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14<sup>th</sup> September, 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, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood,  
L. Parker
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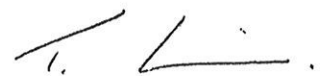
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  - Manx Tri Club Events 2024
  - RNLI Chilly Dip 2024

**8. Any other Business:**

page(s):

(by permission of Chairman)

- Items of Correspondence – attached for Members' information and action if necessary – Agenda reference made where appropriate:
  - ❖ Department of Infrastructure – Application for Climate Change Funding (Action Tracker)
  - ❖ Northern Chamber of Commerce – Decorated Lamppost
  - ❖ Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – Rate Contribution 2024/25
  - ❖ Correspondent - Seaweed Clearance (Action Tracker)
- Matter(s) 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, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Messrs. A. J. Oldham, A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, L. Parker, L. I. Singer, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence Miss L. L. Craine and Mr. J. McGuinness.

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

**(2023/24:111) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, and those recorded when the meeting was reconvened on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2023/24:112) Matters Arising:**

following matter, not specifically appearing within the Agenda was raised:

Mr. Parker referred to comments made by Mr. Singer with regard to the Cronk Elfin Refurbishment [Clause 095 referred] and informed members of the obligations of the principal contractor and of his understanding that the sub-contractor about which there had been concern is now back on schedule.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:113) Action Tracker August, 2023:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

***Empty Pubs*** – Mr. Cowell queried progress with regard to the sale of “The Stanley Hotel” – members were informed that it is understood that the sale has “stalled”. Mr. Cowell also referred to the re-opening of “The Central Hotel” – members being informed that this is understood to be imminent.

***Ramsey South Promenade Changing Huts*** – Mr. Kelly updated members on recent discussions with the Swimming Group; the Department of Infrastructure is agreeable, subject to conditions, to the siting of the changing hut; traffic arrangements will need to be varied; a budget of £3,500 is set aside. Reclaimed timber from the Queen’s Pier can be used and the Swimming Group have been seeking sponsorship and have volunteer tradesmen willing to undertake the construction.

**(2023/24:114) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:**

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

*Coronation Park Toilets* – the Housing and Property Manager informed members that planning approval has been granted.

*Town Hall Solar Panels* – Mr. Singer queried if any response has been received concerning the possibility of “Climate Change Grant” for this purpose – members were informed not. The Town Clerk referred to the positive meeting with the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey and indicated that he would chase for a response.

North Promenade Changing Facility: Mr. Cowell queried the expiration of the planning approval; members being informed that it is understood to be March 2024. It was noted that the swimming groups were not in favour of siting changing facilities on the North Promenade. It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed that a survey be undertaken to determine whether or not this is the case following which consideration be given to reallocating the funding for this project.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:115) Town Clerk’s Report – Access to Cash Survey:**

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, concerning the Access to Cash Survey being undertaken by the Isle of Man Government, a copy of which had been provided to members.

Mr. Singer commended the importance of the Commission responding to the survey – he felt the survey to be biased against use of cash and felt that so many areas of the community would suffer if cash were not available – referring to charities, tipping, street collections, he felt that not everyone used “smart phones” and some people do not have bank accounts. In making his comments Mr. Singer proposed they form the basis of a formal response.

Mr. Parker seconded the proposal stating that card machines “go-down”, withdrawal points run out of money and many people find managing cash easier.

Mr. Oldham commented that the last RBL Poppy Appeal raised over £17,000 by way of cash donations and only £80 by way of card donations.

The proposal to make a submission was carried. Individual responses were also encouraged.



**(2023/24:116) Finance Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, subject to the following:-

Mr. Cowell, in his capacity as Lead Member, drew attention to the larger payments including waste disposal and housing repairs and reminded members that any questions on any matters of finance could be addressed to the Finance Officer at any time.

**Works and Development:**

**(2023/24:117) Town Clerk's Report – Painting Lamp Post (Artwork):**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, advising of the request made to paint a lamp post situated in Parliament Street.

Mr. Kelly commented that the proposals were not conducive to Health and Safety and could be dangerous and so proposed that the Commission object to the proposal. Mr. Singer agreed stating that he could see no point in only one lamppost being painted – a theme might be better involving the shop premises rather than the lamppost which would be more effective.

Mr Cowell agreed with his colleagues and suggested the applicant be invited to paint a park shelter instead.

Mr. Williams was in support of the proposals – encouraging art work will brighten the Town. Mr. Parker agreed with Mr. Williams stating that the health and safety issues would be responsibility of the applicant.

The Town Clerk advised that ultimately Health and Safety was the responsibility of the Commission the issues concerned electrical safety and working at heights. Mr. Signer further commented that the art work would be more effective if it were on an adjacent shop.

Mr. Cowell seconded Mr. Kelly's proposal which was carried by 6 votes to 4. Messrs. Kelly, Oldham, Young, Singer, Greenwood and Cowell voting for.

It was further resolved and agreed following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Beighton that the applicant be informed that the Commission is agreeable to the principle of the shop premises being decorated.

**(2023/24:118) Town Clerk's Report – Poyll Dooley Fields Presumption of Dedication:**

Mr. Williams declared an interest in this Clause and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, advising correspondence received from Mr. Willimas, in his capacity of Highways and Public Rights of Way Manager for the Department of Infrastructure. The report advises members that the Department of Infrastructure has commenced preparation of a Draft Order with regard to public rights of way at Poyll Dooley and the Commission will be able to make further comment as part of the process.

Members asked that the Department be requested to provide more detailed mapping.

**(2023/24:119) Town Clerk's Report – Statutory Nuisances:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, advising of correspondence received from DEFA with regard to further suspension of statutory nuisance investigation services.

**(2023/24:120) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association Roadshow:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's Report dated 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, conveying the request of the Isle of Man Anti-Cancer Association to site an ambulance in Station Road Car Park on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, as part of their Cancer Awareness Road Show.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Cowell and agreed permission be granted.

**(2023/24:121) Technical Services Manager's Report – Beach Cleaning:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023, advising of possible costs for regular beach cleaning and that responses are awaited from DEFA and the Manx Wildlife Trust with regard to their guidance on this matter.

Mr. Young queried the recent attendance of Commissioners' staff and others at the foreshore – members were informed that this was an investigative inspection during which no rubbish was found. It was reiterated that no works could be carried out prior to receipt of advice from Manx Wildlife Trust and DEFA.

**(2023/24:122) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO: 4093  
P.A. NO.: 23/00827/C  
PROPOSED: Additional use as tourism accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Mountain Dream, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

Mr. Kelly drew attention to the requirements of parking as detailed within the 2016 Strategic Plan and therefore proposed that the Commission object to the proposals on the grounds of lack of parking. Mr. Beighton commented on the need to have a summary of matters about which the Commission can raise concerns within planning. Mr Cowell referred to the provision of parking for proposed development of apartments at the former Britannia Hotel and it members were informed that the proximity of a bus stop and a public car park were relevant factors. In response to a query members were informed that no objections had been submitted to the Planning Committee with regard to the application.

Mr. Singer seconded the proposal to object, which failed by 7 votes to 3, Canon Greenwood being the only other member voting in support.

REF NO: 4096  
P.A. NO.: 23/00832/B  
PROPOSED: Conversion of ground and first floor units to create 2 additional apartments including alterations to external elevations including new windows, doors, render and stone cladding  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **3, West Quay, Ramsey**

Discussion ensued during which members expressed the view that the Quayside needed mixed use development and accordingly, Mr. Cowell proposed that the Commission submit no objection to the application. Mr. Singer concurred stating that to object might stymie other proposed development in the area.

