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9th February, 2023.

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, 15th February, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood
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- Notices of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness viz:-
 - Dated 31st January, 2023 - Isle of Man Post Self Service Kiosk.
 - Dated 5th February, 2023 – Digital Image RTC Canvas Bags
 - Dates 7th February, 2023 – Review and Modernisation of Rates

9. Any other Business:

page(s):

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



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

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 18th January, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. R. D. Cowell and L. I. Singer.

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

(2022/23:285) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4th January, 2023, [rescheduled from 21st December, 2022] be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2022/23:286) Matters Arising:

No matters were raised.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:287) Action Tracker January, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12th January, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Seagulls in Mooragh Park – it was proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voting against, that the Commission use cost effective bunting in the Mooragh Park as a possible deterrent against seagulls. Canon’s Greenwood’s vote was not able to be determined at the time of voting.

(2022/23:288) Action Tracker Budget Approved Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 12th January, 2023.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:289) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Street Trader's Licence Manx Whippy:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed that Manx Whippy Limited be granted a Street Trader's Licence for two vehicles for one year, as detailed in the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th January, 2023.

(2022/23:290) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Street Trader's Licence "The Rumblin Tum":

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that "The Rumblin Tum" be granted a Street Trader's Licence for trade at an event being part of the Isle of Man Festival of Motoring, on 17th September, 2023, as detailed in the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th January, 2023.

(2022/23:291) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 11th January, 2023, subject to the following:-

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure: - Mr. Young referred to the acquisition of new vehicles and queried if any were electric. He questioned the purchase of electric vehicles because of the lack of "scrap value" and also difficulties in disposal of batteries and asked how Government was acting in these matters. The Town Clerk undertook to seek further information from Government.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:292) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 11th January, 2023, 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:	4026	ADDITIONAL INFO/AMENDED PLANS
P.A. NO.:	<u>22/01212/A</u>	
PROPOSED:	Approval in principle for proposed residential development, addressing means of access and number of plots	
NOTES:	Approval in Principle	
SITE:	The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey.	

(2022/23:292) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss Craine that the Commission object to the application as was the case in the original application. Mr. Beighton queried if the Commission was voting on the amendments and asked if any recent approach had been made by the applicant. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the additional information had been made available on-line.

A vote was taken and carried by 6 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton, McGuinness, Parker and Williams voting against.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:293) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Great Manx Run:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 11th January, 2023, advising of the request made by The Children's Centre to stage a "Great Manx Run" event based at the Mooragh Park on Sunday, 26th March, 2023.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court seconded by Miss Craine and agreed, permission be granted.

Mr. Beighton queried the parking arrangements for the event. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the Fireworks display attracted considerably more attendees than envisaged at the Run without problems, but that he would raise the matter with the Children's Centre.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:294) Sundry Matters:

294a) Pharmacy Services. Mr. Young informed members that Mrs. Stella Moss is organising a Petition with regard to the pharmaceutical services in the Town.

294b) Fill-a-Fish. Mr. Kelly informed members that in the absence of any suggestions to the contrary he, in discussion with the Technical Services Manager, had agreed to keep the Fill-a-Fish in its existing location on the Mooragh Promenade, but that parts would be sealed in an attempt to alleviate littering problems.

294c) Invitation Malew Civic Sunday - the Town Clerk conveyed the invitation from Malew Parish Commissioners to attend their Civic Sunday service on 5th March, 2023. (A copy of the invitation will be sent to members.)

294d) Closure Mountain Road – the Town Clerk informed member of the intention of the Department of Infrastructure to close the Mountain Road for maintenance between 3rd and 8th April and 11th – 28th April, 2023.

(2022/23:294) Sundry Matters Continued:

294e) Holocaust Service – the Town Clerk conveyed details of the Annual Holocaust Service to be held on 29th January, 2023. Mr. Court, as Deputy Chairman will officially represent the Commission at the Service.

294f) HSBC Branch Closure – the Town Clerk advised members of his discussion with officials of HSBC and confirmed that there was no likelihood of the decision to close Ramsey Branch being reversed.

294g) Swimming Pools – the Town Clerk confirmed he had written to the Minister concerning the future of Swimming Pools; and that he had met with Mrs. D. Caine, M.H.K.. Mr. McGuinness informed members that he had also written to M.H.K.s. asking them to vote not to proceed with the proposal to transfer function to the Department and to reconsider the future operation. Mr. McGuinness also referred to an open letter issued by the Western Swimming Pool who wished to keep the rate contribution at 2 ½ p with no rise – members were reminded that the Northern Board did not oppose the rise to 6p. Mr. McGuinness took the opportunity to thank the Pool Staff who provide a good facility in the Town.

The Chairman thanked the media for attending and also those watching via the live-streaming service and closed the public session at 7.25 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.

(2022/23:295) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4th January, 2023 [meeting having been rescheduled from 21st December, 2022], and the Special Meeting held on 11th January, 2023.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:296) Minutes Northern Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee:

Resolved: To note the minutes of the meeting of the NCAS Joint Committee held on 11th August, 2022, subject to the following:-

Mr. Parker asked if problems with the disposal of plasterboard had been resolved – Members were informed that it is still possible to deposit plasterboard at Wright's Pit and Government is still looking into the future disposal of this material.

Mr. Parker also referred to the disposal of batteries, particularly from electric-vehicles – the Technical Services Manager advised that some small batteries are accepted. The Town Clerk undertook to seek advice from Government in advance of a report on the matter being presented to the Commission in the near future.

(2022/23:297) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” :

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 12th January, 2023, subject to the following:-

Town Branding – in response to a query from Mr. Beighton the Deputy Town Clerk undertook to provide members with details of the Town Branding.

(2022/23:298) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 12th January, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

10/11 West Quay – the Technical Services Manager informed members that no response has been received to correspondence sent to the new owners, it was proposed by Miss Craine seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that Notice be served.

