions. Formal confirmation of the approvals from the Department has not yet been received.

(2022/23:114) Chairman’s Report – August, 2022:

Resolved: To note the Chairman’s Report , Chairman, dated 10th August, 2022.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:115) Town Clerk’s Report - Chairman’s Report – Pro-active Publication Releases Consultation:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 4th August, 2022, suggesting responses to the consultation being undertaken by the Cabinet Office on Pro-active Publication Releases.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed to accept the Town Clerk’s submission. Mr. McGuinness stated that the Commission provided more than the information suggested within the consultation.

(2022/23:116) Town Clerk's Report – Ramsey Rowing Club – Old River Road Yard:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 3rd August, 2022, advising of the request made by Ramsey Rowing Club, as part of their lease renewal negotiations to create murals on the containers used by the Club.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed the Club be informed of the Commission's support but they wish to defer consideration of this matter until further consideration can be given to the request and the extension of the lease in conjunction with their own proposals, if any, for the future of the Old River Road site.

(2022/23:117) Town Clerk's Report – Youth Justice Inquiry:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 8th August, 2022, advising of receipt of an invitation to make submission on an Inquiry being made by a Select Committee of Tynwald into Youth Justice.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed, although recognising the importance of the matter it had no direct link to the Commission and therefore no response be made.

(2022/23:118) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10th August, 2022.

Mr. McGuinness took the opportunity to raise awareness that the budget process would be commencing in the next few months and asked members to start thinking about schemes and proposals they might wish to include in discussions.

(2022/23:118) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Consultation on Regulations made under the Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainments Act, 2021:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th August, 2022, advising of the above titled consultation being progressed by the Department of Home Affairs. Members had been provided with a copy of the consultation and guidance notes.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Cowell that comment be made that events organised for public entertainment, etc., where there is no financial gain to the organisers, be included within the "exempt" category. The proposal was carried.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West:

Members considered the Town Clerk's Addendum Report dated 12th July, 2022, concerning for the North and West Area Plan and suggesting responses to various sections of the report. The Town Clerk also drew attention to two plans which indicated which previously zoned areas are removed from the new proposals including areas at the Vollan, Andreas Road and Gardeners Lane.

Members agreed to consider the report by Chapter Heading and agreed the following be added to the responses suggested:

Chapter 1 – An “Area” Approach to Plan Making:

Proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that the area plan does not meet and is anti the Economic Development Strategy.

Mr. Singer thanked the Town Clerk for the fullness of his original and addendum reports. He agreed that they are taking away from Ramey and commented that members of the planning department who attended the Town Hall did not know where he was talking about, and in general the planners often referred to old maps with wrong information. He informed members of his understand that there was to be a move to completely review the planning department later in the year. Mr. Singer also felt that the time factors of the Plans were unrealistic and a lot of what has been said should be rejected.

Chapter 2 – the Role of the Area Plan for the North and West

Mr. McGuinness referred to the “Call for Sites” which had taken place before this consultation and asked that feedback be requested on why sites had been rejected. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.

Chapter 3 – Climate Change and Sustainability:

Proposed by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that reference be made to difficulties to redevelop, having regard to climate change goals, within Conservation Areas and existing legislation would need to be changed

Chapter 4 – National Strategies relevant to the North and West:

Mr. Beighton commented that the “Spine Road” in the Sulby River development would alleviate any possible future traffic congestion. Mr. Singer commented that people believe that traffic flow direction through Parliament Street should never have been reversed and asked should we support it being reviewed or follow the matter up at this stage.

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West Cont:

A proposal was made by Mr. Singer that the Area Plan include looking into reversing the direction of traffic through Parliament Street and make the necessary changes and arrangements at junctions. Mr. Cowell commented that he understood Parliament Square junction is already under review. The Town Clerk commented that he had not seen any timeline for such review. Mr. Parker suggested that traffic flow and junctions throughout the town might be incorporated into a scheme. The Town Clerk undertook to check this. McGuinness suggested that the Commission have a separate meeting to discuss the matter and be mindful of a previous response on this matter.

Mr. Williams seconded Mr. Singer's proposal.

The Chairman referred to Mr. Beighton's comments concerning the Sulby River Spine Road and asked if he wished to make a formal proposition to include his comments; Mr. Beighton proposed that should the Sulby River development not progress the spine road would be lost and that would be detrimental to the Town. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell but failed 5 votes to 4 Mr. Oldham and Mr. Williams voting with the proposer and seconder.

Mr. Singer's proposal that reversal of the direction of traffic in Parliament Street and a general review of junctions be included was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton, McGuinness, Oldham and Parker voting against.

Mr Oldham commented that he felt a traffic flow review should be a separate matter.

Chapter 5 A Spatial Vision for the North and West

No further comments were made.

Chapter 6 – Landscape and Appearance:

No further comments were made.

Chapter 7 – Natural Environment:

Mr. Singer referred to reference, within the area plan to Marina Development and asked if the Commission should specify, in terms of the Commission's policy, any marina should not include the South Beach? The proposal failed by 5 votes to 4 with Mr. Court and Mr. Parker voting with the proposer and seconder.

Chapter 8 – Built Environment:

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission reenforce their comments about difficulties in conservation areas and these areas should not hold back development. The proposal was carried by Mr. Williams and carried.

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West Cont:

Mr. Williams referred to development of brown-field sites which have tended to have proposals for car parks which have been rejected. Mr. McGuinness stated that the town has proposals for sites that are not being progressed and suggested the proposal be reframed. Mr. Cowell commented that development of brown-field sites had been blocked and planning reform was needed.

Mr. Williams amended his proposal to read that brown-field sites are not being developed and the wider planning legislation needs to be looked at. Mr. Cowell seconded this.

Mr. McGuinness referred to Mr. Williams comments and suggested that he needed to be more specific in his proposal as he believed Mr. Williams was inferring that planning requirements created applications that in order to be approved were not practical for commercial development nor did they meet the needs of the town, reference was made to the requirements for parking provision being waived due to proximity of public parking and relying upon active travel which does not reflect the reality of the situation and creates pressure to town centre parking.

Mr. Williams commented that his proposal was deliberately broad to allow the planning committee to determine what was stopping development and make changes accordingly.

Mr. McGuinness suggested that the proposal should reflect that having regard to the area plan the strategic view needs to be revisited with support for brown-field sites. Mr. Williams chose not to amend his proposal but accepted Mr. McGuinness's comments within this paragraph as an amendment which was seconded by Mr. Beighton. This amendment was carried without division.

Chapter 9 – Our Town and Village Centres:

Mr. Parker referred to "reasonable costs" stating this would be difficult in older properties and the use of the phrase needed highlighting; costs need to be realistic. Mr. Singer referred to park and ride to bring people into Ramsey and queried where a suitable car park for people from the surrounding area could be located? He felt there would not be enough people to make use of a regular park and ride service and Park and Ride in the Ramsey area would be an abject failure and something at a cost we cannot afford.

Mr. Oldham suggested that park and ride would work if the Bus Station were relocated adjacent to Balladoole C.A. Site, with provision for 100 cars and the town's car parks made one or two hour(s) only. This would also leave the Bus Station site available for redevelopment.

Mr. Oldham's comments formed a proposition which was seconded by Mr. Cowell. The proposal failed by 6 votes to 3, Mr. Williams voting with the proposer and seconder.

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West Cont:

Chapter 10 Transport and Utilities:

Mr. Williams proposed the removal of Clause 10.11.4 “No sites should be used specifically for solar panels”. This was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. McGuinness and Singer voting against.

Chapter 11 – Employment:

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission emphasis that this need to be in line with the Strategic Plan to increase the population of the Island. This was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried without division.

Chapter 12 – Tourism:

Members felt that comment should be included. Ramsey would welcome more support and promotion of Tourism in Ramsey needs to be forthcoming from the Department. It was felt that the Island is “resting on its laurels” with regard to tourism and needs to create reasons for people to come to the Island for which commercial and industrial space could be created. It was felt that coach drivers no longer encourage visitors to the town.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that realistically there should be sites earmarked for commercial and industrial development that could lead into tourism in the town. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried without division.

Chapter 13 – Open Space, Recreation, Education Health and Community Facilities:

Mr. Singer referred to Plan Objective 7 “Safe Routes to School..” He wondered how they are supported and referred to a scheme introduced in Ramsey about 20 years ago, when he was a Member of the Department of Infrastructure which had safe routes trialled in Ramsey. The scheme was ignored and the Commission of the day did nothing to promote it. He felt the matter was important and not inexpensive to do and could be something the Commission could do without the need for it to go into an area plan.

It was agreed Mr. Singer speak with the Technical Services Manager and the matter be included within the Commission's 2023/24 Budget proposals.

The Town Clerk referred to the matter and qualified the comment in that it was really a case of the Commission needed to know how they could work with Cabinet Office and others to ensure safe routes to schools and to play facilities.

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West Cont:

Chapter 14 – Residential (Housing):

Mr. Williams referred to this clause in conjunction with Map 14A North Constraints Environmental – and suggested it was counterproductive to remove the area for residential zoning after a planning application for its development had been submitted.

With regard to Site RR 009 south of the former Railway Line, Mr. Cowell suggested that the plan was being drafted with Dandara in mind. The Commission had opposed the application and the site was still included Mr. Cowell felt this worthy of noting. Mr. Cowell submitted his comments as a formal proposal. Mr. McGuinness queried if Mr. Cowell wished to name the company and was advised yes. Mr. Singer informed members that the Planners have officers who deal just with the big developers.

Mr. Beighton queried under what authority had officers removed previously agreed sites from their current plan such actions do not work in conjunction with the Government's economic objectives. In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Beighton confirmed that he would like this added to the consultation. Mr. McGuinness advised that he had raised this point earlier and reminded members that the Consultation was Cabinet Office and not planning. Mr. Williams asked if Mr Beighton's comments were an amendment to his proposal and was advised that it was.

Mr. Williams queried if there was a seconder for his proposal, Mr. McGuinness commented that he had seconded it.

A seconder was sought to Mr. Cowell's proposal seeking agreement that the wording be changed to reflect a large developer, this was seconded by Mr. Singer.

Mr. Beighton's amendment to Mr. Williams' proposal was seconded by Mr. Oldham and was put to the vote and was carried without division.

Mr. Cowell's proposal was put to the vote and failed by 5 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton and Oldham voting with the proposer and seconder.

General comments were invited:

Mr. Parker commented that the plan was short sighted and small minded.

Mr. Beighton felt that it would be dangerous to accept the plan as he felt it paved the way for the plan to be rolled over into the All-Island Plan.

Mr. Oldham queried whether there would be an ulterior plan in five years' time to expand building lines further out into greenfield sites.

(2022/23:119) Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West Cont:

Mr. Singer referred to the site of the Post Office Sorting Office and abutting industrial estate and changes to the zoning from of the Sorting Office site from industrial to housing and now back to industrial yet adjacent the greenfield had been zoned for industrial is now zoned for mixed development the sites being separated only by a fence. He felt there is no need to change the zoning from Housing for the Sorting Office as detailed in the 2004 framework. Mr. Singer moved that the Post Office site remain as being zoned for housing.

