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12th October, 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, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood,
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**8. Notice(s) of Motion:**

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- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. R. D. Cowell viz:-
  - Dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 – Purple Lights for Pancreatic Cancer

**9. Any other Business:**

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Responses to Correspondence – attached Town Clerk's report advising of correspondence received on the following matters:-
  - ❖ Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board Rate Contribution
  - ❖ Climate Change Funding
  - ❖ South Shore Beach Care
- 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, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. J. Oldham, Miss L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, J. McGuinness, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence Messrs. G. Court, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, L. Parker, L. I. Singer.

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

**(2023/24:136) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:

Clauses “agreed” – Miss Craine queried voting on clauses with the wording “agreed” – members were informed that in these cases there was no division in voting.

Clause 134d) – Miss Craine queried which Department was referred to – members were informed that it was the Department for Education, Sport and Culture – the clause will be suitably amended to reflect this.

**(2023/24:137) Matters Arising:**

No matters not appearing within the agenda were specifically raised.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:138) Action Tracker September, 2023:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Miss Craine queried the removal of the column indicating date of the last action on matters included in the action tracker. Members were reminded that this column had been removed at Miss Craine’s request, made at the June, 2023 Board Meeting. Miss Craine indicated that its removal had not been intended when she made her request. Members were reminded that last action / reporting in any matter is recorded using a green typeface. The Town Clerk undertook to reinstate the “last action date” column.

**(2023/24:138) Action Tracker September, 2023 continued:**

***Bicycle Shelters*** – Mr. Cowell queried the revision to the planning application for the bicycle shelter to be located in Station Road Car Park. Members were informed that the location is repositioned closer to the Shoprite Store entrance. Mr. Williams queried if regard had been taken of the “Dial-a-Ride” drop off point – the Town Clerk responded that he understood that this had been done.

***Mooragh Park Shelter Art*** – Mr. Cowell asked for an update with regard to the shelter art – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that 3 shelters have been rendered; art work to one shelter will commence in approximately one week, and another in a few weeks – other shelters can then be “allocated”.

**(2023/24:139) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:**

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

***Station Road Car Park Resurface*** – in response to a query from Mr. Beighton, the Technical Services Manager informed members that the works have been “programmed in”.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:140) Town Clerk’s Report – Proposed Public Open Space / Habitat Creation Cloughbane:**

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, conveying the offer to acquire land at Cloughbane, at no purchase cost to the Commissioners, for use as public open space. A proposal by Miss Craine that the Commission proceed when the Manx Wildlife Trust Survey is received did not receive a seconder. The Town Clerk reminded members that any ultimate acquisition of the land would require the submission of a Petition and the approval of the Department of Infrastructure.

Mr. Beighton queried if it was premature to make a decision now before advice is received. The Town Clerk suggested inclusion of the matter on the “Action Tracker”, to be progress upon receipt of advice, particularly with regard to the possible inclusion of a footpath, as part of the land seems to be being used as a shortcut.

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Cowell that the Commission thank the company for their offer; that a scheme be built to include costs and the matter be further considered. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried by 6 votes to 1, Mr. Williams voting against.



**(2023/24:141) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Cloideryn Productions Request:**

Prior to consideration of the clause, and despite not formally being required to do so, Mrs. Chrystal declared an interest.

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, conveying the request made by Cloideryn Northern Theatre Group for financial assistance toward their pending trip to San Diego to commemorate the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the launch of "Euterpe" from Ramsey, and now, known as "The Star of India" the main feature of the Maritime Museum. The request follows the successful production of a factual musical based on the history of the ship and at which a party from San Diego came to Ramsey.

Mr. Beighton queried if there was a policy in regard to giving donations of the nature of that sought. The Town Clerk advised not but there is a precedent in that donations are given to the Town Band and Shennaghys Jiu. Mr. Beighton commended the endeavour of the Theatre Group, and although the Commission's hands are tied because of lack of budget, proposed support of the group. Mr. Cowell fully supported the group, recognising the visit to San Diego as a wonderful boost for our town, and commented that Commission could support them.

Miss Craine commented on the wonderful opportunity to promote Ramsey and the Isle of Man but expressed concern at spending ratepayers money for the benefit of only a few people especially as the Commission do not support other clubs and societies; and hoped that Cloideryn would understand this situation.