67, Parliament Street – Members were informed that the works have been done and the Notice can be cancelled. Mr. Beighton referred to damage to the pavement and was informed that this has been rectified.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:299) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – North Ramsey Bowling Club:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 18th December, 2022, concerning the request made by North Ramsey Bowling Club to be provided with an amended lease to enable the Club to make application to the Manx Lottery Trust for grant aid.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker that the Deputy Town Clerk work with the Club towards providing an amended lease to support the Club in achieving their wish to apply for Lottery Trust aid.

The proposal was carried, Mr. Kelly did not vote due to his membership of the Club. Members agreed that the financial arrangements and loan and replacement of equipment needed attention in discussions with the Club.

(2022/23:300) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 11th January, 2023, subject to the following:-

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that various of the debts had now been paid. Reference was made to one particular outstanding account and it was agreed that the Commission follow its policy in the recovery of this debt for removal of commercial refuse.

(2022/23:301) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 11th January, 2023, advising of appeals submitted in respect of fixed penalties issued for littering offences.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by 9 votes to 1 that Fixed Penalty 0697 be upheld. Miss Craine voted against.

A proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton to uphold the penalty in respect of 0124 failed by 7 votes to 3, Canon Greenwood voting with the proposition.

A further proposal was put by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Young to rescind the penalty and look at signing in the vicinity of the offence was carried by 8 votes to 1, Canon Greenwood's vote was unable to be determined at the time of voting.

Mr. Williams queried what training the Town Warden had and was advised that the Warden operates only within the law which does not allow discretion.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:302) Technical Services Manager's Report – Steps onto Railway Line:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 4th January, 2023, advising of the placement of steps onto the former Railway Line without permission of the Commissioners as landowners.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the owner of the steps be given 21 days in which to remove the steps, failing which the Commission will remove them and charge the owners for the costs involved in so doing. Mr. Beighton asked that the owners be again reminded of their option to purchase the land, at the value provided by the Government Valuer, and subject to them paying the Commissioners' costs.

(2022/23:303) Technical Services Manager's Report – Christmas Lights:

In presenting this report the Lead Member took the opportunity to comment on the positive response to the new canopy lights provided at the Courthouse.

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 10th January, 2023, advising of her wish to provide additional new lighting using either additional funding or part of the existing budgeted figure for decorative lighting.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed that no change to the 2023/24 budget provision for decorative lighting be made but the Technical Services Manager seek tenders for the provision of decorative lighting and maintenance thereof.

(2022/23:303) Technical Services Manager's Report – Highway Maintenance Service Level Agreement:

Mr. Williams, as an employee of the Department left the room prior to discussion on this Clause.

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 4th January, 2023, in which was included a report of an open meeting with the Department of Infrastructure and the Northern Parishes to discuss the Highway Maintenance Charter, a copy of which had been provided to members of the Commission. Members noted that there were some areas within the agreement that the Commission undertake duties already and made comment against some headings:-

- 3.1 Inventory Management – needs further consideration
- 4.0 Inspections – not applicable
- 5.0 Sweeping – we already undertake this function
- 6.0 Gully Emptying – we already undertake cleaning “pots” to undertake jetting of lines will have a huge impact on local authority
- 7.0 Maintenance Trees, Hedges, Verges and Weeds – some functions undertaken by Government some by local authorities – we would be happy to hand all back
 - Hedges – we would seek to recover any costs
 - Grass Cutting – we undertake a greater service than specified

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that the Department be informed that of the Commission's wish to refer this matter back to Central Government, as they consider it inappropriate and hypercritical to force local service agreements, standards and demands onto Local Authorities when Government is unwilling and /or unable to undertake or meet their own responsibilities.

Mr. Williams returned to the room at this point.

Mr. Beighton referred to use of the Probation Service to help keep public rights of way clear. Mr. Williams informed members that this matter is under consideration within the Department.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:304) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 10th January, 2023, which were tabled, subject to the following:-

Clause 63a) – the Housing and Property Manager advised that the item referred to maintenance and servicing and not replacement as indicated by the Clause heading.

(2022/23:305) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Close Woirrey / former Albert Road Site:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 11th January, 2023, incorporating his report from 14th December, 2022, with regard to proposed redevelopment of the Close Woirrey / Albert Road Sites. Members noted that there would be no rate cost for the development and that the proposals were of similar design to the recently completed Mayfield apartments.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed application be made to the Department to increase the budget for Close Woirrey redevelopment to include the Albert Road site and to approve the recommended Design Team and proposed fees. The design on drawings enclosed with the report were also approved, although concern was expressed about the colour shown. The Housing and Property Manager confirmed that there could be some changes made.

Any Other Business:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following matters:-

(2022/23:306) Bathing Water Designation – Mooragh Beach:

The Town Clerk provided members with a letter dated 18th January, 2023, received from the Environmental Protection Officer, DEFA, with regard to the approval of the Mooragh Beach as being suitable for sea bathing. Members noted that signs will require to be obtained.

The Town Clerk informed members that a Special Board Meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023, to meet MUA, DEFA and to which the Department of Infrastructure have been invited.

(2022/23:307) Conservation Areas:

The Town Clerk provided members with a letter dated 17th January, 2023, received from the Hon. C. Barber, Minister, Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, responding to concerns raised by the Commission with regard to problems in redevelopment within Conservation Areas.

The Minister refers to a meeting to be arranged with her officers in the near future and conveys her apologies at being unable to be in attendance to avoid any possible future conflict of interests.

(2022/23:308) Forthcoming Board Meetings:

The Town Clerk took the opportunity to remind members of forthcoming meetings:-
25th January, 2023 – Budget Meeting 7.00 p.m.
30th January, 2023, - Meeting with Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey
– subjects to include budget, conservation areas, dedicated telephone line
cancellation of doctors' appointments.

Matters of Establishment:

(2022/23:309) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of a meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 9th January, 2023, subject to the following:-

Payment of wages on a monthly basis – discussion ensued with regard to the proposal to pay all wages on a monthly basis. A proposal by Miss Craine that the Commission investigate if and how other authorities pay their employees on a monthly basis did not receive a seconder and was ultimately withdrawn.