Mr. Cowell asked is it worth the Commission commenting that we are pro-development and need population growth in the town.

Mr. Young seconded Mr. Singer's proposal which was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 2, Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Oldham voting against.

Mr. Cowell's proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton, put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 3 Messrs. Court, McGuinness and Young voting against.

(2022/23:120) Town Clerk's Report – Proposed Zebra Crossing market Place:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 3rd August, 2022, advising of the proposal of the Department of Infrastructure to site a Zebra Crossing at Market Place, Ramsey.

Mr. Cowell advised members, following a query from members, that he had requested the proposal due to the proximity of his business. The Town Clerk advised that he did not know when the Department would undertake the works.

(2022/23:121) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 10th August, 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:	3922	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01005/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Demolition of 22 Parliament Street and 6 West Quay	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	22, Parliament Street and 6 West Quay, Ramsey	

**(2022/23:121) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications
Cont:**

REF NO:	3923	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01006/CON</u>	
PROPOSED:	Registered Building consent for demolition elements to PA 21/01005/B	
NOTES:	Registered Building	
SITE:	22, Parliament Street and 6, West Quay, Ramsey	

A proposal by Mr McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams to request that a condition be applied to any approval for the plans 3922 and 3923 that demolition works be not undertaken during the "Festive Period" was carried without division.

REF NO:	3953	<u>AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>21/01569/B</u>	
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.	

Mr. Young queried if any objections had been received. Members were informed that no objections that that we were aware of had been made and that the amendments reflected improved internal layout. Members agreed that no objection be made to the application.

REF NO:	4008
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/00828/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Construct three storey building with retail use (Class 1.1) at ground floor and residential use (Class 3.3) and first and second floors, with rooftop terrace
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Market Hill Plot, College Street, Ramsey.

Mr. Beighton commented on the proposals which he felt should be supported. Mr. Cowell commented that whilst there could be a problem with refuse collection welcomed the use of brown field development.

Mr. McGuinness queried the Appendix and was advised that the Appendix had been corrected from that originally distributed and the corrected version was included within the formal agenda papers. No further comments were made on the Appendix.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:122) Town Clerk's Report – Life Rings:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 8th August 2022, concerning the provision of life rings along the promenades in Ramsey. Mr. Court thanked the Town Clerk on his prompt action in purchasing three for siting on the Queen's Promenade and commented that the Commission must be pro-active in this matter.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that the Town Clerk discuss the provision of life rings or similar lifesaving equipment further with the Coastguards and progress the purchase.

Mr. Parker asked about the Queen's Pier and was informed that this was looked after by the Harbours Division of the Department of Infrastructure. Mr. Beighton asked if there were life-rings on the Harbour Side and was informed there were.

Mr. Court took the opportunity to refer to comments made at a previous meeting about the concrete and railings at the "Bull Rock" The Town Clerk confirmed that there is a life ring at the "Bull Rock" albeit that it is in poor condition and he will communicate with the Department again to seek a commitment about the works and to see they will replace the life ring

(2022/23:123) Town Clerk's Report – Riding in Mooragh Park:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 8th August, 2022, advising of the request made by Age Concern to use a "Trishaw" in the Mooragh Park to enable rides to be given along the Mooragh Promenade and through the Park

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court seconded by Mr. McGuinness and carried without division permission be granted for a period of one year subject to Age Concern obtaining and carrying the necessary permits.

Mr. Singer queried insurance and was informed that this would be the responsibility of Age Concern. Mr. Cowell queried bicycles being allowed into the park and was advised that this was not permitted, but the "Trishaw" was considered a passenger carrying vehicle.

(2022/23:124) Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest Review:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 10th August, 2022, with appendix, presenting a review of the Commission's Sprintfest Event and outlining the timetable for organising the 2023 event including suggestions to resolve problems that arose during the 2022 event.

(2022/23:124) Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest Review continued:

Mr. Court took the opportunity to thank Mr. McGuinness and the Deputy Town Clerk for their work organising the event. Mr. Beighton commented that it was a useful report and asked if there would be any reach out to the Commission. He referred to deckchairs at the Courthouse not having been put away correctly but was advised that these had not been used for the Sprintfest event.

Mr. Singer suggested that St. Paul's Square be used for parking. Mr. Court advised that he could see no reason why discussions could not be held with the owners – Mr. Cowell offered his services in this regard.

Mr. Beighton referred to outside caterers and reported that he had heard that business had felt they had been "turned away". The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he was not aware of any businesses being turned away; they try not to have "clashes with existing businesses" and that neighbouring traders have benefitted from the event. Mr. Court appealed to any catering businesses interested in trading at this or other events organised by the Commission to make themselves known.

(2022/23:125) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – BMX Track:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 10th August, 2022, advising of the request made by the BMX Isle of Man to build a "Pumptrack" adjacent to the BMX Track on the Mooragh Estate.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed permission be granted and the Commission submit any planning application required.

In response to a query from Mr. Williams it was confirmed that Ramsey BMX Club do not pay rent as part of their land lease agreement.

Mr. Parker referred to the considerable funds raised by the Club and that the Town was fortunate to have the only National Standard BMX track on the Island and encouraged members to be supportive of the Club.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:126) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2022/23:

Resolved; To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 10th August, 2022, to which was appended the Housing Performance and Statistics 2022/23 to 30th June, 2022, subject to the following:-

Mr. Parker, as Lead Member for Housing, drew attention to the increasing numbers on the housing waiting lists; the need to push Government to provide more public sector housing; to emphasise that the Commission will continue to accept cash rental payments. Mr. Parker also commented that property inspections were impossible during Covid restrictions and the staff is "catching up" on these.

(2022/23:127) Public Correspondence:

Resolved: To note those items of Public Correspondence at 11th August, 2022, brought to members' attention as hereunder and subject to any included comments:

- **Ramsey Tram Station** – the word "not" was inserted before the words "planning approval". It was proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Young and carried without division that the Department be asked if there is any chance of the Tram Station being reinstated and used to its fullest extent and turned back into something the Town can be proud of?

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:128) Sundry Matters Raised by Members:

128a) Civic Amenity Site – Mr. Cowell, as the Commissioners' representative on the CA Site Committee reported that at a recent meeting the Committee had agreed to review the future operation for which expressions of interest will be sought from third parties to tender for the operation of the site or whether they continue with the same arrangements. The Commission would be kept updated.

128b) Road Works Jurby Road – Mr. Beighton took the opportunity to thank the Department of Infrastructure for their work in resurfacing Jurby Road and the Town Clerk for liaising with the Department with regard to accessibility issues; he asked if accessibility could be investigated at the kerb outside the old vicarage opposite St. Olave's Church.

128c) Ice Cream Mooragh Park – Mr. Beighton referred to the lack of ice cream available in the Mooragh Park – the Gelatory is rarely open and that "Conrods" often did not have sufficient stock. The Commission need to be pro-active and encourage regular attendance by an ice cream van.

128d) Radio Caroline Event – Mr. Beighton queried if the Commission needed to do anything further for the event. The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that Mr. Quentin Gill and Mr. Andy Wint have advertising in hand and the Commission is providing logistic support for 3rd September and that a larger event is being planned for 2024.

128e) Seagull Nuisance – Mr. Cowell queried if anything could be done to protect children using the water feature in the Mooragh Park from predatory seagulls. Members were informed that gulls are a protected species and that the Technical Services Manager is seeking guidance from DEFA. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that we are liaising with the café tenants to ensure prompt clearing of tables and encouraging use of litter bins. Mr. Beighton stated that gulls were a real issue and asked that we investigate and how to discourage nesting sites?

128f) Traffic Congestion Neptune Street – Mr. Young drew attention to difficulties in ambulances accessing Neptune Street because of traffic congestion and asked if the Department could be asked to lay yellow lines in the first bay? A letter to be sent to the Department of Infrastructure.

128g) Beach Raft – Mr. Young asked if the raft situate on the South beach could be left in place for a month longer than it was last year.

128h) South Beach – Mr. Young informed members that, in his opinion, the South Beach again required scraping in early Spring 2024 and asked that permission be sought from the Department for these works. A letter to be sent to the Department of Infrastructure.

128i) Ramsey in Bloom – Mr. Court referred to the recent presentation of the Ramsey in Bloom Competition awards and took the opportunity to thank Miss Kelly and all who participated in the competition.

128j) Poyll Dooley – Mr. Court took the opportunity to thank staff for their work in improving the area at Poyll Dooley.

128k) Swimming Groups – Mr. Court referred to a useful meeting with the Deputy Town Clerk and the Northern Sea Swimming Groups.

(2022/23:129) Representative Report – Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board:

Resolved: To note the Representative Report dated 26th July, 2022, submitted by Mr. McGuinness in respect of a meeting of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board held on 25th July, 2022.

The Chairman thanked those watching via the streaming service and closed the public session at 9.05 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.

(2022/23:130) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on 3rd August, 2022, be approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 2022/23:106 Car Park - Mr. Beighton asked that members be supplied with a copy of the specification referred to.

Clause 2022/23:107 – Public Toilets – Mr. Singer referred to the lack of discussion on the provision of public toilets as the meeting became inquorate. The Chairman indicated he was prepared to permit this after the formal adoption of the Minutes.

(2022/23:131) Public Toilets:

Mr. Williams reminded members that discussion was based around two factors proposed location of public toilets and budget provision.

Mr. Singer stated that he felt modern public toilets are needed and proposed a 3-part motion;

1. That the Commission support the provision of public toilets on the site discussed and if approved;
2. The Commission support putting funding in place for the 2023/24 financial year.
3. The Commission seek early planning consent and full costings be provided to allow the works to commence as soon as possible.

Mr. Cowell seconded Mr. Singer's proposal.

Mr. Parker queried if the Commission had any statutory obligation to provide public conveniences? The Town Clerk undertook to investigate this. Mr. Oldham asked about the provision of "mobile toilets" and was advised that was a separate issue.

Mr. Beighton asked if there was any scope in providing toilets on the existing site. Mr. Parker stated that it had been confirmed that the Shoprite no longer needed the association of the toilets for use by their staff, as was the case when they were built. Mr. Beighton suggested that discussions be progressed to see if there was any scope concerning the site.

Mr. McGuinness indicated he was not anti the provision of public toilets but was concerned about going over budget in the current financial year because of so many unknowns. He wished to consider the multi options presented by the Housing and Property Manager in his original report.

Mr. Singer that he was happy to amend his proposal to include Mr. Beighton's comments about discussions and emphasised that provision of public conveniences is essential.

(2022/23:131) Public Toilets continued:

Mr. Singer's amended proposal was seconded by Mr. Parker and put to the vote "That the Commission support the provision of new public conveniences in the area and discuss the matter further with Shoprite. It was carried by 5 votes to 4 – Messrs. Court, McGuinness, Oldham and Williams voting against. It was agreed that the Town Clerk be authorised to progress negotiations.