Mr. Beighton seconded the proposal, which was carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against.

**(2023/24:113) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:**

REF NO:	4044	<b>Amended Plans</b>
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00066/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Change of use from public house (use class 1.3) to create ten apartments (use 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:	<b>Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey.</b>	

Mr. Singer queried if the above application was simply "Change of Use" – members were informed that the application was "In Detail" and that the amended plans reflected minor amendments from plans already seen.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2023/24:114) Town Clerk's Report – Library Quarter 2 2023:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, reporting on the activity of the Town Library to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

Mr. Singer commented that members of the public speak well of the library and the services provided and proposed that the members' thanks be recorded to the library staff for all they do. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2023/24:115) Beach Wheelchair Access:**

Mr. Cowell referred to the loss to the Town of the wheelchair facilitating beach access, which has been relocated to Peel, and commended the Commission investigate how best to replace this.

**(2023/24:116) Disclosure of Private Information:**

Mr. Cowell drew attention to matters, discussed in private being discussed in public which he considered unacceptable. Reference was made to the recent meeting with the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey and the Town Clerk confirmed that this meeting was private until such time as the Board sanctioned otherwise.

**(2023/24:117) “Publication of Board Agenda”:**

Mr. Cowell asked when the Board Agenda for the Commissioners meeting [Public Session] became accessible to the public as it was his understanding that the papers were “private” until commencement of the meeting?

The Town Clerk informed members that the agenda papers were usually placed on the Commission’s website on either the Friday or Monday after the day upon which they had been posted to members. He also informed members that it is usually on the date of posting or shortly thereafter that the papers are emailed to members. Mr. Cowell commented that the matter needed to be more definite and proposed that the papers be downloaded to the website on the Tuesday before the Board Meeting and the papers remain private until this is done. Mr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

Mr. Williams proposed an amendment that the papers be downloaded on the Friday, to allow the public to see items on the agenda and contact members if they wished to discuss matters with them. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against.

Mr. Singer queried the practice of matters being brought from private into the public agenda – members were advised that the procedure to formally move this action during a public meeting did not change.

**(2023/24:118) Dog Fouling:**

Mr. Singer drew attention to increasing incidents of dog fouling in residential areas and asked if the Commission could budget for more “dog fouling bins”? The Technical Services Manager informed members that there are 138 suitable bins positioned around the Town all of which are considered to be within “walking distance”. It was agreed to ask the Town Warden to vary his patrols and members were asked to advise of any particular problem areas.

Members recognised that most dog owners were responsible for properly disposing of dog faeces.

**(2023/24:119) Sundry Matters:**

**119a) Ramsey Rocks** - Mr. Court took the opportunity to promote Ramsey Rocks on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, from 2.00 p.m., with live music, bands and stalls.

**119b) Morning Moments** – Mr. Court informed members that this group would be undertaking another sea swim on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

**119c) Ramsey in Bloom Competition** – Mr. Court referred to the recent presentation of awards for the Ramsey in Bloom Competition and took the opportunity to thank all competitors and staff for their involvement.

**119d) Radio Caroline Weekend** – Mr. Cowell referred to his attendance, as Deputy Chairman of events held over the Radio Caroline Weekend. He commented on his enjoyment of and the success of the weekend and commented that he hoped the Commission could discuss what help could be offered for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events being planned in 2024.

**(2023/24:120) Live Streaming:**

Mr. Kelly raised the matter of live-streaming of the Commissioners' meetings referring in particular to the problems of poor quality and the loss of last month's "recording".

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the live-streaming uses "Facebook" being the media source most easily accessed; there are problems the system crashes as was the case at the close of last month's public meeting it was not on the RTC's page and the problem was with "Facebook". The live-streaming drops in and out and the "broadcast" produced is not "studio quality".

Mr. Cowell suggested that the Commission look at a self-sufficient system and queried if a "back-up" of voice recording was feasible. Mr. Oldham queried if the live-streaming could have a "hard-drive".

A proposal was put by Mr. Parker that the Commission investigate and budget for improved live-streaming provision. Mr. Cowell put an amendment to include investigating costings for a sound-deck and storage. Mr. Parker seconded the amendment which was carried unanimously.

**(2023/24:121) Sundry Matters – Town Clerk:**

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following matters:-

**121a) Air Port Parking :** It was noted that a response had been received to the Commission's comments on proposed changes to car parking fees at Ronaldsway Airport. Members felt that the response did not address the concerns and it was proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed to bring to the attention of the.... The Commission's concern that their views have not been addressed.

**121b) Overnight and Weekend Parking** – an acknowledgement has been received following submission of the Commission's correspondence that they did not wish to comment on parking of larger vehicles and motorhomes.

**121c) Lithium Batteries** – a response has been received.

**121d) Civic Sunday Invitations** – received for 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, from Lezayre Parish Commissioners and Port St. Mary.

The Chairman thank those watching the live-streaming and closed the public meeting at 8.10 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.

**(2023/24:122) Minutes:**

Resolved: To note for record purposes that no matters from the July 2023, Board Meetings were recorded in private.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:123) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023, subject to the following:-

**Town Branding** – Mr. Beighton queried to progress in promoting the Town Branding. members were informed that Phase 1 would go live from September until Christmas.

**Kerbside Recycling** – Mr. Singer queried progress with regard to kerbside recycling – members were informed that there are limited options available to the Commission and that costings are still needed. Mr. Singer’s request that the wording be corrected to reflect that a presentation by Douglas Corporation had taken place was agreed.

**(2023/24:124) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:**

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 9<sup>th</sup> August , 2023, subject to the following:-

The Technical Services Manager confirmed that Notice has been served on the owner of the property listed second in this list and confirmed that the owners of the property listed last on the list are engaging and undertaking work.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:125) Town Clerk’s Report – “Media”**

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023, seeking the Board’s directive with regard to engagement with and provision of information, not spontaneously reported by, the media.

Discussion ensued during which members were generally in agreement that there should be no cost implications; social media is an appropriate source, there is nothing stopping individual members making comments but members should always make it clear when they are making comments in a personal capacity [the Chairman or respective Lead Members usually lead formal media statements].

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Kelly a “Press Policy” be drafted by the Policy Committee in due course.



**(2023/24:126) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Ramsey Community Hub:**

Members noted the Mr. Oldham's involvement with the Ramsey Community Hub – following a proposal by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Beighton it was agreed that Mr. Oldham be permitted to remain in the meeting during discussion on this matter.

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, drawing attention to the operation of Bingo at the Community Hub and the use being made by Manx Care to facilitate the "Northern Family Hub" within the Courthouse.

Mr. Cowell confirmed that he is assisting The Hub with regard to their licensing requirements.

Mr. Beighton commended The Hub and congratulated its Committee on the initiatives taken and being taken. In doing so Mr. Beighton proposed that the Commission promote events at The Hub because of the community involvement. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. Williams and Young voting against.

Mr. Oldham did not take part in the discussion nor did he vote.

**(2023/24:127) Finance Officer's Report:**

Resolved: To note Finance Officer's report dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, , 2023, subject to the following:-

**Rent Arrears** – Mr. Cowell, as Lead Member, advised that there was improvement in the list of rent defaulters since the list was presented and that tenants are engaging when problems arise.