It was proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed that officers investigate how payment of wages on a monthly basis can be achieved.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie 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 28/7/22,5/9/22,21/1/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Feb-23	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Bathing water status has been confirmed as Good. Planning is in place for shelters close to slip way at end of North Shore Road.	DEFA and MUA to meet with RTC, prior to any further action.	PL	Feb-23	SB	Jun-23	
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter, the school has been contacted and asked to complete the work.		PL	Feb-23	SB	Jan-23	
	Toilet Art	On site, final wall to be completed now that ivy has been removed.		PL	Feb-23	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 (13/9/22).Chased Dec 2022- no change!	WD	Feb-23	TRKC	Feb-23	
	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. Lezayre and Garff have submitted responses to the revised RTC document.	See separate agenda item.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Mar-23	

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 5/9/22,3/11/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia.	WD	Feb-23	SB	Mar-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	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.	Requested update from MT 3/11/22 and 6/2/22.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Agreed at August board meeting that RTC will install the shelters at its cost.	Base in and shelter on site at Town Hall.	WD	Feb-23	MC	Dec-22	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22.Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	Dandara have started work on the playground, as yet not finished!	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Dec-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. War memorial committee want minimal intervention and work on the memorial (it is about maintenance and not restoration).	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. The memorial was cleaned prior to 11/11/22.	WD	Feb-23	BW	Repairs 23/24	
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.	Lead member has met with representatives of the swimming clubs. Discussions have taken place with DOI about the overall amenity of the area. Included in 2023-24 budget.	PL	Feb-23	SB	01/16/2023	
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	Feb-23	SB	Dec-22	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	87 out of 100 bags sold Fresh batch purchased end Nov 2022, the new batch of bags are here.	Complete.		Feb-23	SB	Dec-22	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.		PL	Feb-23	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	Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park	Agreed that bunting will be put up to deter seagulls.		PL	Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	
Oct-22	Control of dogs on the foreshore	Issue raised by the public for debate, additional information required prior to the debate.	Report for debate in Feb 2023.	WD	Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	May-22	
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line			Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RA6 Status
1	Mar-22	RCV replacement	Imminent arrival	Await arrival of RCV March/April 2023.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Apr-23	
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	Complete works	WD	Jan-23	BW	Apr-23	
6	Mar-22	Street Lights NDT	MDT testing and reporting complete.		WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
10	Mar-22	Street Lights New Street Lights	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Jan-23	BW	Mar-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Planning application has been prepared	HP	Jan-23	RK	Mar-23	

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

Projects 2023-24

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Prepare petition.		HP	Jan-23	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Confirm specification.		HP	Jan-23	MC	Jul-23	
3	Feb-23	Park Machinery	Preparing to place orders		WD	Jan-23	BW	May-23	
4	Feb-23	Zero Turn mower	Preparing to place orders		WD	Jan-23	BW	Apr-23	
5	Mar-22	Town Hall rear entrance			WD	Jan-23	MC	Apr-24	
6	Mar-22	Fencing Mooragh Park			HP	Jan-23	MC	Jul-23	
7	Mar-22	Vehicle Trackers	Preparing to place orders		WD	Jan-23	BW	Jul-23	
8	Mar-22	Tree Survey			WD	Jan-23	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	Jan-23	BW	Dec-23	
10	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting (festoon)	Obtaining 3 quotes		WD	Jan-23	BW	Jul-23	
11	Mar-22	Fleet replacement	Obtaining Quotes		WD	Jan-23	BW	Sep-23	
12	Mar-22	South Prom Changing facility			HP	Jan-23	SB/MC	Jun-23	
13	Mar-22	North Prom Changing Facility		Finalise design Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb.	WD	Jan-23	SB/MC	Jun-23	

There were originally 13 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES & THE CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2021
FEBRUARY 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Climate Change Act 2021 places certain duties on public bodies of which Ramsey Town Commissioners is one. The key duty is defined in Part 5 section 21 as below.

PART 5 — PLANNING AND REPORTING DUTIES OF PUBLIC BODIES

21 Climate change duties of public bodies

(1) A public body, in performing its duties, must act in the way that it considers best to contribute to —

- (a) the meeting of the net zero emissions target by the net zero emissions target year;
- (b) the meeting of any interim target;
- (c) supporting the just transition principles and the climate justice principle;
- (d) sustainable development, including the achievement of the United Nations sustainable development goals; and
- (e) protecting and enhancing biodiversity, ecosystems and ecosystem services.

(2) The Council of Ministers may make regulations that impose additional duties relating to the mitigation of climate change upon public bodies or remove such duties

Paragraph (1) above effectively ties Ramsey Town Commissioners to the net Zero Target by 2050 and the interim targets, at this time they are defined in Isle of Man Climate Change Plan 2022-27 a 57-page document. Some major actions being

- The provision of carbon neutral electricity supply by 2030
- Seeking to bring forward a ban on fossil fuel heating systems in new builds to 2024
- The installation of 20MW of local renewables by 2026
- The setting of a new interim emissions reduction target of 35% by 2030.
- 45% emissions reduction by 2035
- Develop and implement a Low Carbon Heating Strategy which will deliver a 15% sector reduction by 2027, to be underway by the end of 2023. 2.2 Bring forward the ban on fossil fuel heating systems in new builds to 2024
- Ban registrations of new petrol and diesel cars from 2030 and hybrids from 2035, in line with the UK and EU
- Electrify the public sector cars and vans as soon as possible
- Business Emissions Reduction Strategy to support delivery of a 15% sector emissions reduction by 2027, to be underway by 2023.
- Waste Management and Circular Economy Strategies to deliver 15% sectoral emissions reduction by 2027, to be underway by 2023.

Town Clerk's Report – Climate Change Duties & The Climate Change Act 2021 – February, 2023, Public Continued:
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- Ensure that public bodies (e.g. government departments and local authorities) are supported in implementing the Fair Change Framework.
- Develop training to support and enable relevant officers across government and public bodies to acquire the knowledge they need to deliver effective climate action.