Mr. McGuinness queried if there was allowance to give to such organisations within the Local Government Act .....? (year). The Town Clerk informed members of his understanding that the Commission could not necessarily give to organisations unless there was a vires to do so. Mr. McGuinness commented that confirmation was needed to determine whether or not the Commissioners can give grants or donations. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk undertook to check the legislation and come back to the Board if necessary.

**(2023/24:142) Finance Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, subject to the following:-

Mr. Cowell, in his capacity as Lead Member, invited questions on the Finance Officer's.

Mr. McGuinness queried car parking asking if any spaces remained available at Water Street and also asked about an adjacent wall. Members were informed that a few spaces remained available for letting and that no costs have been incurred with regard to the wall, the condition of which is being monitored.

**Works and Development:**

**(2023/24:143) Town Clerk's Report – Strategic Plan – Preliminary Publicity:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising of commencement by the Cabinet Office of the review process of the 2016 Strategic Plan, and in respect of which the Town Clerk suggested responses to the preliminary consultation response form. The Town Clerk explained that the Strategic Plan will be an ongoing process in which the Commission will need to engage.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed, by 6 votes to 1, Miss Craine voting against, the Commission support the suggested responses but highlight in Section 8, the Town's importance for commerce and industry in the North of the Island; and reinforce use of brown field sites.

**(2023/24:144) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 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:	4026	<b><u>AMENDED PLANS</u></b>
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>	

Miss Craine queried how many trees would be lost? Mr. Beighton responded that it appeared to be 1 registered tree but no other numbers were included in the report included with the application. It was noted that the amended application sought to address previous concerns raised by the Commission.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 6 votes to 1, Miss Craine voting against, the Commission raise no objection to the proposals.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2023/24:145) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Green Flag – Site Evaluation / Mystery Shop:**

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising that the Mooragh Park has again been awarded "Green Flag" status and supplying a copy of the report of the "Mystery Shopper" who's report led to the award.

Mr. Williams requested that the Board's thanks be conveyed all the parks staff whose hard work resulted in the grant of the award. Miss Craine commented on the ingenious overhead watering system used in places in the park.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con, that the Commission run a social media presentation in recognition of the Green Flag award and to commemorate all that has been done in the park in recent years.

**(2023/24:146) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Manx Tri-Club Events 2024:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising that the Manx TriClub has thanked the Commission for their support of the 2023 events and that they are now seeking support for repeating events in 2024, with the addition of an extra event – a super sprint to be held in July, 2024.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem con, support of the 2024 events be provided.

**(2023/24:147) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – RNLI Chilly Dip 2024:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising that the RNLI have sought permission to stage the 2024 New Year's Day Chilly Dip on the south foreshore.

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

**(2023/24:148) Christian Street – One Way System:**

Members considered the Town Clerk's tabled report dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, conveying concerns reported about traffic in Christian Street. Miss Craine queried if any studies had been carried out with regard to traffic flow, visibility in Christian Street and for West Street. The Town Clerk informed members that the matter had been brought up approximately one year ago with the Department of Infrastructure who had not progressed the matter.

**(2023/24:148) Christian Street – One Way System:**

Mr. McGuinness referred to the traffic flow, which was part of the town plan and as such there is resolution to progress the matter with the Department of Infrastructure and ask them to include traffic in Christian Street. Miss Craine commented that the Department should also be asked to act with regard to traffic flow. Mr. Cowell referred to “bigger picture” and referred to the remainder of Parliament Street not having been redeveloped. Reference was also made to the lack of progression with regard to the redevelopment of the Quay side. The Town Clerk undertook to bring these concerns to the attention of the Department.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Miss Craine and carried nem con, the Department be asked to act on these matters.

It was further resolved, and agreed nem con, to ask the complainants, with regard to traffic flow in Christian Street if their correspondence can be brought to the attention of the Department.

**(2023/24:149) Items of Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were brought to members’ attention – for action, noting or advance information.

**149a) Climate Change Funding:** Letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2023, received from the Department of Infrastructure advising that Climate Change Funding is only available for preparatory work, feasibility studies, businesses cases, etc., and not for funding any works.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton, and agreed nem con, that the Department of Infrastructure be informed of the Commission’s concern at the correspondence, which reflects a lack of support for and pays lip-service to climate change.