**Aged Debtors** – Mr. Cowell advised that several of the debts appearing on the Aged Debtors list had been paid. It was confirmed that two debts will be progressed through the Small Claims' Court if two "7 Day final notice" letters do not result in payments being received.

**(2023/24:128) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeal:**

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, advising of an appeal submitted against a Fixed Penalty Notice issued in respect of a perceived littering offence.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against, the appeal be accepted.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2023/24:129) Minutes Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023, subject to the following:-

**Clause 014a) and 104b)** Members were informed of ongoing problems detailed within these Clauses.

Mr. Kelly queried if individual members might assist in speaking to tenants. The Housing and Property Manager advised that this would be inadvisable on GDPR and "Safeguarding" grounds as some tenants might be considered vulnerable and advised members to refer any concerns, or indeed any tenants, to the housing officers. Members were reminded that the regular tenants' newsletters give contact details should assistance be required. Members asked to be supplied with a copy of the next newsletter.

**Clause 15e)** Members were informed that the action proposed within the Clause is subject to satisfactory property inspections.

**(2023/24:130) Housing and Property Manager's Report - Close Woirrey Demolition:**

Member considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, detailing the quotations received for the demolition of Close Woirrey,

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed without division that the quotation submitted by Manx Demolition Ltd., be accepted.

**(2023/24:131) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:**

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

**(2023/24:132) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Public Sector Rents 2024-25:**

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, with appended questionnaire issued by the Department of Infrastructure with regard to the proposed level of public sector rents for 2024/25.

**(2023/24:132) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Public Sector Rents 2024-25 Continued::**

The following resolutions were carried:

**Regularity of Setting Rents** – Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that rent levels be set annually. (Mr. Cowell was temporarily out of the Boardroom and did not vote.)

**Level of Increase and Maintenance Allowance** – proposed by Mr. Beighton seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 8 votes to 2, that the Lead Member for Housing and Housing and Property Manager liaise to determine the level of increase which would affect the maintenance allowance. A further proposal by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Williams that any increase should not be more than 2% was carried by 6 votes to 4; Messrs. Court, Kelly, Oldham, Parker, Singer and Williams voting in favour.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2023/24:133) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Community Use Piano:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, advising of the offer to provide a Community Use Piano for use in Rasmey.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Cowell seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, the kind offer be accepted and the piano be placed at the Courthouse Grounds subject to the agreement of The Community Hub. Mr. Young was temporarily absent from the room and did not vote.

**Suspension of Standing Orders:**

It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to its conclusion. Mr. Young was temporarily absent from the room and did not vote.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2023/24:134) Sundry Matters:**

**134a) Available Funding** – Mr. Cowell drew attention to the proportion of rate income "freely available" [approximately 20%] and asked members to be mindful of this.

**135b) Cooil ny Marrey Vacant Properties** - Mr. Cowell queried if the vacated properties at Cooil ny Marrey site could be made available for housing for younger applicant on the housing waiting lists. The Housing and Property Manager informed members that the properties are no longer fit for purpose.

**(2023/24:134) Sundry Matters Continued:**

**136c) Provision of Allotments** – Mr. Williams proposed, Mr. Beighton seconded that investigation be made into the provision of allotments within the Town. The proposal was carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Parker voted against.

**137d) Lheighney Field Site** – reference was made to the suggestion that the Lheighney field might afford Ramsey Football Club some additional training facilities. Members were informed that the Department's Director of Estates had not yet responded to the matter.

**Matters of Establishment:**

**(2023/24:135) Minutes Establishment Committee:**

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, and 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, subject to the following:-

Mr. Cowell's request that "cycling to work" reference be no longer included as a regular matter of reporting, was agreed, unless circumstances changed.

A proposal with regard to regrading was formally put by Mr. Cowell seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried without division.

The meeting closed at 10.17 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	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 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023.Developer contacted our advocate proposing the POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated.	FGP	TRKC	Sep-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. Note the planning approval for the changing facilities expires in 2024.	At a meeting with the swimming groups on 6/3/23 they stated that they do not want a changing facility on the Mooragh prom, and that the focus should be south beach facilities.	PL	SB	Sep-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.	The school have been contacted about the missing sea gull! Further enquiries made to school.	PL	SB	Apr-23	
	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 and Feb 23- no change. TC wrote to DEFA Minister, and response given to members at July 2023 board meeting. A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed.	WD	TRKC	Jun-23	



# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	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.	Advocate and planning specialist appointed awaiting date for inquiry from the DOI. A Chairman for the inquiry has been identified. Public Consultation currently open on the Government Consultation hub (closes 9th August). <a href="#">See report.</a>	FGP	TRKC	Sep-23	Green
	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 5/9/22,31/1/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. Brewery asked about the Brit, Stanley and Royal George Sept 2023. It is understood that a sale has been agreed for The Stanley.	WD	SB	May-23	Red
	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.	Manx Telecom report March 2023 board pack.	FGP	TRKC	Jun-24	Green
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelter at Town hall complete, planning application for tram station submitted( by DOI), revised planning application being prepared for Station Road.	Undertake works under permitted development.	WD	MC	Sep-23	Orange
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. Dandara have changed the contractor doing the works on the playground. Playground nearly complete, requires snagging and hand over, the contractor has been contacted Sept 2023.	FGP	TRKC	Jun-23	Red

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
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	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.	See 2023-4 project list. Lead member is progressing the shelter with the swimming group and other stakeholders.	PL	SB	Sep-23	
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.	Retain on tracker for future reference, no action required currently.	FGP	SB	Apr-23	
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. In excess of 60 of the new bag design have been sold.		SB	Jul-23	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	First shelters ready for art work. Artists to commence work soon.	PL	SB	Jun-23	
Aug-22	Recycle conference	The main UK Recycle conference in Sept.	TC booked to attend. Report Oct 2023.	PL	TRK/ BW	Sep-23	
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park	Agreed that bunting will be put up to deter seagulls.	Bunting installed, complete.	PL	TRK/ BW	Jul-23	
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Quotes received and forwarded to the potential purchasers. Now with the advocates.		TRK/ BW	Sep-23	
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Met with HR advisors and preparing option appraisal ahead of a plan. There will be consultation with the workforce.	Unions, MIRS and workforce have been informed. Currently in consultation stage.		TRK/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	To be reported in October 2024.		SB	Dec-23	



No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	Complete works (after TT).	WD	Jun-23	BW	Apr-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Fittings ordered install June/ July 2023.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Complete.	WD	Jun-23	BW	Mar-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Planning complete, scaffold to be erected September 2023.	HP	Jun-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	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Planning application submitted and yellow notice is being displayed.	Awaiting planning approval.	HP	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Confirm specification.	RTC have applied to the Climate Change Fund for grant support.	HP	MC	Jul-23	
5	Mar-22	Town Hall rear entrance			WD	MC	Apr-24	
7	Mar-22	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	BW	Jul-23	
8	Mar-22	Tree Survey	Order placed		WD	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	BW	Dec-23	
11	Mar-22	Fleet replacement	3 vans have been ordered.	Complete, vehicles here.	WD	BW	Sep-23	
12	Mar-22	South Prom Changing facility	Feedback from planning authority has been received.	Design is agreed and awaiting final permission from the DOI.	HP	SB/MC	Sep-23	
13	Mar-22	North Prom Changing Facility	Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.		WD	SB/MC	Sep-23	

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
PROPOSED PUBLIC OPEN SPACE/HABITAT CREATION CLAGHBANE  
SEPTEMBER, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I received the enclosed from Hartford Homes:-

“Further to our discussion regarding the open space on the corner of Cloughbane Drive and Fairways Drive, I am writing to the Commissioners to present an opportunity that offers a win/win for the town, by creating an area of public open space and with Biodiversity net gain, at no cost to the public. We know the Commissioners are looking at opportunities to create more natural habitat, and this could be an ideal addition.