Central Government offer Green Living Grants to individuals, interest free loans to businesses to improve energy usage and they have created a £5M per year (for 6 years) Climate Change fund for Government Departments, Boards and Offices to access. The Town Clerk has written to the Chief Minister and the Minister for Enterprise requesting access to funding.

Local Authorities have a specific responsibility under the Climate Change Act 2021 but no access to funding in order to make changes. It is recognised that some funding may create a saving in the longer term, such as solar panels however many schemes simply require capital investment.

The Climate Change Transformation Team have issued guidance in the form of a 63-page document but there have been no formal training sessions to bring Local Authority knowledge up from a low level to the level required by the Climate Change Act 2021. The Action Plan has as one of its actions that training will be given to Local Authorities, this has been requested.

22 Guidance to public bodies

- (1) A public body may request guidance from the Council of Ministers as to the manner in which it may or must comply with its duties under section 21(1) or regulations made under section 21(2).
- (2) The Council of Ministers may give such guidance and assistance to a public body as is reasonable to help that body comply with section 21(1) and any regulations made under section 21(2).
- (3) The Council of Ministers —
 - a. must, before 1 April 2022, give general guidance to public bodies in relation to how a public body may fulfil its climate change duties;
 - b. must regularly review and update that guidance having regard to new knowledge and methods to mitigate climate change; and
 - c. may provide additional guidance to individual public bodies in relation to how that public body may fulfil its climate change duties.
- (4) A public body must have regard to any guidance given to it under this section.
- (5) Before giving guidance under subsection (2) or (3), the Council of Ministers must consult
 - a. the public body that has requested the guidance; and
 - b. such other persons as the Council of Ministers considers appropriate.
- (6) The Council of Ministers must publish any guidance given under this section

Town Clerk's Report – Climate Change Duties & The Climate Change Act 2021 – February, 2023, Public Continued:
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There is a requirement for RTC to report and the first report is due for the year ending March 2023, the report should be complete and publicly available 4 months after the completion of the period i.e., the end of July 2023.

The Town Clerk is gathering data to be able to prepare a report.

23 Reporting by public bodies on climate change duties

(1) The Council of Ministers must make regulations before 1 June 2022 —

- a) requiring public bodies to prepare reports on compliance with their climate change duties;
- b) requiring any public body found, following an investigation under section 24(2) or 27(1), to be failing to comply with its climate change duties, to prepare a report on the actions it has taken, is taking or intends to take to secure future compliance with those duties;
- c) setting out what information the reports must contain;
- d) setting out the form and manner of the reports;
- e) setting out the period within which the reports must be sent to the Council of Ministers.

(2) A public body that has requested guidance under Section 22 is not obliged to give a report under this section until it receives the guidance. (3) A public body that prepares a report under subsection (1) must publish it.

In summary RTC have a legal requirement to meet the Government's Climate Change targets and interim targets, there is currently no funding available for Local Authorities, but individuals, businesses, Government Departments, Boards and Offices are all supported through various grants and schemes.

There is a requirement for RTC to act and report on its Climate Change targets and the report must be put in the public domain.

Recommendation: for discussion.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

17th January 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONTROL OF DOGS ON THE FORESHORE
FEBRUARY, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

A complaint concerning dogs on the foreshore was brought to Ramsey Commissioners last summer. The concern was that dogs had jumped up and scared children and then that dogs had urinated on or around people's belongings that had been left on the beach. The area of concern was around the Queens Pier.

The complainant was contacted and asked to provide a witness statement which they did. They also provided a photograph of the person who's dog was not under effective control.

It was possible to identify the individual from the photograph and they were issued a fixed penalty for their dog not being under effective control.

They disputed the fact that it was them on the beach at that time, however when they were sent a copy of the photograph, they paid the fixed penalty fine.

Complaint was followed up and the dog bylaws were effectively enforced by the Technical Services team.

Recommendations: for noting.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

6th February 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
FEBRUARY 2023 - 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 January 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st January 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £612,731.73 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £15,359.43 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in January 2023. 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 January 2023 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	£733,598.
Acquisition of Albert Road site	£415,939.
New litter bins	£103,614.
Replacement lighting schemes	£91,207.
New vehicles	£54,964.
Station Road car park re-surfacing	£48,711.
Refuse vehicle bin weighing equipment	£41,558.
High risk street light columns	£9,400.
Initial prof. fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£4,864.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During January 2023, a £91,217 payment from the Treasury was received being the sixth instalment of rate income for the 2022-23 financial year (for comparison £nil was received in January 2022).

At 31st January 2023, the total rate income receipts relating to 2022-23 was £2,772,144 (2021-22 £2,464,360). Further rates income is expected in March 2023.

Recommendation: To be noted.

8th February 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 31st January 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	226,868.13
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	87,850.20
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW plant	65,688.21
Civic Amenity Site	Quarter 4 running cost contribution	64,728.00
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	32,647.43
Various	New decorative lighting elements	16,836.52
Manx Utilities	Electricity & Water supply	15,581.93
Crowe IOM Audit LLC	2022 audit fee	14,733.60
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	14,157.46
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	12,664.90
Various	Staff training	11,694.00
Manx Utilities	Street lighting maintenance	9,302.30
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	7,974.34
Various	IT costs	6,059.34
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	5,190.13
Various	Park goods & materials	2,993.90
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	2,782.03
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,025.60
Various	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Various	Town events	1,840.79
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	1,641.01
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,526.32
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,370.65
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	1,216.24
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,159.88
Various	Security & safety	1,089.73
RTC	Petty cash	492.84
Various	Gift vouchers	155.00
Mr J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	82.50
Ms L Craine	Attendance Allowance	75.00
Mr W Young	Attendance Allowance	75.00
Mr F Williams	Attendance Allowance	56.25
Mr A Beighton	Attendance Allowance	52.50
Mr A Oldham	Attendance Allowance	52.50
Mr R Cowell	Attendance Allowance	26.25
Mr L Singer	Attendance Allowance	26.25
Rev Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	15.00
		612,731.73
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	8,354.11
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage - Dec.	3,346.82
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	1,644.74
Various	Staff training & PPE	741.88
Various	Recycling charges	709.80
Various	Site maintenance	413.25
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	77.48
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	52.77
Bank	Charges	18.58
		15,359.43