Mr. Singer withdrew the second and third parts of his original motion.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:132) Project Meetings Ramsey Quayside

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meetings of the Project Meeting for Ramsey Quayside held on 20th June, 2022, and 1st August, 2022.

(2022/23:133) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker" :

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 11th August, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey Courthouse – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that Ramsey Community Hub wished to again meet with the Commissioners.

(2022/23:134) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the "Register of Ruinous Property .." to 11th August, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Bleak House – Members were informed that a "Release Paper" had been returned to our Advocates. Members were informed that it had been confirmed that there is no question about the Commission's ownership of the "garden area" – the Town Clerk was instructed to advise the new owner accordingly. Mr. Parker referred to the fencing in place and was informed that all fencing belonging to the Commissioners had been returned.

The Holly Grove Mount – Members were reminded that the Attorney General's department is understood to be acting on behalf of the owner and that Department should be pushed to take action.

Victoria Mall – Members asked that dates be included on actions taken. Reference was made to a noise nuisance in the vicinity – the Town Clerk confirmed that his letter to Planning Enforcement had been acknowledged.

110 – 111 Queen's Court – members asked the Town Clerk to give a reminder to Environmental Health about the statutory nuisance.

(2022/23:134) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings continued:

Stanley Public House – it was agreed to issue a reminder to the owner to tidy the property.

67 Parliament Street – members were informed that it would appear that works have commenced in that workmen were seen in the premises.

It was agreed that the addresses of those listed second to last and last on the list be included rather than the trading names.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:135) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10th August, 2022, subject to the following:-

Capital Costs – Mr. Cowell queried if costs for Cronk Elfin are within the estimates – he was advised that the Commission may have to revert back to Government if costs increase.

Rent Arrears – Mr. Beighton referred to the increasing level of rent arrears some of which he felt were unacceptably high – Mr. Parker explained the process of communicating with defaulters and the difficulties within the process. In response to a question from Mr. Cowell the Finance Officer advised that the level of arrears was still higher subsequent to the Covid pandemic.

Aged Debtors – In response to a query from Mr. Beighton the Finance Officer advised that several of the debts on the aged debtors list had been paid and that some reflect amounts that will be re-allocated later in the financial year. Mr. Beighton asked that the debtors be monitored and was informed that this was done and debtors contacted.

(2022/23:136) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 9th August, 2022; detailing appeals submitted in respect of numerous byelaw infringements. The appeals were considered severally as hereunder:

Penalty 113 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed by seven votes to two to uphold the penalty – Mr. Court and Mr. Singer voted against.

Penalty 114 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed by eight votes to one to uphold the penalty – Mr. Singer voted against.

Penalty 115 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by eight votes to one to uphold the penalty – Mr. Court voted against.

Penalty 673 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by six votes to three to uphold the penalty – Messrs. Cowell, Parker and Singer voted against.

(2022/23:136) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeals:

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

Penalty 692 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed by eight votes to one to uphold the appeal. Mr. Singer voted against.

Mr. Singer queried the time the Warden spent on the Mooragh Promenade and was informed that this was not disproportionate to other areas of the town – the warden having a varied remit covering wide areas of the Town. Mr. Williams asked if members could be provided with details of the number of notices issued. Members also asked if the Warden had a target number of notices to be issued in any time period and were advised not.



Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:137) Town Clerk’s Report – TT Races Schedule Changes from 2023:

Member considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 11th August, 2022, suggesting responses, as hereunder, to the consultation on proposed schedule changes to the TT Races from 2023, and subsequent to the attendance at a Special Meeting of Mr. Paul Phillips:-




<p>In which of the following categories do you fall into?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> IOM Resident <input type="radio"/> IOM Business <input type="radio"/> IOM Resident TT volunteer (marshal, medic, official etc) <input type="radio"/> Non-resident, TT Supporter (visitor, spectator etc) <input type="radio"/> Non-resident, TT volunteer (Marshal, medic, official etc) <input type="radio"/> None of the above 	<p>Response: None of the above – Isle of Man Local Authority</p>
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(2022/23:137) Town Clerk's Report – TT Races Schedule Changes from 2023:

<p>Shorter scheduled days during race week</p> <p>Impact</p> 	<p>Response:</p> <p>The current format is 6 days of practice and 4 days of racing. The proposal is 5 days of practice and 6 days of racing. The shorter days would seem to benefit Ramsey Town Commissioners, however in reality there will be a greater set up and clear away cost and a greater likelihood that there will be a weather, accident or incident that then disrupts the programme and puts more uncertainty into the Commission's ability to plan and use its manpower to best effect.</p>
<p>Sunday road closure</p> <p>Impact</p> 	<p>Response</p> <p>The middle Sunday is used by the towns and villages outside of Douglas to hold events that add to the offering for the TT fans here on the Island. Putting racing on the Sunday would hinder and seriously limit events. Ramsey Town Commissioners would also need to provide additional support in the form of street cleaning and bin emptying over the weekend, this will impact on our staff's workload and the Commission's costs.</p> <p>As the TT course runs through Ramsey it divides the town and would mean that Ramsey residents living on the inside of the course would be impacted throughout the entire weekend.</p>

RTC Board Meeting – 17th August, 2022, Continued:

(2022/23:137) Town Clerk's Report – TT Races Schedule Changes from 2023:

<p>Additional race days</p> <p>Impact</p> 	<p>Response The residents of the Isle of Man need to continue to live and work, commuting and movement round the Island is already seriously impacted by the TT, adding more race days will further impact the residents. For Ramsey it will impact on the bin emptying schedules and further disrupt the rhythm of the town. Increasing the racing schedule will further increase uncertainty (weather cancellations and accidents) and impact the costs that Ramsey rate payers will have to absorb.</p>
<p>Qualifying beginning on the late May Bank Holiday Monday, as opposed to the weekend</p> <p>Impact</p> 	<p>Response There will be little impact to the Town and Ramsey Town Commissioners because of the change to Bank Holiday Monday.</p>
<p>Additional comments</p> <p>Finally, if you wish to make any further comments on the proposed schedule, please detail them below:</p> 	<p>Response It is to be commended that changes are being thought of in relation to TT, but the changes to the middle weekend and the increase in the number of race days would be a detrimental step.</p>

A proposal by Mr. Parker, that no decision about changing the schedule be made until new boat travel has been trialled was seconded by Mr. Williams was carried without division, as an additional comment. He felt that the proposed new boat will bring an up lift. Members expressed general comments about cancellations and delays because of bad weather and the loss of the enjoyment of “Mad Sunday” for local residents.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:138) Technical Services Manager's Report – Coronation Park – Embankment and Swales Terrace Car Park:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's report dated 8th August, 2022, concerning the Coronation Park, its bank and proximity to Swales Terrace Car Park.

It was noted that a further report would be made on this matter

(2022/23:139) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 8th August, 2022, updating members on the progress of the Cronk Elfin refurbishment project.

Members were informed that a few "snags" are being encountered with wiring and bathroom layouts.

(2022/23:140) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Public Sector Rents 2023/24:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 9th August, 2022, advising that the Department of Infrastructure has sought views from local authorities on the levels of rents, maintenance allowances and administration allowances for 2023/24. The report included details of CPI over the past 12 months; details of rent increases applied by Government over the past 5 years and examples of the affect of percentage increases to Ramsey's various public sector housing. Mr. Oldham queried the rents quoted and was advised that the figures shown were exclusive of rate content.

It was proposed by Mr. Parker that a 3% increase be applied, he felt that a lesser increase might cause ongoing problems.

Mr. McGuinness pointed out that the ultimate decision was not taken by the Commissioners but proposed an amendment to increase Maintenance Allowance from 26.1% to 30% and rents by 2%. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Singer, who commented that Government needed to intervene to provide more help. The proposal was carried without division.

Mr. Parker withdrew his original proposal. The Finance Officer confirmed that other local authorities are also pushing for an increase in the maintenance allowance.

(2022/23:141) Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 8th August, 2022, updating members on the progress of the Cronk Elfin refurbishment project.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:142) Ice Cream Provision Mooragh Park:

Further comment was made to lack of ice cream available in the Mooragh Park (Clause 128c refers. Members were reminded of the lease arrangements and some restrictions of existing tenants.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and carried that the Commission seek to set out for “tender” for the provision of ice cream in the Mooragh Park.

Mr. Parker commended the use of an Ice Cream Van as an interim measure.

(2022/23:143) Meetings / Reminders:

The Town Clerk took the opportunity to remind Members about the following events / meetings:-

- 22nd August 2022 – meeting with Ramsey’s Members of the House of Keys;
- 2nd September 2022 – official hand over, on permanent loan, of the Ship’s Bell from the now de-commissioned HMS Ramsey;
- 21st September, 2002, Commissioners’ Board Meeting prior to which official photographs would be taken to update the photographs of Chairmen on the stairwell; and to provide photographs for the website.

(2022/23:144) Manx Wildlife Trust Event:

Mr. Court informed members that Manx Wildlife Trust had wished to live-stream a forthcoming event and asked if the equipment used by the Commission could be made available?. Mr. Court indicated that he would be willing to attend the event to set-up and operate the equipment. No additional fees will be charged and Mr. Court will kindly give his time at no cost to the Trust.

A proposal by Mr. Court to allow use of the equipment, was seconded by Mr McGuinness and carried without division.

The meeting closed at 10.38 p.m. giving a time of 4 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 Twoaie	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.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22, no response. Chased 5/9/22.	FGP	Sep-22	TRKC	May-22	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Awaiting water quality standard to be confirmed. DEFA will be testing for 20 weeks throughout the summer. End date changed to November 2022 (30/5/22). This is to reflect the summer testing required.	Await test results. South Prom to be considered and officers are to engage with stake holders. Results are available on the DEFA web site and are generally positive.	PL	Sep-22	SB	Nov-22	
	Mooraugh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter.	A web page to be set up to showcase the 5 shelters.	PL	Sep-22	SB	Jul-22	
	Toilet Art	Works to start w/c 12th Sept 22.	RTC to jet wash prior to the artist	PL	Sep-22	SB	Dec-22	
	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.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/21).	WD	Sep-22	TRKC	Mar-22	
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for a Public Inquiry went to March 2022 Tynwald. Tynwald agreed the Inquiry could be held. Draft Order has been prepared. Meeting took place with Lezayre and Garff in August.	Submission being ammended to reflect the final position.	FGP	Sep-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
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22, no response.	WD	Sep-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. Emailed requesting an update 6/4/22. Response received from the Assistant Registered building officer 19/4/20- no progress. TC chased 30/5/22 and 3/8/22, DEFA have confirmed no progress.	WD	Sep-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 other pole locations in Ramsey from Manx Telecom. The role out continues until June 2024. DOI approval for the wayleave associated with the poles on Burcham Avenue Close received and wayleave signed.	FGP	Sep-22	TRKC	Dec-22	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Agreed at August board meeting that RTC will install the shelters at its cost.	Install bases and request shelters from the DOI.	WD	Sep-22	MC	Apr-22	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Physical work to create playground yet to start. Last contact with developer 26/8/22.	Legal transfer to take place. The playground will be started June 2022. The land transfer will take place following completion of the playground. Dandara have stated work is to commence w/c 12/9/22.	FGP	Sep-22	TRKC	Aug-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. Drain survey undertaken 5/9/22, drains go to soakaways, one of which appears to be silted up.	WD	Sep-22	BW	Cleaning Apr 22 Repairs 23/24	
Mar-22	Jubilee Celebration	Complete	Remove from Tracker	PL	Sep-22	SB	Aug-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Apr-22	Ramsey South Prom changing huts	Location for hut agreed with the DOI (as this area is all highway) and RNLI. DTC has consulted with DOI, RNLI, MSCC and representatives of swimmers/beach users.	Report to be prepared for September meeting.	PL	Sep-22	SB	Dec-22	
May-22	Bus services	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.		FGP	Jul-22	SB	Jun-22	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	72 out of 100 bags sold			Sep-22	SB	Jul-22	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Expressions of interest closed 5th Sept.	See separate report.	PL	Sep-22	SB	Jun-23	
Aug-22	Recycle conference	Recycle conference in Sept is too early and other priorities to be addressed first.	Review which is the most appropriate recycle conference and confirm that the travel and attendance represent value for money.	PL	Sep-22	TRK/ BW	Jun-23	