The area formed part of our site for our Pavilions development and was left vacant with the intention of providing garaging associated with the apartments. However, the planning application for the garage buildings was turned down.



**Town Clerk's Report – Proposed Public Open Space / Habitat Creation –  
Cloughbane – September, 2023, - Public Continued:**

In late 2012, works were progressed to landscape the area;



The recent image, below, shows how the landscaping has matured;



As well as providing an attractive area of natural habitat and visual amenity, we know that local residents walk through the space and use it to exercise their dogs. This public use could be formalised and expanded, by the Commissioners adopting this area for the public.

**Town Clerk's Report – Proposed Public Open Space / Habitat Creation –  
Claughbane – September, 2023, - Public Continued:**

We appreciate the Commissioners will have questions about possible future maintenance. We would therefore suggest the following process prior to adoption;

- Manx Wildlife Trust to survey the area and propose ideas to further enhance the ecological value (being undertaken).
- Hartford will work with (RTC) and MWT, to agree any remedial and enhancements works, including ideas to minimise future maintenance requirement. We broadly expect this to be additional planting to further improve Biodiversity and possibly to reduce the area of grassland to provide areas of wildflower meadow – minimising any cutting and maintenance requirements.
- Hartford to undertake the agreed works.
- The Commissioners to adopt the area once the work is completed.

We would welcome the Commissioners' thoughts on this proposal, and if they have any questions, or suggestions, we would be happy to discuss these to ensure that this corner of the town has a planned future that is with the Commissioners control."

Recommendations: For discussion

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**T. R. K Cowin**  
Town Clerk



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
CLOIDERYN PRODUCTIONS REQUEST  
SEPTEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

The following request, addressed to The Chairman, has been received from Heather Ruffino on behalf of Cloideryn Productions:

*"I would like to formally request your sponsorship to support Ramsey and our delegation, invited to San Diego for the 160th Anniversary of the launch of SV Euterpe. A general enquiry was sent to Ramsey Town Commissioners on our behalf by Capt. Chris Wood, detailing our venture and opportunity for Ramsey.*

*As you know a delegation from San Diego Maritime Museum came to Ramsey for the Musical "Star of India", our invitation is to perform these songs in San Diego. This is through the Veteran's Day Holiday Week/Weekend at the main celebration event. The performances are for the Maritime Museum, VIPs and guests as well as performance aboard the "Star of India". We will be representing Ramsey and the Isle of Man, putting Ramsey firmly in the Californian market for visitors. The conservative cost of this venture is £25,000 for flights and accommodation, a consideration from Ramsey Commissioners would be greatly appreciated to ease the burden carried by each individual.*

*Thank you for your attention to this matter and the celebration of Ramsey, proud home of the "Star of India". We are inviting the Lieutenant Governor, Sir John Lorimer to our performance in St Pauls Hall on Saturday 7th October and your support and attendance would be greatly appreciated."*

The Star Of India was built in Ramsey and was launched in 1863. She was originally named Euterpe. She was renamed Star of India in 1906.

**Recommendation: for discission.**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 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 August 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £656,695.75 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £31,350.58 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in August 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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 is attached at Appendix 2.

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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

New refuse collection vehicle	£206,845.
Tipper vehicles	£100,614.
New mowers & equipment	£28,963.
Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£490,438.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£129,149.
Replacement windows – Gladstone Av. & Vernon Rd.	£94,500.
New street lighting – LEDs	£72,246.
New festoon decorative lighting and equipment	£12,257.

It should be noted that the refuse vehicle, Cronk Elfin refurbishment, Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites redevelopment and the new LEDs are all funded by capital loans which have been petitioned, approved by Treasury and received.

Petitions to borrow for the Tipper vehicles and Replacement windows have been submitted and await Treasury approval.

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer



# Ramsey Town Commissioners

## Accounts paid during August 2023

### Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b>General Account</b>		
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	£ 204,581.85
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	138,449.50
Various	Replacement windows programme	75,600.00
Various	New vehicles	42,363.60
NLASPB	Social housing boiler replacement programme	40,559.62
Various	First tranche 2023-24 swim pool rate	35,311.49
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	26,083.06
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	22,267.97
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	18,819.59
Various	Street lighting maintenance	8,062.01
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	6,461.35
Various	Fuel & heating oil	6,153.80
Various	New wheelie bins	5,541.00
Various	Park goods & materials	4,605.88
Various	IT costs	2,711.41
Account transfers	Town events	2,624.48
Various	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	2,368.06
Various	Contract cleaning	2,364.00
Various	Staff training	1,944.39
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	1,839.92
Banks	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,805.95
Various	Bank & debit card charges	1,507.89
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,444.22
Manx Utilities	Security & safety	1,096.37
RTC	Electricity supply	713.87
Various	Petty cash	579.94
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	575.78
S Kelly	Gift vouchers	145.00
	Attendance Allowance	113.75
		<u>656,695.75</u>
<b>Northern Civic Amenity Site</b>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	13,030.27
IOM Govt.	Site rental - quarter 2	6,096.00
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	5,418.65
Various	Recycling charges	4,512.52
Various	Plant & machinery servicing & repairs	1,899.44
Various	Site maintenance	191.87
Manx Telcom Ltd.	Phones	97.53
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	79.77
Bank	Charges	24.53
		<u>31,350.58</u>

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during August 2023

### Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Logistics UK	UK
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Glass & Glazing Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Recovery Services Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Brunel Engraving Co. Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Cameron Hall Services Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	NLASPB	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Nomix Enviro Ltd.	UK
CuPlas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Diversesigns Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Eden Park Garden Centre	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Art Gallery	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Rocks performers	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Rentokill Pest Control	UK
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Sadler Agricultural Services Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	SSI Schaefer Ltd.	UK
Hampshire Flag Co. Ltd.	UK	2 Clean	IOM
Hersham Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Co. Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Thompson Commercials Ltd.	UK
IOM Advertising & PR Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	Viking Office UK Ltd.	UK
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
LC Consultancy Ltd.	IOM		

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023 - Appendix 2**

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Social Housing</b>						
Housing Schemes	1,732,172	2,353,627	(621,455)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	82	0	82	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	4,349	8	4,341	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	14,804	126	14,678	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1,751,407</b>	<b>£2,353,761</b>	<b>(£602,354)</b>	<b>£ 4,769,734</b>	<b>£ 4,935,885</b>	<b>£ (166,151)</b>

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Property and Assets</b>						
Town Hall	63,918	19,836	44,082	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	26,564	0	26,564	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	19,641	0	19,641	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	3,715	0	3,715	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	5,122	6,585	(1,463)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	2,001	4,452	(2,451)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	822	9,942	(9,120)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	0	3,750	(3,750)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	830	0	830	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	368	0	368	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	504	0	504	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	4,571	0	4,571	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	10,936	1,536	9,400	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	5,863	5,996	(133)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	48,279	0	48,279	83,300	0	83,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£207,934</b>	<b>£52,097</b>	<b>£155,837</b>	<b>£590,664</b>	<b>£104,753</b>	<b>£485,911</b>