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during January 2023

Appendix 1

Anthony Devlin	IOM	J Parker Dutch Bulbs (Wholesale) Ltd.	UK
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM
Ashcrofts (1997) Ltd.	IOM	K & R Parts Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Langness Maintenance Services Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Macs Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
BHW Print Group Ltd.	IOM	Manx Fork Trucks Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Glass & Glazing Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM
Brunel Engraving Co. Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall (Services) Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Pressure Washing	IOM
City Electrical Factors (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	McGarrigle Architects Ltd.	IOM
Crowe IOM Audit LLC	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Orona Ltd.	UK
DQ Bairstow Windows & Glazing Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Paragon HR & Recruitment Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Fenay Safety IOM Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	Rentokil Pest Control	IOM
Gala Lights Ltd.	UK	Safety Management Services IOM Ltd.	IOM
Gareth Kinrade Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Sage UK Ltd.	UK
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Gregory & Moore Logistics Training	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
JAC Stores Ltd.	IOM	W. F. Howes Ltd.	UK
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st JANUARY 2023 - Appendix 2

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	3,374,222	3,858,446	(484,224)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	218	0	218	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	16,047	7,715	8,332	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	35,291	16,306	18,985	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£3,425,778	£3,882,467	(£456,689)	£4,302,124	£4,382,645	(£80,521)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	174,131	24,558	149,573	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	87,607	0	87,607	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	42,182	0	42,182	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	18,283	3,925	14,358	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	4,036	10,937	(6,901)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	2,278	9,153	(6,875)	6,220	11,630	(5,410)
Parklands Day Nursery	700	18,492	(17,792)	2,605	18,610	(16,005)
Bowling Alley	1,886	11,250	(9,364)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	3,906	0	3,906	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	19,502	0	19,502	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	697	0	697	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	758	0	758	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	15,239	2,467	12,772	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	11,337	11,567	(230)	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	9,456	0	9,456	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£406,798	£92,349	£314,449	£522,019	£121,001	£401,018

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	4,868	0	4,868	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	16,621	25,505	(8,884)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	589,680	94,742	494,938	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	215,760	0	215,760	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	78,305	78,305	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	84,377	0	84,377	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	4,195	0	4,195	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	142,226	0	142,226	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£1,136,032	£198,552	£937,480	£1,460,725	£230,005	£1,230,720

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	79,914	22,075	57,839	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	162,253	113	162,140	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	1,493	0	1,493	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	119,975	7,201	112,774	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£363,635	£29,389	£334,246	£459,302	£33,675	£425,627

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	28,082	0	28,082	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	853,279	91,143	762,136	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	9,323	0	9,323	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	53,271	28,739	24,532	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	18,791	0	18,791	44,020	0	44,020
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,154	896	1,258	1,300	0	1,300
Sub Total	£966,900	£120,778	£846,122	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£6,299,143	£4,323,535	£1,975,608	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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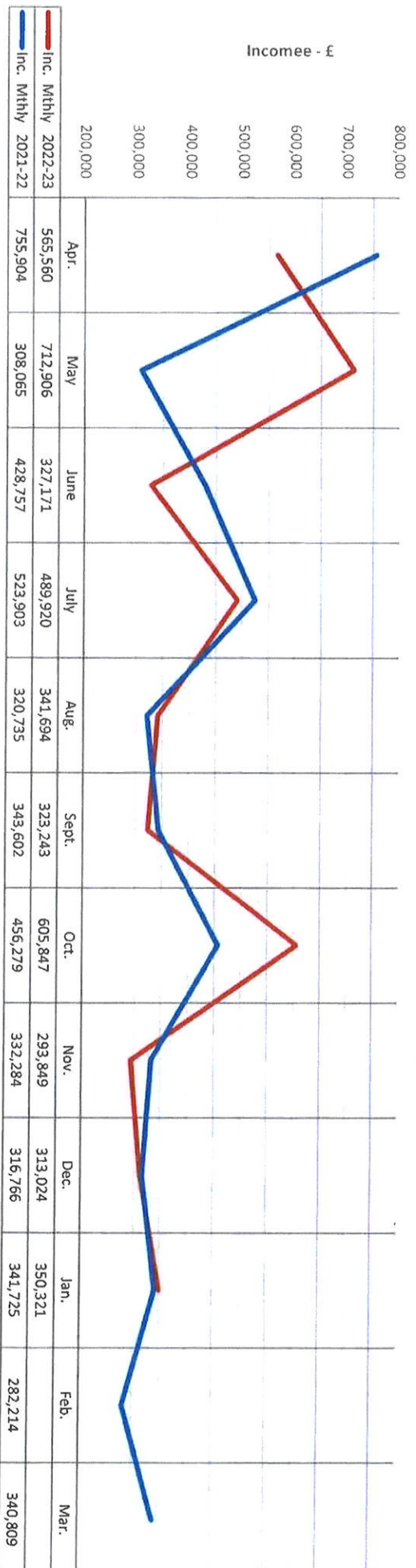
Town rates	£ -	£ 2,969,450	£ (2,969,450)	£ -	£ -	£ 3,013,336
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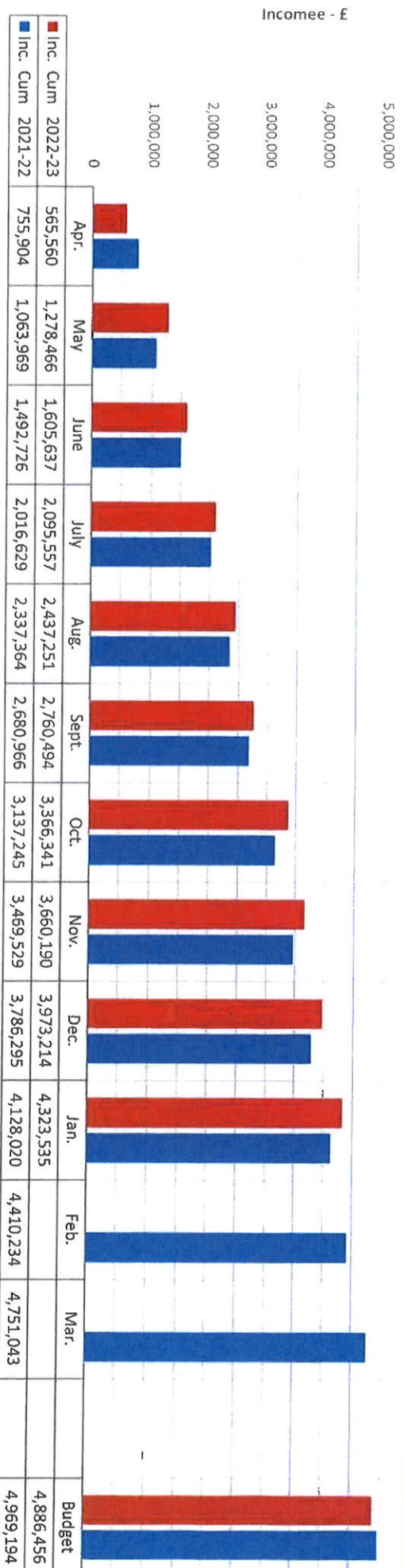
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Appendix 2