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Mar-22	RCV replacement	Details of weighing system to be sorted before order can be placed as this impacts the build. There is a 32week lead time. There is a new quote for wagon, and the total package is approx. £200K.	Petition approved and wagon ordered..	WD	Sep-22	BW	Feb-23	
2	Mar-22	Fleet Vehicle Overhaul	Both delivered	Petition received and complete	WD	Sep-22	BW	Dec-22	
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed (likely to be done after TT).	Complete works	WD	Sep-22	BW	Apr-22	
4	Mar-22	Mooragh Park re surface	Complete	Await bedding in period finishing.	WD	Sep-22	BW	Apr-22	
6	Mar-22	Street Lights NDT	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Continue to chase DOI	WD	Sep-22	BW	Mar-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Continue to chase DOI	WD	Sep-22	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Continue to chase DOI	WD	Sep-22	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Continue to chase DOI	WD	Sep-22	BW	Mar-23	
10	Mar-22	Street Lights New Street Lights	Quotation received. Awaiting loan petition approval.	Continue to chase DOI	WD	Sep-22	BW	Mar-23	
13	Mar-22	Bin Weigh upgrade	In discussions with VWS about the system.	Petition approval received and bin weigh system ordered. 1st wagon away being fitted out.	WD	Sep-22	BW	Feb-23	
15	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting	Grant application submitted.	Await grant approval.	WD	Sep-22	BW	Oct-22	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.		HP	Sep-22	RK	Sep-22	

There were originally 19 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed

Project Meeting – Ramsey Quayside

Meeting of representatives of Ramsey Town Commissioners, Northern Chamber of Commerce, DOI – Harbours, DOI – Highway Services and Manx Fish Producers.

Monday 5th September 2022, 7pm Ramsey Town Hall

Attendees:

Tim Cowin (TC)	RTC	Town Clerk – tim.cowin@rtc.gov.im
Barbara Wallace (BW)	RTC	Technical Services Manager – barbara.wallace@rtc.gov.im
Alby Oldham (AO)	RTC	Chairman – albert.oldhamTC@rtc.gov.im
Will Blake (WB)	DOI	Design Engineer – William.blake@gov.im
Scott Duncan (SD)	DOI	Design Engineer – scott.duncan@gov.im
Mark Kenyon (MK)	RNLI	Coxswain – markathome@manx.net
David Beard (DB)	Manx Fish Producers	Chief Executive iomfisherman@manx.net ABSENT
Karen Jones (KJ)	Northern Chamber of Commerce	Chairman – karenjones@manx.net
James Evans (JE)	Northern Chamber of Commerce	Deputy Chairman – j.jevans@manx.net ABSENT
Adam Beighton (AB)	RTC	Commissioner - adam.beightonTC@rtc.gov.im
Robert Cowell (RC)	RTC	Commissioner – Robert.cowellTC@rtc.gov.im 7:45 – 7:55
Steven Bevan (SB)	RTC	Deputy Town Clerk – steven.bevan@rtc.gov.im ABSENT
Sally Huxham	Northern Chamber of Commerce	Secretary
Stephen Kelly (SK)	RTC	Commissioner – Stephen.kellyTC@rtc.gov.im
Michael MacDonald (MM)	DOI	Interim Ports Manager – Michael.macdonald@gov.im ABSENT
Wilf Young	RTC	Commissioner independent member

1. Items arising from notes of previous meeting

Nothing.

2. Options

Two options were tabled at the meeting taking into account all comments over the last few months.

First Section looked at was around the toilet building on Derby Road. Parking spaces have been incorporated West of the toilet block.

East of the building the DOI have looked at putting a loading bay in however, it is unlikely to pass the safety audit due to the visibility requirements for the crossing near to the West Street Road junction. It should be noted that because of the 20mph zone the visibility requirements have halved.

Discussions were held around stepping the loading bay back in towards the harbour, so they are off the road and out of the visibility splay and having the pavement in front of it with a low kerb. Talks around the frequency of the use of the stand in the harbour were discussed to gauge the need for the loading bay. The requirements vary and this year the boat owners have taken the opportunity to use Ramsey Ship Yard but in future years the area could be required once/ twice/ three times a week/month it is unknown. The stand does require frequent washing out though. IF the loading bay isn't there then there will be a requirement to block off a minimum of 4 car parking spaces.

DOI to look in to this further as things to consider would be people mis-using the bay and then enforcement of it. There could also be a conflict with it being mixed use.

Discussions were held around the need for the zebra considering the location of the existing zebra on Derby Road up near the roundabouts. DOI noted that it was as far west as it could go otherwise it would need to be moved further east with the potential loss of 4 or more parking spaces.

SD noted that he believes that the design at the moment will still struggle to get through a safety audit, and we are designing it for the vulnerable people. Other people still have the choice to cross wherever they wish.

The designers have left the parking between West and Christian Streets the same as it currently is. If they were to change the angle of parking then we would lose more parking spaces. The spaces are below the standard 5m but more than we currently have at 4m. There is an issue with larger vehicles projecting out beyond the bay.

The area directly outside the Farmers combine has been adjusted with the wall now going straight through with a sweeping kerb line that will prevent parking but allow larger vehicles to traverse without any issue. It was asked about the use of double yellow lines; however, it was felt that this wouldn't be enough of a deterrent. The area is not big enough for bicycle parking.

It asked about moving the crossing to inline with Collins Lane? It was noted that it would affect the parking again.

Areas directly east and west of the swing bridge were the same. There may be a slight change to the design of the gate but the idea is to keep them on site and not have the removable because of issues with off site storage.

The next section of quay was outside the Traff Pub. There were two options tabled with a difference of 2 parking spaces between them. Parallel or diagonal parking. MK noted that from a harbours use point of view the parallel parking would be the preferred option.

Directly outside the Traff is a mixed use area – parking in the day with the option of entertainment areas at other times.

Due to access requirements behind the old Shakati Man building next to the IOM Bank there is a dead area. There is a requirement to maintain access there, so it's the best location for the crossing to maintain visibility as well as keep access requirements for properties. Moving the crossing will affect the parking requirements and you'd still be left with the dead area.

It was raised if anyone had asked the Mitre about their delivery requirements? It was noted that there was no loading bay in the area from the Traff to Market Square and there are a number of businesses in that area, where it was felt it might be too far to traverse from the loading bay further up, and the deliver drivers would park as close to the shop as possible.

Discussions were held around restrictions on loading bays, so between certain hours and then they could be parking spaces after but if these restrictions were placed around the whole island, then there would be an issue as there aren't have enough drivers as it is, and deliveries shouldn't be restricted.

RC raised about the cladding of the wall – SD noted that they would look at requirements however they could be cost prohibitive. Options with costings will come in due course for the group to consider.

The difference between the two options for east of the swing bridge are 2 spaces.

For diagonal parking it is 81 spaces and for parallel parking it is 79 spaces.

It was felt that the area was more visually appealing with the parallel parking, and it was more family orientated. Whilst it can't be advertised as family friendly it is more accessible for the vulnerable.

It was felt by the chamber of commerce that most of the parking had been lost in the busiest more popular area of the town, but they recognised that compromise had to be made.

SD noted that from this evenings meeting they (DOI) needed agreement from the group of which option they wanted to take forward.

There was a general consensus that the group wanted to take forward option 1A with the parallel parking opposite the Traff.

It was asked if the spaces in the wall to the east of the swing bridge could be equally spaced. WB noted that DB had requested the middle opening to be where it was for easy of access for a certain boat, but they would check.

Discussions were held about the wall from opposite the car showroom on Derby Road up to the Stone bridge. The walkway is very narrow and if you put a wall in and then ladders over for access to the harbour there will be no room at all for people to move let alone move equipment. It was felt that the properties along this section of harbour be used as the protection from flooding negating the need for the wall in this area.

The original JBA report stopped the wall just before those properties, however on reflection they moved it up to the stone bridge.

The designers will look at area.

Next Steps

It was hoped that if agreement was reached tonight on which design to take forward it would be put forward to the safety auditors by the end of September.

KJ asked if the plans would be massively changed by auditors – SD noted that they would review plans and make recommendations which could be accepted or rejected by the team.

If the recommendation is safety related though it would be very hard to ignore them because if there is an incident and they had ignored the recommendation, they could be in a lot of trouble. The auditors also look at day and night requirements.

Once the auditors are finished, the plans will be tweaked and then presented back to the group.

Next meeting Monday 10th October, 7pm at Ramsey Town Hall.



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1	Prepared for Comment	4/4/14	...
2	Revision

AMENDMENTS

West Quay, Ramsey

General Arrangement

Drawn by	WBS	Date	1/1/00
Checked by	...	Scale	1/1000
300 Mm	HW/3694	Project No.	P-001

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1	Preliminary for Comment	11/11/2023	...
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION...DRAFT ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SEPTEMBER, 2022, PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Treasury have issued a Consultation “Our Island, Our Future – Draft Economic Strategy. The Consultation presents numerous questions, the responses to which I have suggested as hereunder, the responses being rated on a 1:5 basis 5 being most important:-

	Please rate each of the following statements on how important you believe they are (1 being not important to 5 being very important)	
1	The Isle of Man’s vision is to develop a strong and diverse economy which is sustainable, ambitious and built on firm foundations	5
2	The outcome of the Economic Strategy is to provide economic success, rewarding career opportunities and prosperity which positively impacts all residents of the Isle of Man	5
3	To achieve its vision, the Economic Strategy should aim to make the Island a more attractive and prosperous place to live and work, which in turn will sustain and grow productive businesses and services	5
4	The Economic Strategy should seek to provide more diverse and sustainable public finances that support the best possible public services and quality of lives for all of our Island residents	5
5	The Strategy should be implemented through a significant £1bn long term public and private investment programme – investing in our people, our economy, our Island and our public services	5
6	Our vision for the future should be to secure a £10bn economy by 2032, with jobs and opportunities that can support 100,000 Island residents over the next fifteen years”	4
7	The Strategy should consider appropriate incentives / disincentives to achieve targeted and sustainable population growth	4
8	Grow the Island’s population to 100,000 residents by 2037, driven by the inward migration and retention of economically active people and the recruitment of key workers	5
9	To rebalance our demographics to ensure the Island is able to finance and facilitate improved and sustainable public services	5
10	How do you think the Island compares to similar places (the UK / Channel Islands) as a place to live/work? (Rate from 1-5, 1 = Not competitive, 3 = the same, 5 = Much more competitive)	3
11	How can the Isle of Man exploit or pursue a competitive edge in meeting the proposed objectives of the Draft Economic Strategy?	
Response:	By becoming more flexible and truly looking to give people freedom to flourish. The proposed changes in the plan must not forget the current population and particularly our most vulnerable. Being a great place to live is not all about business and economics, the intangible benefits of being a safe secure place with a unique environment are big factors in terms of the Island being a great place to live.	