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Works &amp; Development</b>						
Foreshores & Flags	2,605	0	2,605	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	10,008	19,181	(9,173)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	312,816	56,263	256,553	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	116,218	0	116,218	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	26,081	26,081	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	73,806	0	73,806	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	713	0	713	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	3,206	0	3,206	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	81,165	0	81,165	220,677	0	220,677
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£626,618</b>	<b>£101,525</b>	<b>£525,093</b>	<b>£1,653,578</b>	<b>£266,335</b>	<b>£1,387,243</b>

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>						
Events & Attractions	37,079	7,000	30,079	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	94,698	0	94,698	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	590	0	590	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	66,703	3,152	63,551	148,505	9,269	139,236
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£199,070</b>	<b>£10,152</b>	<b>£188,918</b>	<b>£512,461</b>	<b>£34,604</b>	<b>£477,857</b>

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>						
Administration	13,342	0	13,342	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	286,040	17,740	268,300	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	2,887	0	2,887	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	20,394	11,910	8,484	36,397	24,431	11,966
Swimming Pool	35,311	0	35,311	44,154	0	44,154
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,123	253	1,870	3,333	1,196	2,137
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£362,097</b>	<b>£29,903</b>	<b>£332,194</b>	<b>£1,010,725</b>	<b>£148,721</b>	<b>£862,004</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,147,126</b>	<b>£2,547,438</b>	<b>£651,785</b>	<b>£ 8,537,162</b>	<b>£ 5,490,298</b>	<b>£ 3,046,864</b>
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<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£2,898,807</b>	<b>(£2,898,807)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 3,283,799</b>	<b>(£3,283,799)</b>
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW-PRELIMINARY PUBLICITY  
CONSULTATION  
SEPTEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Cabinet Office is undertaking the 'Preliminary Publicity' stage signalling the start of the review process into the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016. Preliminary Publicity represents the first statutory step of the Development Plan Procedure and sets out the matters that the draft plan will deal with.

The Strategic Plan provides the high-level planning policy framework for the future sustainable development of the Island and aims to ensure that the land use needs and other spatial planning requirements which may relate to economic, social and environmental matters are adequately met.

This will be a comprehensive review process which will, once complete, replace the existing plan in its entirety.

Although the documentation that goes with this first part of the review extends to 178 pages the 29 questions in the consultation are relatively straight forward, and they mainly concern checking that the principles in the documents are appropriate. The enclosed completed questionnaire is based upon the principle "Making Ramsey a better place to be".

The section on Rural Change and Housing Issues (evidence paper P.EP02) does not apply to Ramsey as this document applies to rural parishes.


Calculations have been checked and it is recommended that the lowest average household figures should be utilised.

In defining development for the future it needs to be recognised that we are the custodians of biodiversity and that this should be protected for in its own right.

Recommendations: For discussion, and that the proposed response be submitted formally to the consultation process.

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**T. R. K Cowin**  
Town Clerk

 <p><b>Isle of Man Government</b> <i>Kil'tys Eilan Vannin</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Cabinet Office</b></p> <p><b>Isle of Man Strategic Plan Review – Preliminary Publicity Consultation Response Form</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b></p> <p>Response Number:</p> <p>Date received:</p>
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## RESPONSE FORM

Please use this Response Form to make comments and representations on the Preliminary Publicity stage of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan Review. Alternatively, you may complete this form online using the Consultation Hub.

The Preliminary Publicity stage of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan Review consists of a Main Consultation Document and several Evidence Papers which cover specific subjects at a greater level of detail. You should familiarise yourself with these documents prior to completing this form. These documents are available on the Consultation Hub, as well as on the Strategic Plan Review section of the Government Website.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 29th September 2023**. Submissions received after this date may not be included. It is recommended that completed response forms be returned via email to [newstrategicplan.co@gov.im](mailto:newstrategicplan.co@gov.im) or by post to:

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Cabinet Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Government Office  
Bucks Road  
Douglas  
IM1 3PN**



## **Overview**

Cabinet Office is undertaking the 'Preliminary Publicity' stage signalling the start the review process into the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016. This is in line with Paragraph 2, Schedule 1, of the Town and Country Planning Act (1999). Preliminary Publicity represents the first statutory step of the Development Plan Procedure and sets out the matters that the draft plan will deal with.

The Strategic Plan provides the high-level planning policy framework for the future sustainable development of the Island and aims to ensure that the land use needs and other spatial planning requirements which may relate to economic, social and environmental matters are adequately met.

This is a comprehensive review process which will, once complete, replace the existing plan in its entirety. Some policies may simply be amended and updated but others will be added or potentially removed. The review provides the opportunity to embed Climate Change policies into statutory planning policy and reflect the core strategic objectives set out in Our Island Plan 2023 (GD No. 2022/0095), to build a secure, vibrant and sustainable future for our Island and specifically deliver one of the 'Building Great Communities' programmes.

Accordingly, Cabinet Office is inviting representations on the documents published as part of the Preliminary Publicity. This suite of documents comprises the Main Technical Consultation Paper and a number of Evidence Papers which explore specific subject areas in more detail.

## **Why your views matter**

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act (1999) Schedule 1, when preparing a Development Plan, Cabinet Office must give adequate publicity to the matters that the plan proposals intend to deal with. The review of the Strategic Plan will cover a wide range of topic areas, and set out the overarching planning policy direction to guide the production of Area Plans and the determination of planning application decisions. The Plan will cover the broad topics listed in the current Strategic Plan, namely: the Island Spatial Strategy, Housing, the Environment, Business (employment land) and Tourism, Sport, Recreation, Open Space and Community Facilities, Transport, Infrastructure and Utilities, Minerals, Energy and Waste. The new Plan will embed policies on Climate Change and in respect of other national policy areas such as: design quality, landscape protection, heritage and conservation, and renewable energy. These are issues which touch the everyday lives of all Island residents, and to ensure a robust Draft Plan, Cabinet Office is seeking input from a wide range of stakeholders at this early stage of the Development Plan process.

## Strategic Plan review Preliminary Publicity Consultation - Response Form

1. **What is your name?**

Ramsey Town Commissioners

2. **What is your email address?**

tim.cowin@rtc.gov.im

3. **What is your age range?**

- ☐ 16-24.
- ☐ 25-34.
- ☐ 35-44.
- ☒ 45-54.
- ☐ 55-64.
- ☐ 65+

4. **Which of the following are you?**

- ☐ Member of the public.
- ☐ Private Company (not a developer or built environment professional).
- ☐ Developer or built environment professional.
- ☒ Local Authority or Politician.
- ☐ Government Department or Statutory Body/Board.
- ☐ Special interest/community group.

Other, please specify:

5. **May we publish your response? Please read our Privacy Policy for more details and your rights.**

- ☒ Yes, you can publish my response in full.
- ☐ Yes, you may publish my response anonymously.
- ☐ No, please do not publish my response.



The following questions are based on matters relating to the Island Spatial Strategy, housing employment, town centres and the environment which are covered in both the Main Consultation Document and expanded on in detail in the Spatial Strategy Paper. Please refer to these documents for supporting background information.

**6. Which of the following years do you think the Strategic Plan period should run until? Please select one.**

☒

2036

☐

2041

- Other, please specify below:

2036 is appropriate as climate change and the Chief Minister's aim of ad

**7. In respect of affordable housing provision, which of the following broad policy options do you prefer? Please select one.**

☐

Policy Option 1 – Units provided under the Shared Equity Purchase Assistance Scheme (or replacement) should be retained in perpetuity so that they are not able to be sold on the open market i.e. retained as affordable units.