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



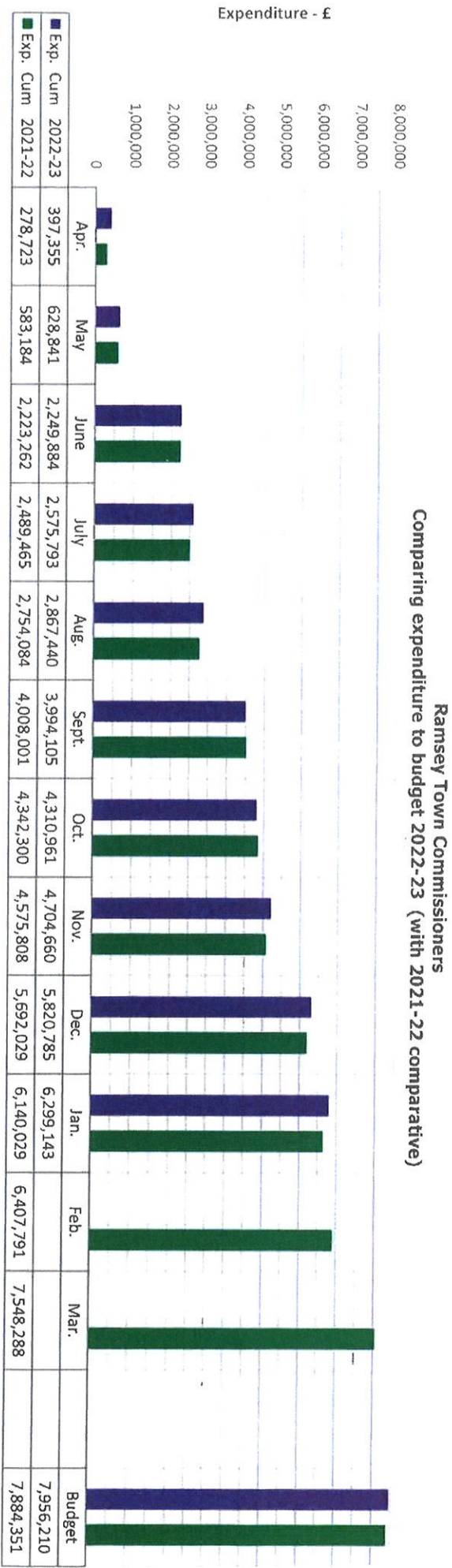
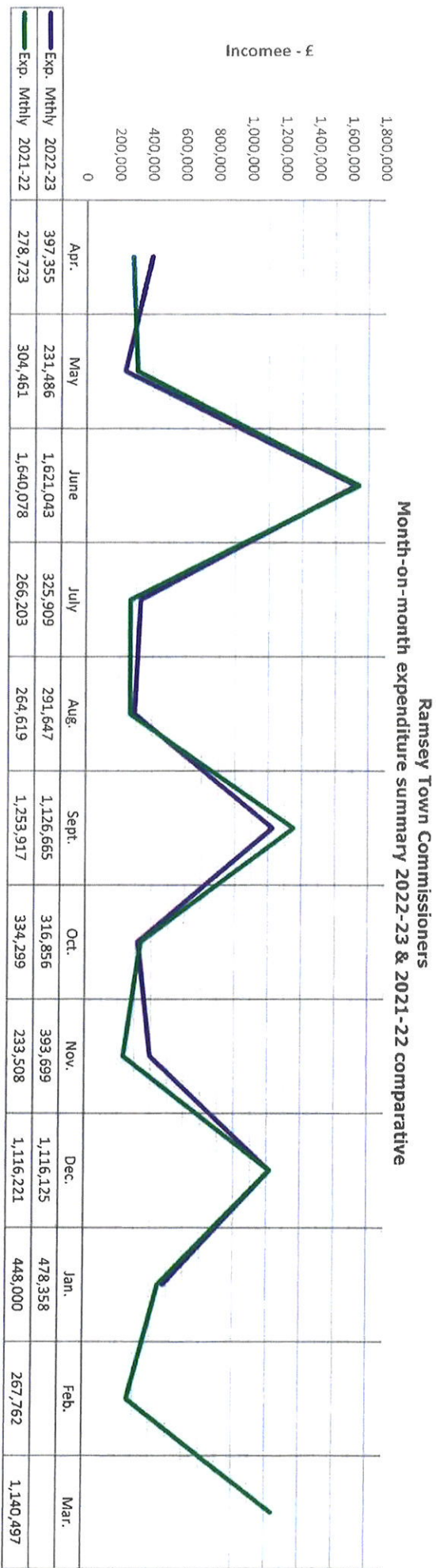
Ramsey Town Commissioners
Comparing income to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