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12	What areas do you think the Island needs to improve in order to be more attractive to and retain a younger, working demographic? (Rate each from 1-5, 1 – least important, to 5 – most important)	
	Review of personal tax structure	5
	Better education and skills offering	5
	Affordable and accessible childcare	5
	Improved health service	5
	Improved cultural leisure and transport facilities	5
	Affordable housing	5
	Other (please specify)	
Response:	Currently housing is becoming unaffordable for many, and the younger people we are hoping to attract will see housing as a barrier. The growth of non-residents second homes should be reviewed to support growth.	
	Please rate each of the following statements on how important you believe they are (1 being not important to 5 being very important)	
13	The Island should provide temporary incentives to attract and retain those needed for its economy and public services	3
14	The Island should consider disincentives to dissuade those who will not be economically active nor needed for public services, and who have no existing family ties to the Island	3
15	Draft Economic Strategy recognises the importance of supporting and retaining younger population and attracting them back to the island - what initiatives could help with this?	
Response:	Tax incentives, National Insurance incentives, childcare and support coupled with education excellence could help to attract people back to the Isle of Man.	
16	Do you have any concerns around discouraging non-target demographics (for example those relocating without generating economic activity, such as working or running their own business) from relocating here? (Rate each from 1-5, 1 – least concerned, to 5 – most concerned)	
	- Implementing health insurance requirements (for those over a certain age who haven't lived in the Island for a number of years)	4
	- Implementing a minimum level of savings available	4
	- Implementing property restrictions to limit off-Island access to the property market	4
	Other (please specify)	---
	Please rate each of the following statements on how important you believe they are (1 being not important to 5 being very important)	
17	What else do you think the Island needs to do to attract people to live and work here?	
Response:	Offer excellent education facilities, invest in culture art and lifestyle here on the Island.	
18	We should aim to reach a GDP of £10Bn by 2032, across enabling sectors, existing key sectors and new sectors, with 5,000 new jobs created and filled	5
19	We should actively invest in skills, productivity, infrastructure, and business sectors to deliver a strong and diverse economy	5

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20	It is important to protect and nurture our existing international / export sectors – Financial Services, Digital, Producing / Manufacturing and Visit / Tourism	5
21	Island should actively pursue new sectors that are developing on a global scale – including those in the Data, Knowledge and Green economies	5
22	The enabling sectors of the economy are vital and should be actively supported to modernise and adapt, including leisure, hospitality, retail, property and energy sectors	5
23	Where do you think Government needs to focus its attention in order to increase business productivity and ensure better paid jobs for residents? (please rate each statement out of 5, 1 being least important to 5 being most important)	
	- Business-focused digital and technology adoption and infrastructure investment	5
	- Business growth support programmes and incentives	5
	- Access to finance	3
	- Refinements to regulation and regulatory remits	5
	- Infrastructure investment and regeneration:	5
	- Reform planning policy	5
	- Support for labour market: Migration and employment enablement	5
	- Education & Skills: business-focused measures	5
	- Education & Skills: targeting inactive individuals	5
	- Education & Skills: retraining and upskilling individuals	5
	- Ensuring every parent has the choice to access childcare	5
	- Government Reform (for increased efficiency and productivity)	5
	Other (please specify) or additional comments	---
24	Are there any other parts of the economy that you feel need attention in order to achieve these ambitions? (please rate each statement out of 5, 1 – least important to 5 – most important)	
	- Retail	4
	- Hospitality	5
	- Culture and Leisure	5
	- Property, Infrastructure and Transport	5
	- Energy	5
	Other (please specify)	---
25	Are there any sectors or opportunities you think the Island should be looking at as a priority?	
Response:	Green energy and infrastructure as the cost-of-living crisis currently being experienced on the Island seems to have at its base the high cost of energy brought about by uncertainty in various other countries.	
26	How do you think the Island can use its strengths to develop new sectors?	
Response:	The Island is a safe and well-regulated society. Personal safety where you live is taken for granted here on the Island. This is an underpinning point for the development of economic growth and population increase.	

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	Please rate each of the following statements on how important you believe they are (1 being not important to 5 being very important)	
27	We should aim by 2032, to generate over £200m of additional annual income to reinvest in services and quality of life	5
28	should aim to grow and diversify Government revenues with a broader range of sources for long term sustainability	5
29	The Island should consider broadening its tax bases to provide more diversity of income	5
30	Identifying and bringing forward new income sources (e.g., leasing sea beds for offshore wind farms) is a key priority	5
31	The Island needs to retain its international competitiveness for taxation	5
32	How do you think the Island can remain competitive and an attractive place to live, while also raising enough income for public services? (please rate each statement out of 5, 1 – least important to 5 – most important)	
	- Review of the personal income tax system	5
	- Review of the company tax system	3
	- Develop new income streams (such as the monetisation of resources and growth of new economic sectors)	5
	Other (please specify)	---
33	What are your thoughts on the development of new income streams for Government?	
Response:	Provided that the income streams are not increases in personal Tax by another name.	
	Please rate each of the following statements on how important you believe they are (1 being not important to 5 being very important)	
34	We should aim to substantially decarbonise the services part of our economy by 2030, supporting an overall reduction of 35% in the Island's Green House Gas emissions	3
35	We should aim by consciously and proactively investing in the Climate Change Action Plan, and energy decarbonisation to place sustainability at the heart of the economy.	5
36	Having a sustainable and low carbon energy source	5
	Comment: The Isle of Man needs to control its own destiny in terms of a sustainable low carbon energy source. We should look to rely less on other countries.	
37	What sustainability initiatives do you think the Island needs to improve to be more attractive to residents and businesses? (please rate each statement out of 5, 1 – least important to 5 – most important)	
	- Adapt and modernise enabling sectors – considering active support and investment across a range of sectors and energy propositions	5
	- Delivering ESG – Energy strategy and optimising mix of renewables	3
	- Climate Change commitments – accelerating priorities outlined in the Climate Change Action Plan	5
	- Maximising natural resources	5
	- Funding & support to invest in sustainability targets	5
	- Develop new sectors, including knowledge, data and green economies	5

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37	- Energy security	5
	Other (please specify)	---
38	Are there any parts of the economy that should be expanded / reduced in order to align with our sustainability commitments?	
	- Reduced (please specify)	---
	- Expanded (Please specify)	
Response:	Wind and solar energy generation. Food and food security	
	Any further comments	---
	How do you feel Government could/should change to best deliver this strategy? (please rate each statement out of 5, 1 – least important to 5 – most important)	
39	Government to invest in the short term to improve the proposition	4
40	Re-prioritise capital schemes (place economic considerations at the heart of the capital programme and change priorities accordingly)	3
41	The Island should consider additional borrowing for schemes (for example the sustainable bond)	4
42	Private sector encouraged to invest in our Island (through a Government-led investment programme we can expect to build confidence in the private sector to fund or partially fund a number of projects)	3
43	Implementing new funding streams (for example monetisation of our natural resources/green economy and changes to taxation)	5
44	Government reform	3
	Other (please specify)	---
45	In what ways do you think Government can best enable the potential and investment appetite of the private sector?	
Response:	By encouraging private sector engagement care needs to be taken not to sell or give away control of our assets and Island.	
46	The NI fund and reserves are currently invested commercially – there is scope for some of these funds to be allocated to commercial projects in the Isle of Man. This would need to be a commercial investment with commercial returns, such as key public infrastructure with a guaranteed income. What are your views on the potential to use Government reserves and/or the NI fund for this purpose?	
Response:	There needs to be courage in our convictions and investing Isle of Man money in and on the Isle of Man is a way of doing that, this could also maximise the impact on the Isle of Man of any investment.	
47	To help us assess opinions please let us know which of the following apply to your views ? (tick all which apply)	
	• I am a resident of the Isle of Man	
	• I am an employee on the Isle of Man	
	• I am a business owner / business leader on the Isle of Man	
	Other (please specify)	
Response:	Ramsey Town Commissioners – a Local Authority	
	Please specify your broad age group	n/a

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Recommendation: for discussion allowing that members' if they so wish may also respond personally to the consultation.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

13th September, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 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 August 2022 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st August 2022 – Appendix 2.
3. Quarterly financial information for the quarter ended 30th June 2021 as submitted to the Department of Infrastructure on 6th September 2022 – Appendix 3.

Accounts

Accounts of £400,447.32 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £23,256.65 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in August 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 2022-23 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 31st August 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 2022-23 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£295,200.
Station Road car park re-surfacing	£48,711.
New vehicles	£54,964.
New litter bins	£103,614.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Quarterly Financial Return

The Commission are required to provide the Department of Infrastructure with a summary of certain financial information on a quarterly basis. The return for the first quarter of 2022-23 (to 30th June 2022) was submitted on 6th September 2022 - attached as Appendix 3.

Recommendation : To be noted.