☒

Policy Option 2 – Units provided under the Shared Equity Purchase Assistance Scheme (or replacement) should be retained for a period of 5 years (as they are now) so that they are able to be sold on the open market after a period of a minimum of 5 years.

☐

Policy Option 3 – Units provided under the Shared Equity Purchase Assistance Scheme (or replacement) should be retained for a period of 10 years to lengthen the time that they are considered an 'affordable unit' before being able to be sold on the open market.

**8. When considering how the Island's settlements may be developed in future, which of the broad policy options identified in Table 1.2 of the Spatial Strategy Evidence Paper do you prefer? Please select one. If you think a variation of that broad option more agreeable, please indicate under that chosen option.**

☒ Policy Option 1: Future development continues to be distributed across all identified settlements on the Island depending on their position in the settlement hierarchy.

- Is there a variation of this option that you want to highlight/propose?

Ramsey is the largest town and as an important hub for the north of the Island it should be upgraded in the hierarchy from service centre to a main centre (for the north).

☐ Policy Option 2: Future development is focused in the East only, specifically around the settlements of Douglas, Onchan, Union Mills and the Strang.

- Variations – as above: use this box if you find some, but not all aspects of Option 2 agreeable, please specify which aspects of Option 2 you agree with.

☐ Policy Option 3: Future development is dispersed across the Island which could be in more rural locations if there can be better alignment with infrastructure availability.

- Variations: as above: use this box if you find some, but not all aspects of Option 3 agreeable, please specify which aspects of Option 3 you agree with.

**9. Do you agree with the method of calculating housing need set out in Part Two of the Spatial Strategy Evidence Paper i.e. the 'Standard Method'.**

- ☒ I agree.
- ☐ I have a neutral view.
- ☐ I do not agree.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**10. Do you agree with the gross calculation of 7,460 new dwellings needed between 2021 and 2037 to meet a population of 100,000 people set out in Part Two of the Spatial Strategy Evidence Paper?**

- ☒ I agree.
- ☐ It is too high.
- ☐ It is too low.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**11. Do you agree with the residual housing need of 1,847 as set out in Table 1.9 of the Spatial Strategy Evidence Paper?**

- ☐ I agree.
- ☐ It is too high.
- ☒ It is too low.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**12. The average household size on the Island at the time of the Census in 2016 was 2.28. It reduced to 2.22 in the 2021 Census. The Spatial Strategy Paper sets out calculations based on a projected average household size of 2.16 in 2031 as well as the possibility of it being 2.22 in 2031. Do you have any comments on:**

- A 2.16 average household size by 2031

This would seem to be correct based on current trends. If the average household size is set too high for the plan, then this could limit the volume of residential properties required and push up house prices leading to a self-fulfilling prophecy of larger average house sizes.

- A 2.22 average household size by 2031

This is the current 2021 census figure, it is likely to decline and would limit development potential.

**13. How supportive would you be of interim reviews of the housing figures within the Strategic Plan via a National Policy Directive (NPD)? Such reviews could revise 'targets' upwards or downwards outside of the plan process.**

- ☒ I am supportive.
- ☐ I have neutral views.
- ☐ I am unsupportive.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**14. Do you agree with the gross calculation of 6.26 ha. of employment land needed to 2026 as specified in Table 1.12 of the Spatial Strategy paper based on existing evidence?**

- ☐ I agree.
- ☐ It is too high.
- ☒ It is too low.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**15. Should retail and general office development continue to be directed to town centres?**

- ☒ Yes.
- ☐ No.

**Should there be exceptions, where retail and general office development might be located outside of a town centre? If yes – what? Please use the box below.**

If strong town centres are to be maintained and brown field sites be redeveloped it is important that the office and retail space is not built out of town driving people out of town centres.

- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**16. In terms of renewable energy generation, which of the following broad policy options do you most agree with? Please select one.**

- ☐ Policy Option 1 – To retain the rural exception policy in General Policy 3 that relates to over-riding national need – recognising that strategic renewable energy initiatives would be considered to be of "over-riding national need".
- ☒ Policy Option 2 – Include an additional rural exception policy within General Policy 3 specifically for renewable energy initiatives e.g. on-shore wind development, allowing for consideration based on its merits allowing for a careful balancing of the impacts including factors for and against.

Policy Option 3 – Other, please expand on using the text box below:

If the Isle of Man is to reach its net zero targets there needs to be a desire and opportunity for renewable energy to be built and available on the Isle of Man.

**17. Do you have any other comments to make on the themes discussed in the Main Consultation Document? If so, please use the text box below:**

### **Rural Housing**

The following questions are based on matters relating to rural housing issues which are covered in both the Main Consultation Document and expanded on in detail in the Rural Housing Evidence Paper. Please refer to these documents for supporting background information.

**18. In respect of potential changes to rural housing policy, which of the following statements do you most agree with? Please select one.**

- ☐ There should be a presumption against residential development in the countryside without exception (please see question 21).
- ☒ Housing in the countryside may be permitted in exceptional circumstances (please see question 19).

**19. If you agree that residential development in the countryside should be permitted in exceptional circumstances, which of the following cases do you believe should be exceptions? Please select multiple.**

- ☐ Essential housing for agricultural workers who have to live close to their place of work.
- ☐ As above but include other industries.
- ☒ The conversion of a redundant agricultural building to form a dwelling.
- ☐ Residential development on land deemed to be previously developed (as defined in the existing Strategic Plan) or as amended and what should that amendment refer to.

Other, please specify below:

**20. In respect of replacement dwellings in the countryside, should there be greater protection for vernacular Manx cottages/dwellings for instance in terms of demolition, replacement or extension? Please explain below**

**21. Should there be design guidance or pattern books relating to rural dwellings and other development? These could cover matters such as design features, size, materials, layout, landscaping, external treatment and care for vernacular buildings etc.**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☒ I have no views on this question
- If yes, what other elements might be covered? Please use the text box below

**22. In respect of tourism, which of the following statements do you agree with most?**

- ☐ Tourism development in the countryside should be the exception i.e based on opportunities in existing buildings.
- ☒ Some new accommodation (of scale) is acceptable in the countryside including on our coasts (Please see question 23.)

**23. If you agree that some new accommodation (of scale) is acceptable in the countryside, including on our coasts, which of the below types of accommodation might you find acceptable in principle? Please select multiple.**

- ☐ Serviced accommodation (such as hotels)
- ☐ Non-serviced accommodation (such as self-catering units)

Other, please state:

A combination of both



24. In respect of Manx Tholtans, which will be defined, which of the following broad policy options do you prefer? Please select one.

- ☐ Policy option 1: They should be retained in their ruinous state
- ☐ Policy Option 2: They should be viewed as 'bothies' with virtually no services and thus little environmental impact. Any development could be linked to a footpath network.
- ☒ Policy Option 3: They should be renovated with a greater degree of service provision for tourism or permanent residential uses.

## **Biodiversity Net Gain**

The following questions are based on matters relating to Biodiversity Net Gain which is covered in both the Main Consultation Document and expanded on in detail in the Biodiversity Net Gain Evidence Paper. Please refer to these documents for supporting background information.