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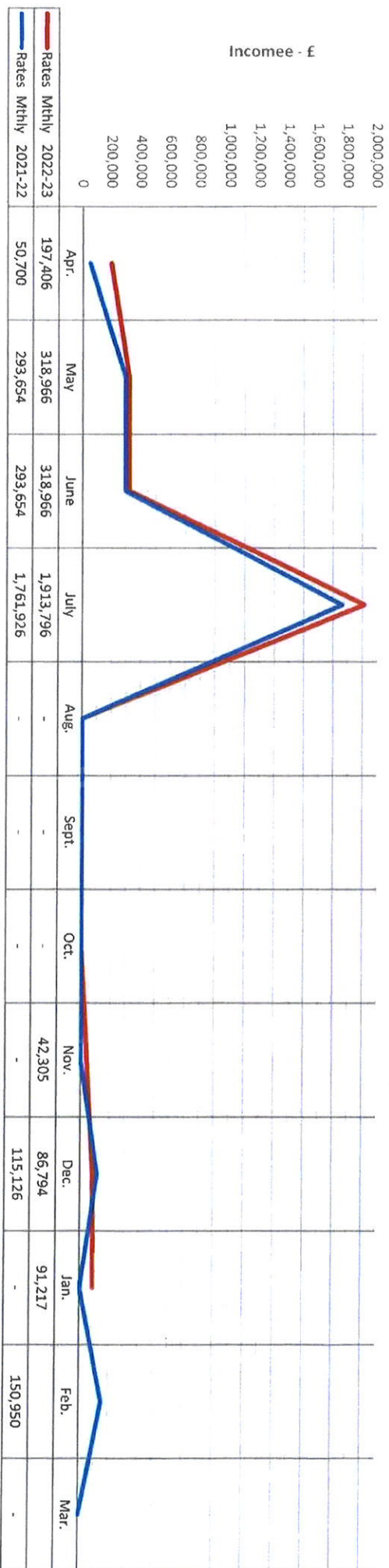


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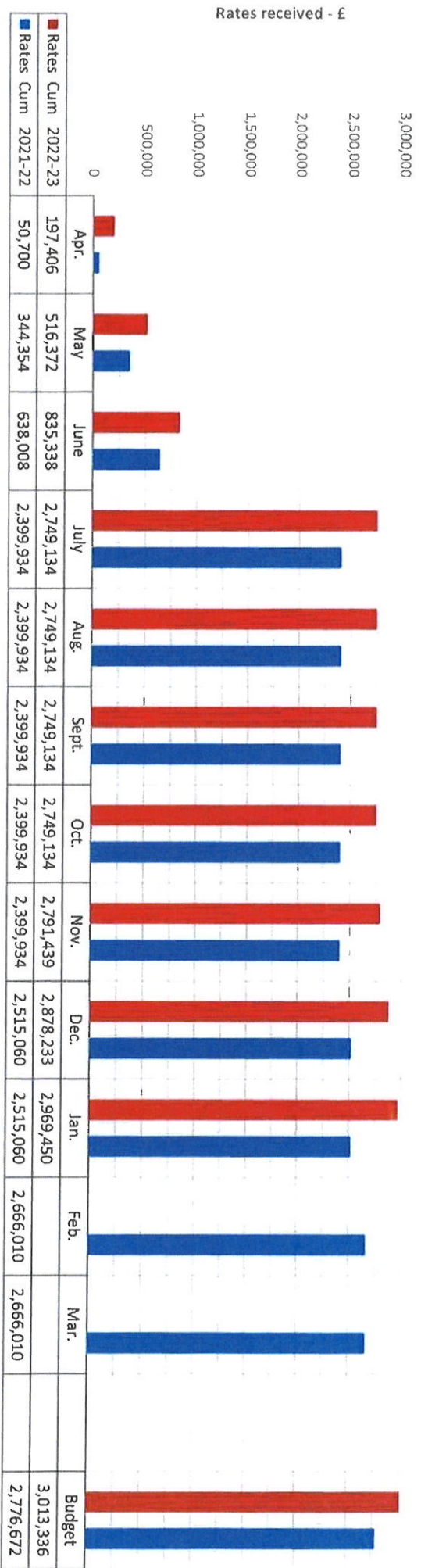
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



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



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FEBRUARY, 2023 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:	4041
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00002/REM</u>
PROPOSED:	Reserved Matters application to PA 20/01386/A for the erection of a detached single storey dwelling
NOTES:	Reserved Matters
SITE:	Land adjacent to Fasque, Andreas Road, Ramsey
REF NO:	4042
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00006/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Erection of single storey extension to form new family garden room together with twin wall insulated flue to side elevation of dwelling
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	5, Rheast Mooar Close, Ramsey
REF NO:	4043
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00047/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Installation of air source heat pump
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	31, Royal Park, Ramsey
REF NO:	4044
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00066/B</u>
PROPOSED:	Change of use from public house (use class 1.3) to create ten apartments (class 3.4) while retaining original element of building, demolition of previous extensions and erection of new replacement extension
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail
SITE:	Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FEBRUARY, 2023 PUBLIC**

REF NO: 4045
P.A. NO.: 23/00067/CON
PROPOSED: Demolition of previous extensions and erection of new replacement extension in association with application PA 23/00066/B
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4046
P.A. NO.: 23/00077/B
PROPOSED: Proposed extension to side of existing dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Eastleigh, Crescent Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4047
P.A. NO.: 23/00080/B
PROPOSED: Variation of Condition 1 of PA 18/00996/B, alterations and erection of front and rear elevations, to increase the period of permission by four years
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Premier Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4048
P.A. NO.: 23/00089/B
PROPOSED: Installation of multi fuel stove requiring a twin wall flue to be installed and terminating above the roof-line of the property
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Thorncliffe, Ballure Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4049
P.A. NO.: 23/00099/B
PROPOSED: Application of cork external insulation to rear and side pebble dashed walls
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **4, Approach Road, Ramsey**

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
FIREWORK DISPLAY
FEBRUARY 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

At the meeting of Ramsey Town Commissioners held on 7th January 2023 it was resolved to provide a report on seeking sponsorship for the Firework Display.