14th September 2022

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 31 August 2022

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	193,132.74
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	80,929.48
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	53,385.53
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	16,582.23
Manx Utilities	Street lighting - non-destructive testing	10,452.00
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	8,051.76
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	7,916.10
NLASPB	Swimming Pool rate - 2021-22 balance	4,121.70
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	3,137.66
Various	Park materials	2,843.42
Various	Staff training	2,324.63
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	2,053.56
Various	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Various	Town events	1,988.05
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	1,869.33
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,536.37
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	1,481.16
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,444.51
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,277.87
Various	Security & safety	1,271.92
Various	IT costs	1,255.67
Various	Media advertising costs	737.36
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	469.27
Various	Gift vouchers	185.00
		400,447.32
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	7,947.83
IOM Govt.	Site rental - qtr. 2	6,096.00
Various	Recycling charges	3,313.32
Various	Site maintenance	2,828.00
Various	Staff training	1,680.00
Various	Contract labour	798.00
Various	Equipment maintenance	416.80
Manx Telecom	Telephones	82.66
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	70.91
Bank	Charges	23.13
		23,256.65

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during August 2022

Appendix 1

AB Photography Ltd.	IOM	Klevershirts	IOM
Anthony Devlin	IOM	Macs Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Independent Carriers	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
A Stones Throw	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	MannVend Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
BHW Print Group Ltd.	UK	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
B.P.D. Ltd.	IOM	N L A Swimming Pool Board	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Nomix Enviro Ltd.	UK
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Oplion Plastics Ltd.	UK
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Outdoors Ramsey Ltd.	IOM
Colas IOM Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Courtyard Windows & Glazing Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Parallel Lines	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
D Q Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Peddyr Cubberly & Associates	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Pristine Condition International Ltd.	UK
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Quadient UK Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Ramsey Art Gallery	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Craft Centre	IOM
Francesca May	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Giles the Magician	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Glasdon UK Ltd.	UK	Rentokil Pest Control	UK
Go Marketing Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Greggory & Moore Logistics Training Servs.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Southern Belles	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	St Johns Ambulance	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	The Boneyard	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint	IOM
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Viking Office Group Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
K & R Parts Ltd.	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 AUGUST 2022 - Appendix 2

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	1,554,121	2,239,883	(685,762)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	65	0	65	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	6,398	3,898	2,500	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	16,054	8,293	7,761	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£1,576,638	£2,252,074	(£675,436)	£4,302,124	£4,382,645	(£80,521)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	60,193	18,521	41,672	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	42,214	0	42,214	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	19,792	0	19,792	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	5,363	2,625	2,738	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	3,860	6,187	(2,327)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	1,763	4,153	(2,390)	6,220	11,630	(5,410)
Parklands Day Nursery	700	9,561	(8,861)	2,605	18,610	(16,005)
Bowling Alley	1,615	3,750	(2,135)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	1,524	0	1,524	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	12,197	0	12,197	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	271	0	271	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	50	0	50	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	7,619	1,234	6,385	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	6,345	5,234	1,111	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	2,112	0	2,112	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£180,418	£51,265	£129,153	£522,019	£121,001	£401,018

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	3,558	0	3,558	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	5,696	19,505	(13,809)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	226,343	40,861	185,482	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	107,880	0	107,880	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	26,112	26,112	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	50,393	0	50,393	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	1,428	0	1,428	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	55,989	0	55,989	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£477,399	£86,478	£390,921	£1,460,725	£230,005	£1,230,720

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	46,488	16,360	30,128	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	87,485	13	87,472	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	137	0	137	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	58,005	3,299	54,706	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£192,115	£19,672	£172,443	£459,302	£33,675	£425,627

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	15,812	0	15,812	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	397,321	11,822	385,499	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	4,630	0	4,630	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	17,251	15,698	1,553	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	4,122	0	4,122	44,020	0	44,020
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	1,734	242	1,492	1,300	0	1,300
Sub Total	£440,870	£27,762	£413,108	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£2,867,440	£2,437,251	£430,189	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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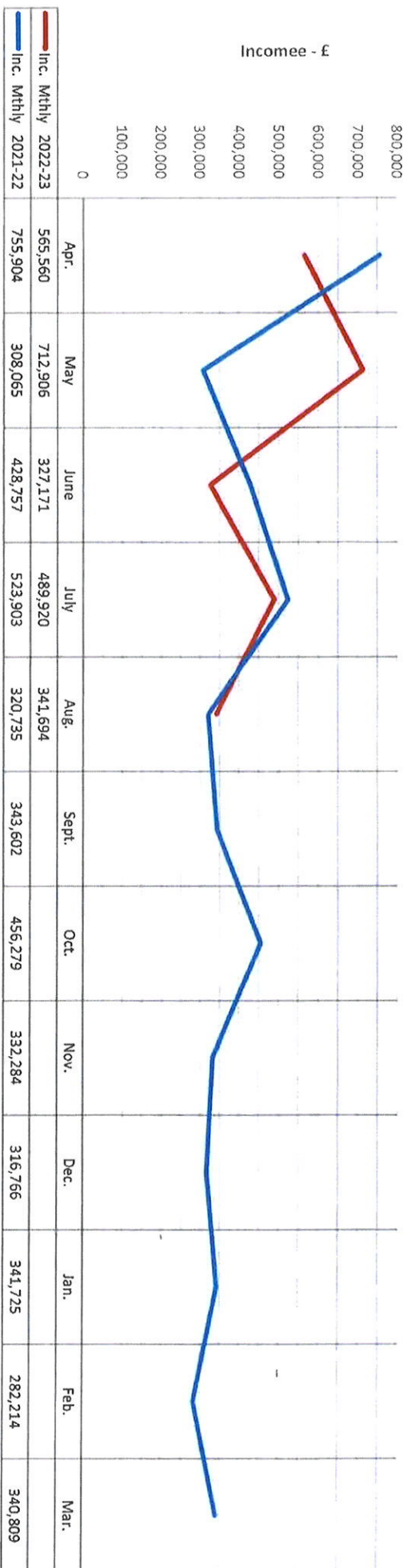
Town rates	£ -	£ 2,749,134	£ (2,749,134)	£ -	£ -	£ 3,013,336
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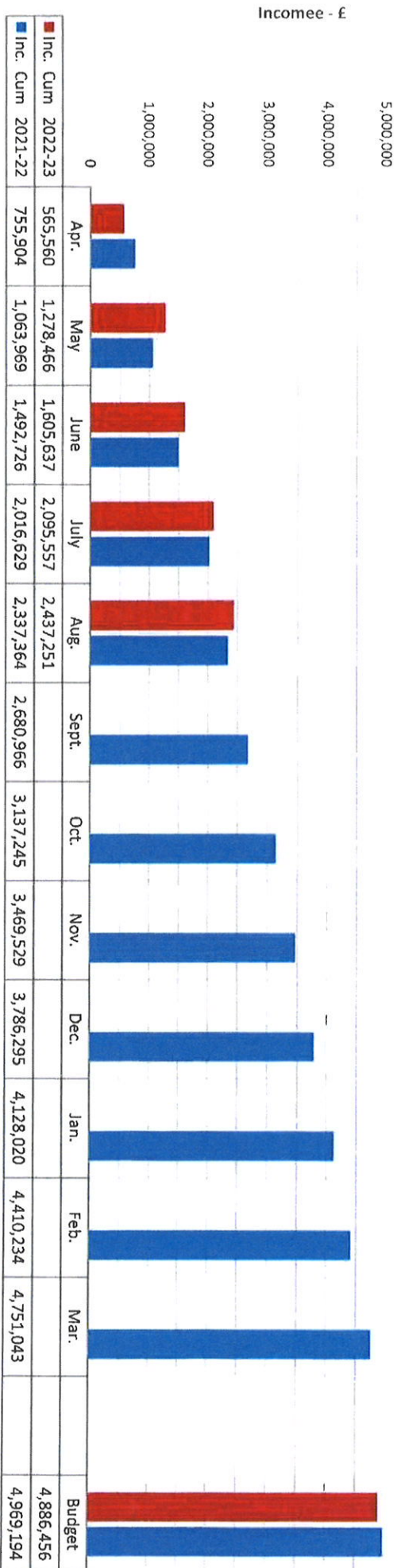
SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31 AUGUST 2022

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



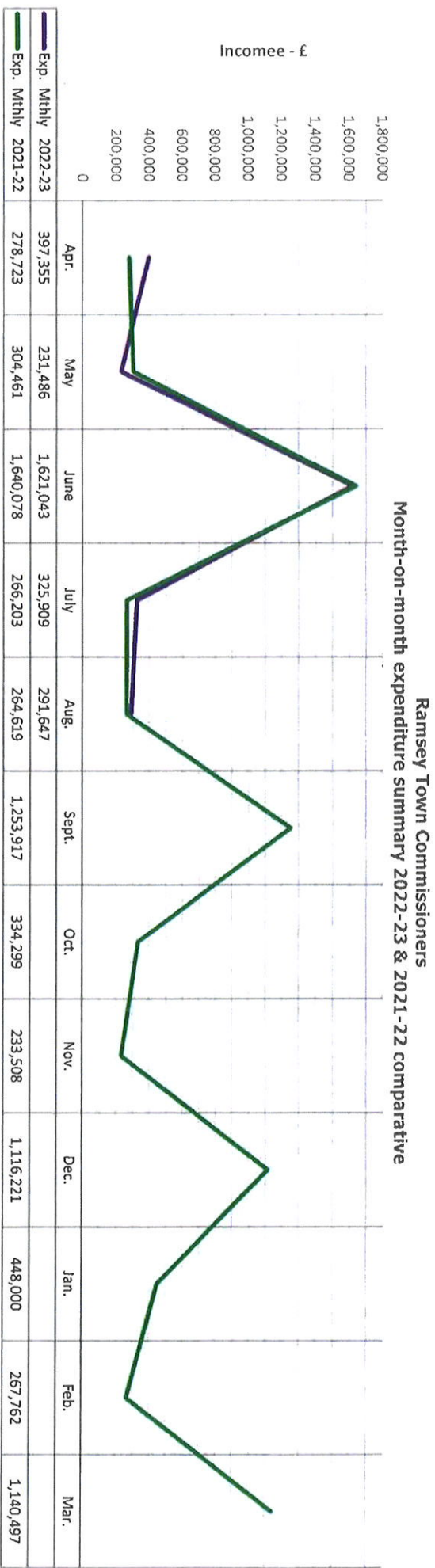
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Comparing income to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



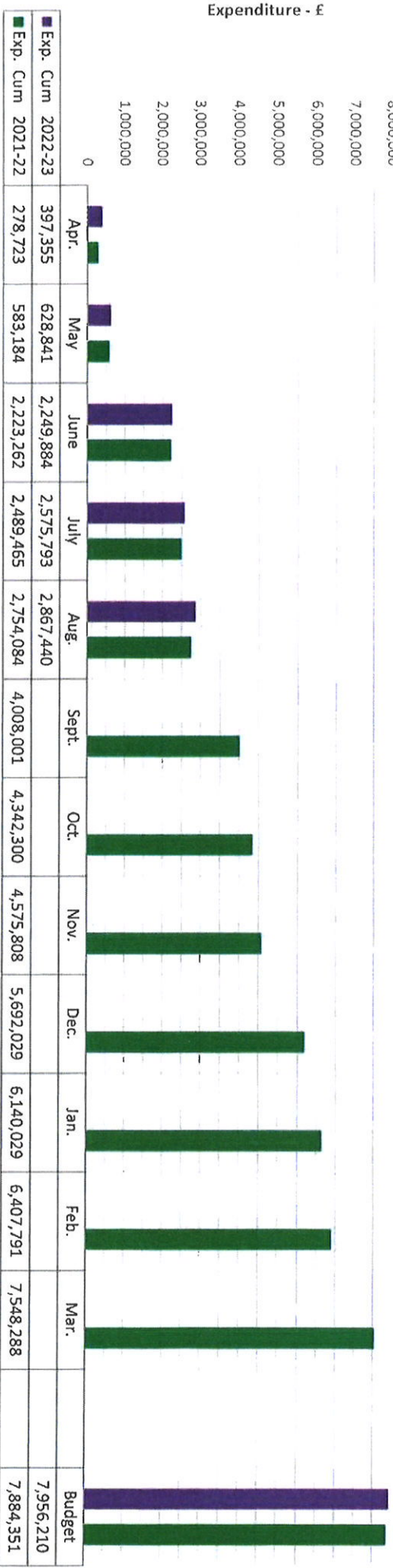
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Ramsey Town Commissioners Comparing expenditure to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)