**25. Do you agree that a target for Biodiversity Net Gain should be set?**

- ☒ I agree.
- ☐ I have a neutral view.
- ☐ I do not agree.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**26. Should there be a standard or a tiered approach to Biodiversity Net Gain?**

- ☐ Standard approach.
- ☒ Tiered approach.
- ☐ I don't know.

**27. Do you agree that a Biodiversity Net Gain Tariff should be set for small planning applications such as the extension of a dwelling?**

- ☐ I agree.
- ☐ I have a neutral view.
- ☒ I do not agree.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**28. Do you agree that Biodiversity Net Gain policies should be linked to an independent verification process in respect of the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain supply?**

- ☒ I agree.
- ☐ I have a neutral view.
- ☐ I do not agree.
- ☐ I have no views on this question.

**29. While not every topic or existing policy can be covered with a specific question we would like to hear if you have any other thoughts or proposals for consideration as part of this review. Let us know in the text box below.**

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER, 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:	4026	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
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:	<b>The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	4044	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00066/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Change of use from public house (use class 1.3) to create ten apartments (use 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:	<b>Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	4045	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00067/CON</u>	
PROPOSED:	Demolition of previous extensions and erection of new replacement extension in association with application PA 23/00066/B	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	4099	
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00795/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Rendering to the south west facing wall including porches	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>Flats 6 &amp; 8, Elfin Court, Vernon Road, Ramsey</b>	

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**September 2023 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4100  
P.A. NO.: 23/00885/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwelling (4 no. dwellings in total)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Vacant Building Plots between 28, Clifton Drive and 14, Romney Wynd, Clifton Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4101  
P.A. NO.: 23/00915/C  
PROPOSED: Additional use of outhouse 2 for educational purposes  
NOTES: P.A. Change of Use  
SITE: **May Hill House, May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4102  
P.A. NO.: 23/00923/B  
PROPOSED: Convert existing yard fence and gate to three inward-opening gates to allow for off-road parking (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **60, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4103  
P.A. NO.: 23/00946/B  
PROPOSED: Removal of part of boundary wall to create access and additional vehicular parking  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Eskdale, 12, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4104  
P.A. NO.: 23/00948/B  
PROPOSED: Installation of a twin wall flue  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **34, Gibbs Grove, Gibbs Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4105  
P.A. NO.: 23/00955/C  
PROPOSED: Additional use of residential apartment as tourist accommodation  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Flat 16, Antrim Hotel, Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**



**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications**  
**September 2023 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4106  
P.A. NO.: 23/00992/B  
PROPOSED: Replacement two storey extension to rear elevation and single storey extension  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **22, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4107  
P.A. NO.: 23/01030/B  
PROPOSED: Installation of twin wall flue  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **23, St Paul's Mews, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4108  
P.A. NO.: 23/01032/C  
PROPOSED: Change of use from garages and workshop to warehousing and storage (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Garages and Workshop, Shipyard Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4109  
P.A. NO.: 23/01048/B  
PROPOSED: Erection of extension containing sun room and utility room  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Cair Vie, Windsor Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
GREEN FLAG – SITE EVALUATION / MYSTERY SHOP  
SEPTEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

The Mooragh Park was again awarded Green Flag status this year. The Mooragh Park is the only park on the Isle of Man to have Green Flag status.

The park was subject to a “mystery shop” on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 with assessor summarising:

*“First of all I like to wish to congratulate the management committee of the park for making this park such a lovely well maintained park not just for the occasional visitor and tourist but also to provide great facilities to the local community. The park is kept to very high standards and the variety of amenity facilities in the park are fantastic. I enjoyed watching the variety of insects enjoying the flowering grassed areas. It is a great place to actively engage for all age groups, water sports, tennis, BMX or other but still has a place to just sit and enjoy nature around you. Well done for keeping everything well maintained to high standards. Great to have so much community engagement in the park. I sincerely enjoyed the visit and the boathouse food is very good. A place to revisit for sure. Well Done.”*

A full copy of the report is attached.


**Recommendation: for discussion**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk



13<sup>th</sup> September 2023






# Site Quality Evaluation (Mystery Shop)


<b>Name of Site</b>	Mooragh Park			<b>Managing organisation</b>	Ramsey Town Commissioners
<b>Weather Conditions</b>	Sunny and Warm				
<b>Date of assessment</b>	3rd September 2023		<b>Time (from – to)</b>	9 – 10.30	
<b>Overall Result</b>	<p><b>Green</b> – Meets the standard with no concerns raised</p> <p><b>Amber</b> – Meets the standard but with some minor areas of concern</p> <p><b>Red</b> – Does not meet the requirement with major issues identified</p>				
<b>Result: (✓)</b>	<p><b>Is the site of Green Flag Award Standard?</b></p> <p> <span>Green</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <span>Amber</span> <input type="checkbox"/> <span>Red</span> <input type="checkbox"/> </p>				
<b>Grading</b>			<b>Strengths and Recommendations</b>		
<p>Each question is graded Green, Amber or Red</p> <p>NG (not graded) is used when the question can't be answered or is not applicable – for which an explanation is provided.</p>			<p>Strengths and recommendation are provided to support each grading.</p> <p>Photographs can be included throughout, or at the end of the report to support the feedback from the judge(s) in relation to both strengths and recommendations.</p> <p>Please refer to the Raising the Standard guidance manual <a href="#">here</a> for further information on the criteria.</p>		
<b>A Welcoming Place</b>					
<b>1. Is the site welcoming?</b>	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park has several entrance points and all of them are very open and clear and inviting.</p> 
		✓			
<b>2. Is the site easy to find?</b>	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park is easy to find by following the good finger post in place. It was also noted that information on the park is included in the brochures that are available on the ferry. So you can look at things to visit when in Ramsey so well done.</p>
		✓			




					
3. Is signage in good condition?	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park has a variety of signage throughout the park. It has a large sign with the name of the park and ownership of it and further smaller signs around giving information on safety notices explaining what is allowed and what is not and they are all in good condition. I did notice that the only sign by the playground the lettering was peeling and might need to be addressed but every other sign is great.</p> 
4. Is the site accessible to all users?	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park has very good access for all users. Nice level paths and where slopes are involved you can easily get around at all places in the park.</p>



					
<b>Healthy, Safe and Secure</b>					
5. Are facilities on site in good and safe condition?	NG	G	A	R	It was great to see the many facilities available for the public and they quality of the facilities in the park are very good and all is in safe condition.
		✓			 




6. Did you feel safe during the visit?	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park feels very safe and I made a second visit the following day at much later time and it feels a very safe park. It has noticeable cctv in the playground areas and assume they are working but the park is well used and lots of people around that are so friendly.</p> 
		✓			
7. Are dogs being controlled and the site free of dog fouling?	NG	G	A	R	<p>On my visit I did not see any evidence of any dog fouling. It looks very clean and tidy and the few dog walkers I met on the way had the dogs on a lead and were responsible and picked up the dog faeces and deposited it in the bins.</p>
		✓			

Well Maintained and Clean					
8. Is litter, waste and recycling managed?	NG	G	A	R	<p>The park has large bins in place for disposing of waste and throughout the park I could not find any litter laying around.</p> 
		✓			
9. Is there a good standard of horticulture maintenance?	NG	G	A	R	<p>This park has a lot of variety of interest with high maintenance bowling ground, variety of shrub borders, bedding displays, wild flower areas, and well used amenity grass areas. All areas well maintained to a very high standard and weeds mostly under control and shrubs pruned and shaped. Possible suggestions to</p>
		✓			