During the rate setting process the Commission resolved to seek sponsorship - where possible - for all events in order to reduce the impact on rate payers.

Ramsey Town Commissioners events are well organised and well attended. The Commission works alongside other stakeholders such as existing sponsors, the business community, the Police, the Department of Infrastructure and Department for Enterprise to achieve this.

Licensing

Following the implementation of *Liquor Licensing and Public Entertainments Regulations 2022* there does not appear to be a requirement to obtain a Public Entertainment Licence for an event being run a local authority where the event is not being run for pecuniary advantage. In the case of the Commission the sponsorship would be used to mitigate against the costs of staging the event.

Seeking Potential Sponsor Partners

Officers have already made some initial enquiries of potential sponsorship partners.

Media Partner

Working with a media partner would provide wider publicity about the event and introductions to potential sponsors.

2023 Display Date/Format

It would be helpful for planning the event and for discussions with potential suppliers and sponsors to set a date for the 2023 display. Traditionally the Ramsey display has taken place on 5th November with 6th November being a contingency date.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

8th February 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ISLE LISTEN SEA DIP
FEBRUARY, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Isle Listen wish to stage the Sea Dip for Sanity on Sunday 14th May 2023 on Ramsey South Beach and are requesting permission to use South Beach for this event.

The inaugural event took place on South Beach in 2022 and attracted around 200 entrants.

The event organisers will be responsible for all aspects of organising, managing and running of this event.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to grant permission to Isle Listen to stage a Sea Dip on Sunday 14th May 2023 on Ramsey South Beach.

Recommendation: to grant permission to Isle Listen to stage a Sea Dip on Sunday 14th May 2023 on Ramsey South Beach.

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th February 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Isle of Man Scout and Guide Association is requesting permission to use part of the Mooragh Park for their St George's Day Service on Sunday 23rd April 2023 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. There are no other events planned for the Mooragh Park on that date.

The area involved is the Vintage Green – this is the area of grass at the north end of the Mooragh Park between the lake and Main Drive:



In addition, they wish to run “trail” around the park for those attending the activity to take part in. This will involve the placing of laminated sheets around the park which will be collected after the event.

The organisers would be responsible of all aspects of organising and running the event and will liaise with other stakeholders within the Mooragh Park, such as the Rugby Club, to minimise disruption to other park users.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to grant permission to the Isle of Man Scout and Guide Association to hold this event in the Mooragh Park on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

Recommendation: For discussion.

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

7th February 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICES OF MOTION
FEBRUARY, 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notices of Motion have been submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness; viz

31st January, 2023 – Isle of Man Post – Self Service Kiosk

“Under standing order 14 I would like to move the motion that Ramsey Town Commissioners write to Isle of Man Post requesting that they review the provision of self service kiosks in the town of Ramsey and look into the provision of such a device in a location that is accessible outside of normal post office counter hours.

For background the current nearest self service kiosk is located in Douglas, these kiosks allow for the provision of stamps for letters and other small items with a weighing scale for accurate postage value. This is an important facility for individuals who are unable to access the post office during the working day due to their own work commitments.”

5th February, 2023 – Digital Image RTC Canvas Bags:

"I would like to move that we advertise for submissions from local artists to create a digital image for exclusive use on Ramsey Town Commissioners canvas bags and that we agree to pay the artist of the successful submission a fee of £250 for exclusive use and copyright of the design. The theme of the design should include imagery that is indisputably identifiable as Ramsey, differs from the existing design and include the wording “Visit Ramsey” although font/colour scheme does not need to be consistent with previous design.

Background

In August 2021 it was proposed by myself and agreed without division that Ramsey Town Commissioners take the opportunity to promote the town by way of provision of a canvas shopping bag. This proposal works towards at least two strategic goals in respect of our town vision;

1. To help achieve climate change targets by reducing the need for and use of plastic bags
2. To promote the town of Ramsey through branded bags

In 2022 I brought a proposed design principle to the board making use of the Dept For Enterprise’s Visit IOM branding material for Ramsey. This was agreed and 100 bags were ordered from “The Clever Baggers” and sold at £5 each generating a very minor profit of a few pence per bag. As these were sold out a further 100 bags were ordered before Christmas.

The strategic goals for the original project aligned with the town vision by assisting in working towards net zero by reducing plastic bag use in the town and also promote the town of Ramsey through branding. These original principles remain as valid as ever if not more so following our decision to become a UNESCO Biosphere partner.

Future

The original proposal made reference to the use of the DfE's design for expediency and the option for future alternative designs.

There is now an opportunity to build on the success of the first batch of bags and create a new design for 2023 that supports local artists and has a style that is unique to the town decided upon by Ramsey Town Commissioners."

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides:

"Notices of every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended to bring it forward or it shall be delivered in writing, duly signed by the member giving the notice, at the office of the Town Clerk at least 5 clear days before the next meeting."

Standing Order 14 also provides that "the Chairman may, if conducive to the despatch of business, allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward."

7th February, 2023 – Review and Modernisation of Rates:

"I wish to move a motion that Ramsey Town Commissioners write to the Minister for the Cabinet Office (copying Ramsey MHK's) requesting an update on the Review and Modernisation of Rates process and requesting that this review be reinstated as soon as possible.

This consultation last took place in the first quarter of 2019 (following a previous consultation in 2015) with feedback issued on the Government consult portal in July 2019 and a further document issued in October 2019 by the cabinet office setting out the next steps which were approved by Tynwald.

In January 2022 the Minister for the Cabinet Office advised that rate reform did not form part of the Island Plan for this administration and that it was something that could be looked at "down the line".

Meanwhile we are left with a rates system that bases rateable property value on standards set 50 years ago and forms part of a process that the majority of the population don't understand due to its archaic and obfuscated mechanics."

8th February, 2023.