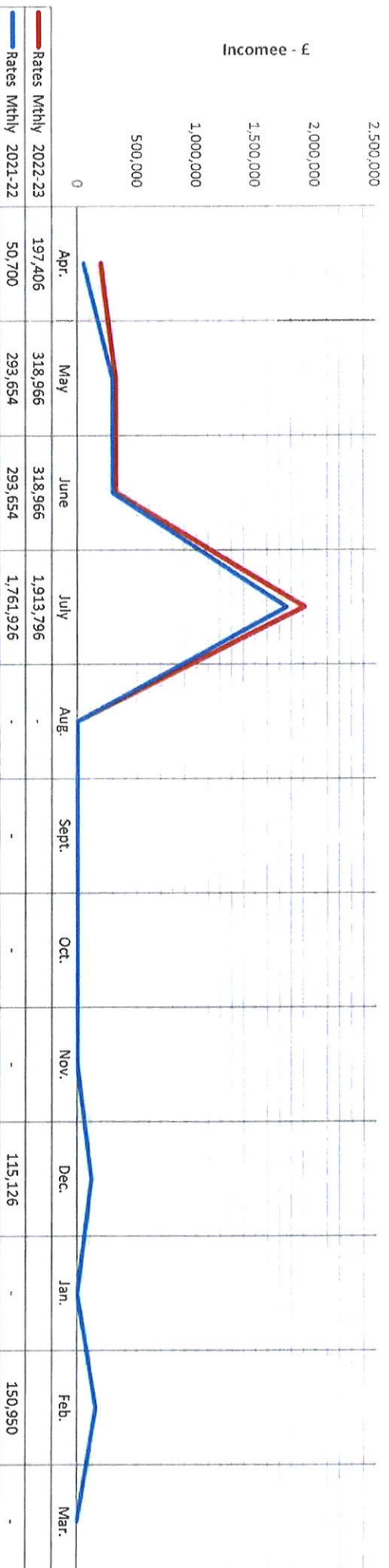


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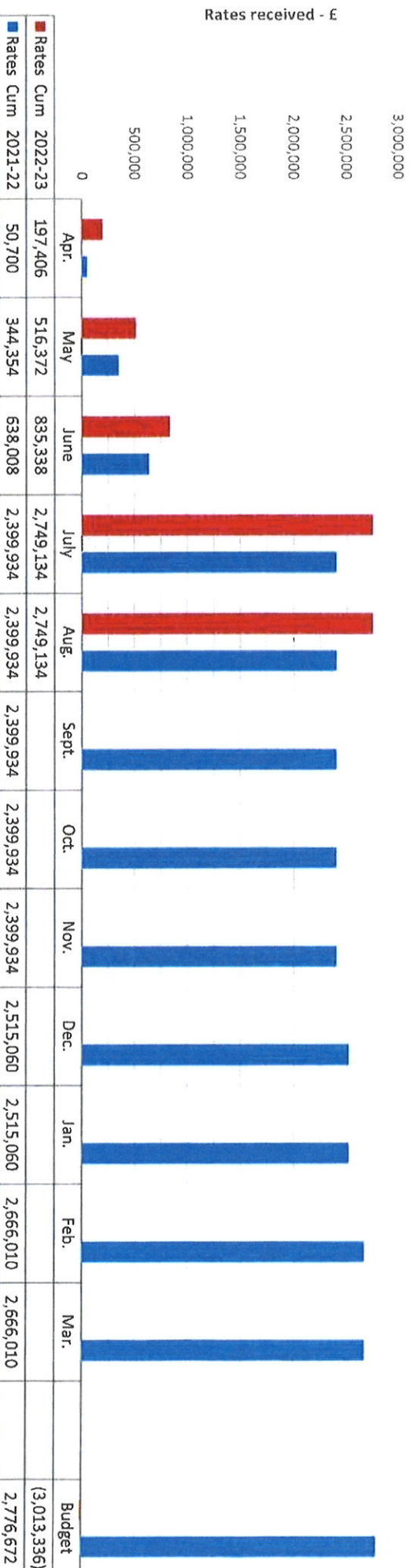
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Town rates received 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION RETURN 2022-23 Appendix 3

	Quarter 1 £	Quarter 2 £	Quarter 3 £	Quarter 4 £
General Revenue				
Rates Collected (by Treasury)	835,338	-	-	-
Salaries' Cost	235,114	-	-	-
Heat and Light	5,749	-	-	-
Members' Attendance Allowance	1,122	-	-	-
Legal Fees	1,334	-	-	-
Capital Loan Payments	814,602	-	-	-
Insurance Costs (net of Housing ins. costs)	-	-	-	-
Computer Expenses	3,743	-	-	-
Refuse Collection Costs	126,120	-	-	-
Parks Glens (Total Costs)	74,653	-	-	-

Housing

Rents received	856,797	-	-	-
Rates paid*	(522,021)	-	-	-
Repairs and Maintenance	154,766	-	-	-

*Annual rates paid in first quarter

Capital

Capital Projects	Loans received in period	155,000	-	-	-
Capital Projects	Social housing developments	152,503	-	-	-

Balances at Bank

General Revenue	449,834	-	-	-
Unapplied Capital Receipts	68,144	-	-	-

Reserve bank accounts

Housing Maintenance Reserve	51,038	-	-	-
Heating Maintenance Reserve	38,855	-	-	-

Other Income

Grant Assistance	9,234	-	-	-
Hire of buildings	18,438	-	-	-

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
QUEEN'S PROMENADE CHANGING HUT
SEPTEMBER 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

This report is an update in respect of the possible provision of a changing hut facility on Queen's (South) Promenade.

Background

The number of users of South Beach has seen a large increase in the past couple of years. There are a number of reasons for this including the installation of the raft but perhaps more significantly because of the people who are sea swimming now.

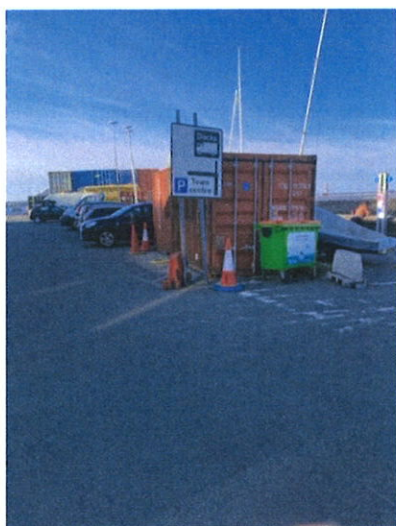
Some of the sea swimmers and other users have asked if it was possible for some sort of changing facility to be available at or near the South Beach.

The swimmers have indicated that they are not seeking an enclosed changing hut – similar to those in the Mooragh Park – but a facility where swimmers can get changed with some shelter from the elements.

Location

It is not practical to put such a facility on the beach itself.

Officers have met with the Department of Infrastructure and have identified a site on South Promenade which could host such a facility.



This area currently has a shipping container on it. This was provided to allow the RNLI to store equipment during the period that the Lifeboat station was being rebuilt and the new lifeboat being installed.

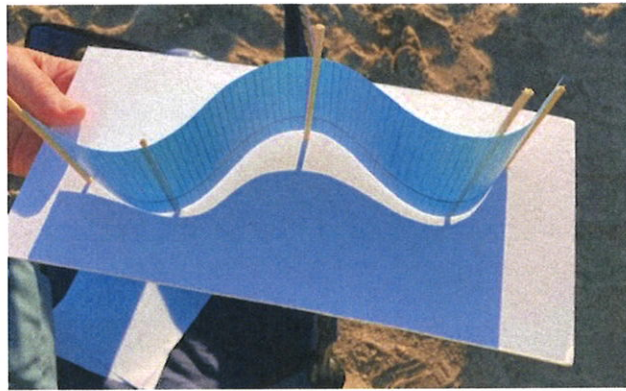
**Deputy Town Clerk's Report – South Promenade Changing Facility
September, 2022, Public Continued:**

The Department of Infrastructure have indicated that they would be happy for a changing facility to be installed at this location.

Design

The swimmers have indicated that a facility that allows them a degree of privacy, shelter and perhaps somewhere to leave a bag while they are in the water. They did not envisage this being a totally enclosed space.

One of the swimmers has provided a concept design which is illustrated below:



This design would allow those using it to seek shelter on either side (dependent of the prevailing weather conditions).

Members may also wish to consider a more conventional design:



Members are asked to consider which type of design they have a preference for so that a costing could be obtained.

Recommendation: For discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

14th September 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER, 2022 PUBLIC**

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: 3934 **AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO**
P.A. NO.: 21/01223/REM
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**

REF NO: 3967 **AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO**
P.A. NO.: 22/00275/B
PROPOSED: External insulation and render system with external aperture alterations and internal alterations
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Warehouse, 15, Mona Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4001 **AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFO**
P.A. NO.: 22/00639/B
PROPOSED: Erection of new four storey apartment building (class 3.4) with ground floor retail space (class 1.1).
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **22 & 24, Parliament Street and 6, West Quay, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4012
P.A. NO.: 22/00959/B
PROPOSED: Erection of temporary marquee, (between the dates of 1st September and 31st March), to provide additional covered display space
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Ramsey Garden Centre, Albert Road, Ramsey**

<p align="center">Technical Services Manager's Report Planning Applications – September, 2022 Public Continued</p>

REF NO: 4013
P.A. NO.: 22/01070/B
PROPOSED: Reinstatement of front dormers, installation of replacement rear roof in matching slate, ten additional roof lights and replacement timber front door and frame
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Peveril Court (Bleak House), Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4014
P.A. NO.: 22/01071/B
PROPOSED: Conversion of redundant public house space (class 1.3) on basement and ground floor to residential accommodation (class 3.4) including installation of balconies and window / door alterations to rear
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Peveril Court (Bleak House), Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4015
P.A. NO.: 22/01082/B
PROPOSED: Installation of a flue
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **61, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4016
P.A. NO.: 22/01047/B
PROPOSED: Erection of detached dwelling (re-submission to PA 14/00270/B)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land adjacent to Westbourne, 4, Riverside, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4017
P.A. NO.: 22/01048/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a double garage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **River House, Riverside, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4018
P.A. NO.: 22/01055/B
PROPOSED: Installation of wooden cladding to front elevation and removal of arched head window above entrance door
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **23, West Quay, Ramsey**

Technical Services Manager's Report
Planning Applications – September, 2022 Public Continued

REF NO: 4019
P.A. NO.: 22/01122/B
PROPOSED: Alterations and erection of roof dormer to south east elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Berne, 24, Grove Mount West, Ramsey**

B. Wallace
Technical Services Manager

7th September, 2022.