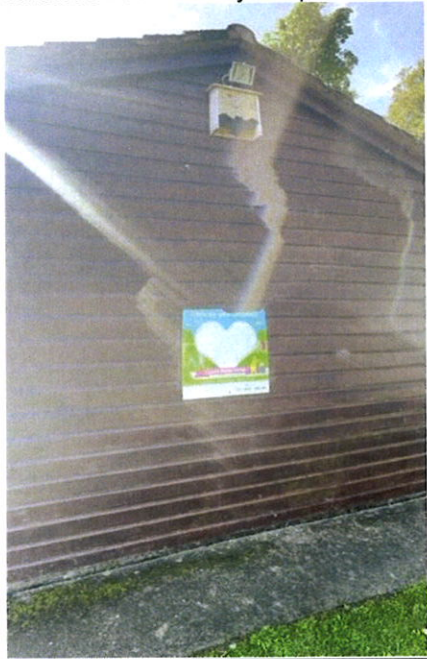




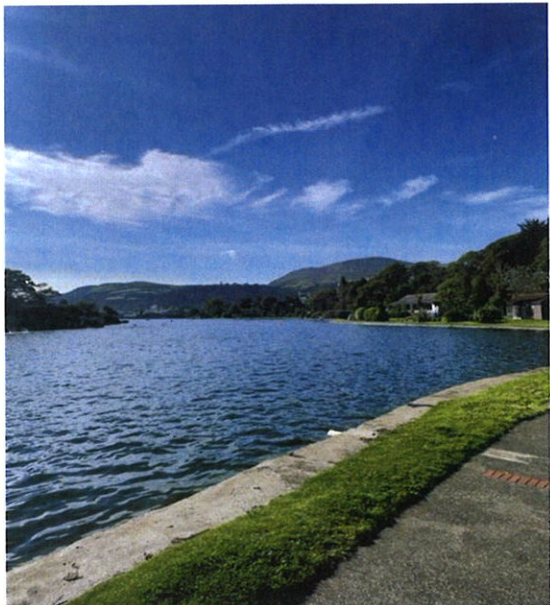
use some more mulch in the borders to help with weed suppression in some areas but overall a good looking park.





					
0. Is there a good standard of arboriculture maintenance?	NG	G	A	R	<p>Trees in the park looked very well looked after and pruned accordingly for safety and access. I have no concerns about them.</p> 
		✓			
11. Are buildings and infrastructure such as walls, paths, steps and structures in good condition?	NG	G	A	R	<p>All the buildings on the site are looking fine condition and the public toilets are well maintained. The paths, steps and walls and the water body edges all look very well looked after.</p> 
		✓			
12. Is equipment used by the public and staff in good condition?	NG	G	A	R	<p>All play equipment in the park is great condition and being well used. The benches and other features in the park look in good condition. A lot of water safety equipment is on site for obvious reasons and it is all in good condition.</p>
		✓			





					
<b>Environmental Management</b>					
13. Is there evidence that the site is managed to have a positive impact on the environment?	NG	G	A	R	<p>Very interesting to find out the water management and the lake is fed by seawater and that encouraged a very healthy water body. I was informed that Eels swim around in the lake. The park has a natural bank on one side and the area is maintained with longer grass and wild flower species. it has a bughotel and lots of opportunities for the wildlife to take shelter in the hedges and other vegetation on site. The bees and butterflies were buzzing around and surely can agree with me that it is a pleasant site positively managed for the environment. What a fantastic Bat box very unique.</p> 

					 
<b>Landscape and Heritage</b>					
14. Are heritage and/or landscape features in good condition?	NG	G	A	R	<p>The whole of the park layout has most likely not changed a lot since it was layed out back in 1890ish it is a fab area with the formal lake and island and the more modern amenity features around the lake area. It is an amazing park</p> 



Community Involvement					
15. Is there evidence of community involvement and engagement?	NG	G	A	R	<p>On the day of my visit the triathlon was in full flow. Athletes in the water on the bike and running around the paths. I was informed that every single participant has to provide at least one volunteer supporter and it was noted that there were lots of them around. I also been informed that no charges are made to the organisers of this event and the community spirit was brilliant. Apart from this the Tennis courts were in use and I could see that the bowls are used. The information on the board on all the activities for local and tourist are too many to mention. Great engagement for this park.</p> 
16. Is user feedback positive?	NG	G	A	R	<p>I spoke to one of the volunteers that was not only helping out but was told that she only lives a stone throw away and she comes and visit the park every week at least a few times. Just for a stroll or to meet friends in the welcome new boathouse. And grabs a Costa on occasions. She feels it is such a great park with so much to offer for all and it always looks well maintained and she wished to mention that they do a great job. Another volunteer had many of the same comments and love the park.</p>
Marketing and Communication					
17. Is there evidence of marketing and promotion, including events? e.g. notice boards, in buildings, website & social media.	NG	G	A	R	<p>As mentioned before the activities in the park are being shared with the tourism board as it was all available on the ferry and it made it easy to see what you can do in this park on the island. Notice board in the park is also full of information with everything going on in the park.</p> 

						
<b>18. Is the correct year flag flying and certificate on display?</b>	NG	G	A	R	<p>The wind wasn't blowing on the first day and it was tricky to see if the correct flag was up but I managed to picture the well deserved Green Flag Flying next to the boathouse.</p> 	
		✓				
<b>Overall Result</b> (✓)	<b>Green</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Is the site of Green Flag Award Standard?</b>			<b>Amber</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Red</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Final comments:						

First of all I like to wish to congratulate the management committee of the park for making this park such a lovely well maintained park not just for the occasional visitor and tourist but also to provide great facilities to the local community. The park is kept to very high standards and the variety of amenity facilities in the park are fantastic. I enjoyed watching the variety of insects enjoying the flowering grassed areas. It is a great place to actively engage for all age groups, water sports, tennis, BMX or other but still has a place to just sit and enjoy nature around you. Well done for keeping everything well maintained to high standards. Great to have so much community engagement in the park. I sincerely enjoyed the visit and the boathouse food is very good. A place to revisit for sure. Well Done.



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
MANX TRI CLUB EVENTS 2024  
SEPTEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Manx Tri Club have written to the Commission to thank them for support with their events this year.

They ran three events in Ramsey with the Commission providing logistical support (with the use of barriers and signage) and with the use of the Mooragh Park for events. The events are well attended by both competitors and spectators and bring additional footfall to the Mooragh and Ramsey on Sunday's.

The Club is seeking the support for the existing three events and a possible new event in 2024. The events and their proposed dates are as follows:

<i>Sprint Triathlon (Pool)</i>	<i>05.05.24 (2 events on 1 day)</i>
<i>Manx Middle Distance (Lake/Park)</i>	<i>16.06.24</i>
<i>Super-Sprint*</i>	<i>28.07.24</i>
<i>Championships</i>	<i>01 or 08.09.24</i>

Members are therefore asked to consider whether they would wish to support the proposed 2024 events for Manx Tri Club with the following:

- Provision of logistical support for road closures (signage, barriers etc)
- Support requests for road closures
- Allow events to take place in Mooragh Park

The Manx Tri Club undertakes all the work associated with Road Closures and submit their own applications to the Department of Infrastructure.

**Recommendation: for discission**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
RNLI CHILLY DIP 2024  
SEPTEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Ramsey Branch RNLI have sought permission to hold their annual community Chilly Dip event on Ramsey foreshore on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023