R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER, 2022				
<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
20/01080/B R.T.C. 2808	Residential development of 138 dwellings with associated drainage, highway works and public open space	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	Meeting held: 21/10/20 Objection	04/05/22 Application REFUSED 13/05/22 Request for APPEAL APPEAL DATE: 18/10/2022
21/01223/REM R.T.C. 3995	Reserved matters application in association with PA 20/01401/A for the erection of a 3 storey dwelling and associated access	Land to the rear of 6, Summerland	Meeting held: 17/11/21 Objection	24/08/22 Application APPROVED

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
BOLLARD LIGHTING
SEPTEMBER 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We are pleased to report that the bollard lighting that is in place along the railway line has finally been programmed and commissioned.

This programming allows for the lights to be dimmed down in the hours of darkness until such time as a person enters the path, where the sensors will pick the movement up and will light certain bollards. As the person traverses the path the lights will come on and dim down accordingly.

Initially the lights were timed to be on from dusk till 11pm, and 6:30am till dawn. Now that they are functioning properly the clock has been adjusted to 1am in line with the street lighting policy.

Recommendation: For Noting.

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

6th September, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MOORAGH PARK SHELTERS
SEPTEMBER 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

An Expressions of Interest process was held between 26th July 2022 and 5th September 2022 for artists who wished to submit a proposal for the Mooragh Park Shelters. This resulted in twenty-eight enquires/design submissions.

The Lead Member for Parks and Leisure and Lead Member for Finance undertook a shortlisting exercise to identify those designs which would be progressed to obtain funding.

All of the submissions received were of a very high standard which made the shortlisting very difficult. Thanks is expressed to all those took the time to submit a design.

Recommendation: for noting and further reporting.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

14th September 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
RNLI CHILLY DIP 2023
SEPTEMBER 2022 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Ramsey Branch RNLI are seeking permission to hold their annual community Chilly Dip event on Ramsey's south foreshore on 1st January 2023, for logistical support in respect of a road closure for the event and to borrow pedestrian barriers. This popular event raises funds for Ramsey RNLI and Bunscoill Rhumsaa.

The event is covered by RNLI insurance. A full event risk assessment will be in place. Dippers will be issued with safety advice at the point of registration. RNLI Crew members in dry suits will be in the water; RNLI crew members are highly trained and qualified in lifesaving techniques and first aid. Other members of the crew will also be on hand to assist dippers and members of the public as required.

The event takes place at 11 a.m. on New Year's Day, registration on the day will be available from 10 a.m.

Recommendation: to confirm that Ramsey RNLI can hold a Chilly Dip on 1st January 2023.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

14th September 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SPRINTFEST 2023
SEPTEMBER 2022 – PUBLIC**

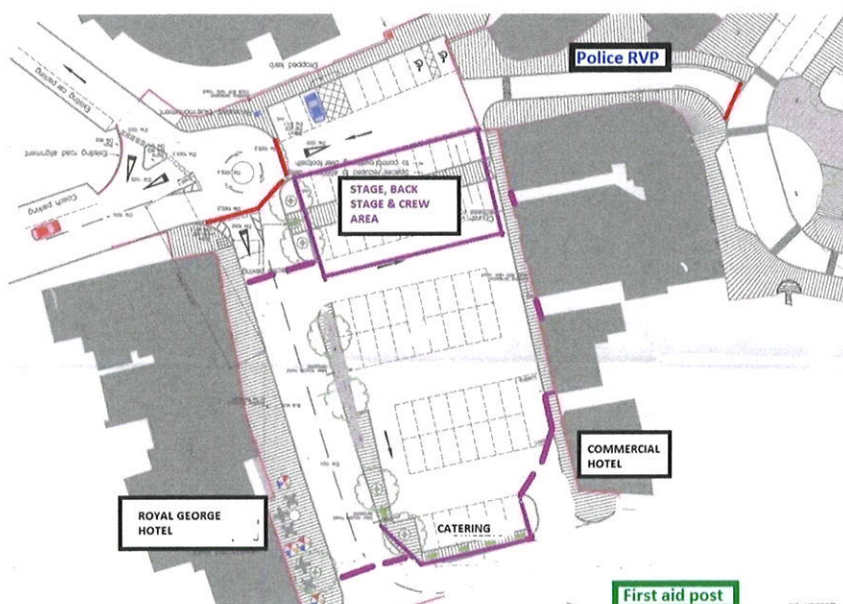
Mr. Chairman and Members

At the meeting of Commission on 15th June 2022 members resolved that Sprintfest be staged during the TT Festival in 2023.

This report provides an interim update in respect of this event.

Location

The location of Sprintfest was agreed as being Market Place.



This location provides for a stage at the southern end of Market Place Car Park with a large auditorium which can accommodate those wishing to sit in deckchairs or stand.

The northern end of the car park will host the sound/lighting desk and can accommodate catering concessions requiring to be set-up onsite for the duration of the event. This set-up gives potential for the closed car park to be used to stage events during the day.

Further catering concessions and ancillary attractions which are only in place while the event is taking place, and roads are closed, are located on Market Place (road) or West Quay. The First Aid Post will also be located on West Quay.

Market Place (road) and West Quay are closed during the period of time that the event is taking place – this is to allow pedestrians safe access to the concessions and to provide a safe area.

Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023
September, 2022, Public Continued:

It is possible that businesses along West Quay could make use of the closed road with activities which could complement and add to the festival atmosphere. This is something which officers will be investigating.

Traffic Management

Officers will be working with Department of Infrastructure to ensure that the car park and roads closed for the event are proportionate, in accordance with the road traffic regulations and cause minimum disruption.

Advice will be taken as to the advance notice and signage required for any road closures including the placing of “business open as usual” and “event this way” signs and points of diversion.

Due to the timing of the Sprintfest there is a possibility that the event will overlap with closures of the TT Course for qualifying or racing. In these circumstances we are required to allow Bus Vannin buses to travel along the road closures, at a reduced speed, due to difficulties in busses being able to follow the diversion route.

Event Concessions

These will be sourced in accordance with the “Event Concession Policy”.

TT Festival Dates

The Department had recently undertaken a consultation regarding the schedule for 2023 and beyond. At the time of writing the Department for Enterprise have not yet confirmed the dates of the TT Festival for 2023.

The dates of TT 2023 will impact ancillary daytime events – such as Ramsey Sprint – and possibly Sprintfest.

Date and Duration of Sprintfest

Sprintfest 2019 was 3 nights in duration. Sprintfest 2022 was 4 nights in duration.

A longer event does bring about some economies of scale – a proportion of the costs are associated with the setting up and taking down of the event rather than the duration.

Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023
September, 2022, Public Continued:

Budget

Sprintfest 2019 had a working budget of £15,000. The expenses for the event were £13, 617. Revenue received for the event – from a Department for Enterprise (DfE) grant, sponsorship and concession fees – was £7, 333. The cost of staging the event was £6,284.

Sprintfest 2022 event had a working budget of £20,000. The expenses for the event were £16,659.84. Revenue received for the event – from a Department for Enterprise (DfE) grant and sponsorship– was £8,500.00. The cost of staging the event was £8,159.54.

Funding and Sponsorship

The Commission has been invited to apply for grant funding towards Sprintfest 2023. This application is required by November. In making the application we will need to state the duration of the event and our expected expenses and revenue.

Officers have had early discussions regarding sponsorship. For these discussions to be meaningful it would be beneficial to know the expected duration of the event.

Stakeholder Impact

Officers will undertake a consultation with stakeholders including

- Northern Chamber of Commerce & other business proprietors
- Isle of Man Constabulary
- Licensing industry
- Musicians, the sound, light and technical services providers
- Food concessions
- St John Ambulance
- Department for Enterprise

In order for this consultation and any economic impact assessment to be useful it would be helpful to know the duration of Sprintfest 2023.

It is clear from initial work that some certainty on the number of nights which the event will be held for will assist in the consultation, economic impact assessment, applying for grants and sourcing sponsorship and concessions. Members are therefore asked to consider whether they would wish to determine the number of nights which Sprintfest 2023 will be staged.

Recommendation: to determine the number of nights that Sprintfest 2023 and further reporting.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

14th September 2022

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE / MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 2022.**

The following matters are brought to members' attention for information:

Tree Planting - Royal British Legion (PL)

The Royal British Legion have requested to place an oak sapling in the memorial garden within the Mooragh Park. They are happy to meet the costs of the sapling. They wish it to be placed next to the memorial bench.

Jubilee Street Party - Royal British Legion (PL)

The Royal British Legion sent a letter to the Commission thanking them for the assistance received from the Town Hall during the organisation of the Jubilee Street Party at the Courthouse.

Ramsey Tram Station and Transport Services (HP)

Minister of the Department of Infrastructure, Mr. C. Thomas, M.H.K., has written to state that a business case is currently being prepared to update the tracks at Ramsey Tram Station and that Transport Services has put in place funds from the 2024/25 capital programme to undertake a much-needed renewal of the station, this work will include a rework of the station to provide a bus station and a tram storage building.

Ramsey Bus Station - Department of Infrastructure (HP)

The Town Clerk wrote to Minister Thomas concerning the future of the bus station. A holding response was received 2nd September, 2022.

14th September, 2022.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
TOWN WARDEN SERVICES - SEPTEMBER, 2022.**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request for response, under Standing Order 13(1)(i) on the subject matter of Town Warden Services.

Background: A member of the public has had her children frightened by dogs on the beach close to the Queen's Pier. The issue is that dogs are off their leads on the beach and therefore not necessarily under control. The person had also experienced dogs urinating on or around their belongings.

The Dog Act 1990 states:- "at large", in relation to a dog, means not on a lead or under the effective control of a person aged 10 years or over;

Ramsey Dog Control Byelaws 2017 states:-

OPEN SPACES AND BEACHES WHERE DOGS MAY NOT BE AT LARGE AND FROM WHICH DOG FAECES MUST BE REMOVED

(k) the North Beach from the north breakwater to the end of the Mooragh Promenade Wall opposite the Grand Island Hotel; and

(1) the South Beach from the north side of the Lifeboat Slipway (inclusive of the slipway) off Queen's Promenade southwards to the southern boundary of the town at the site known as "The Arches" at the outfall of the Ballure Stream.

The requestor asks

- Should the North beach allow animals and the South beach limit animals specifically dogs?
- Is risk considered by the Commissioners in the decision making process?
- Is the Town Warden a full time position?
- How often are the beaches monitored?
- What would be the outcome for someone caught breaching these byelaws?
- On what grounds is the Mooragh Park observed differently in terms of allowing dogs in the area?

In presenting the matter, it is proper that I draw attention to Standing Order 31 – which states that *"If any question arises at a meeting of the Board (or of a Special Committee thereof) as to the appointment, promotion, dismissal, salary, superannuation or conditions of service, or as to the conduct of any person employed by the Board, such question shall not be considered in public and shall not be the subject of discussion until the Board has decided whether or not to sit as a Committee in private session."*

Recommendation: that having regard to Standing Orders the matter be discussed, members restricting their comments to the questions put, or should they so wish defer consideration for presentation of further information to a future meeting of the Commission.

T. R. K. Cowin

Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

15th September, 2022.