**149b) Northern Chamber of Commerce:**

Resolved: To note an email from the Chairman, Northern Chamber of Commerce, thanking representatives from the Commission, who attended a recent meeting; welcoming improved communications, but also expressing disappointment on some recent actions of the Commission.

**149c) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board:**

Members noted a circular letter addressed to the local authorities comprising the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board. The letter seeks the co-operation of the authorities in applying the discretionary rate contribution of 6p in the £ towards the operation of the Swimming Pool for 2024.. Members were reminded that Ramsey had been one of the few authorities that agreed to the increase for the current financial year.

**149c) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board Continued:**

Members recognised the value of the pool to the town and the North of the Island and Mr. Cowell proposed that the Commission again pay 6p in the £ contribution. Mr. Beighton commented that there was no need to decide this yet – a decision could be taken during the budget process. Mr. McGuinness agreed but commented that it would be of benefit to the Pool Board if they knew what rate contribution might be forthcoming. Mr. Beighton therefore seconded the proposal to pay a 6p contribution in 2024.

Mr. Williams proposed an extending amendment to invite the Minister to attend a meeting. Miss Craine seconded the proposal. Members queried which Minister as the Department of Infrastructure was responsible for the legislation concerning the pool and the department of Education, Sport and Culture was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Pool.

The proposal and the amendment were voted upon, the invitation to be extended to both Minister, and carried nem con. Mr. McGuinness, because of his chairmanship of the Swimming Pool Board did not vote.

**149d) Seaweed South Foreshore:**

Members noted receipt of a communication concerning the clearance of seaweed on the South foreshore and agreed to defer consideration of the matter until responses from the Manx Wildlife Trust and the Department of Enterprise, Food and Agriculture are received.

**149e) Proposed Housing Association:**

Members noted an email from the Business Support Manager (Housing) conveying a letter from the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure advising of decision taken, by the Council of Ministers, to establish a Housing Association in the Isle of Man. The proposals are at an early stage and details will be presented at the Isle of Man Government Conference to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September [at which the Commission's Housing and Property Manager will be present.

**(2023/24:150) Sundry Matters – Town Clerk:**

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following matters:-

**150a) *Highway Maintenance Charter*** – an updated copy of the proposed charter has been received and a future report will be made.

**150b) *Resource Waste Seminar*** – a report will be submitted to the October, 2023, Board meeting.

**150c) *Invitations*** – Civic Sunday Services – noted:  
Douglas 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, and Marown 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023.

**150d) *Resurfacing Bircham Avenue Close*** – the Town Clerk informed members that the Department of Infrastructure will undertake resurfacing works at Bircham Avenue Close commencing on 25<sup>th</sup> September.



**(2023/24:151) Sundry Matters Raised by Members – Use of Description “Chairman”:**

Miss Craine queried the continued use of the description of “Chairman” and suggested that the Commission consider using the gender-neutral description “Chair”.

Mr. Williams referred to the pending review of Standing Orders and suggested it might be appropriate to consider Miss Craine’s comments at that time.

No vote was taken on this matter.

The Chairman thank those watching the live-streaming and closed the public meeting at 8.12p.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.

**(2023/24:152) Minutes:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, subject to the following:-

**Clause 108 Highway Maintenance** – Mr. Beighton queried when the Department of Infrastructure hope to schedule the works. The Technical Services Manager replied that the Department hope to have the necessary materials at the beginning of December. Members expressed the hope that the works could be scheduled, in liaison with the Chamber of Commerce, to avoid disruption during the busy Christmas period.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:153) Minutes Meeting Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee:**

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023.

**(2023/24:154) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:**

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023, subject to the following:-

**Town Branding** – Mr. Beighton again queried to progress in promoting the Town Branding. Members were informed that it would be presented to the new Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and should be fully available before the Commission’s next meeting.

**(2023/24:155) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:**

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, subject to the following:-

*10/11 West Quay* - The Technical Services Manager reported that correspondence sent by Recorded Delivery to the owners had not been “picked-up” which left the Commission with the options of instructing a Structural Engineer to advise on works required to be undertaken, prior to the Commissioners possibly taking action; or serving Notice for repairs on the owners using the services of the Coroner.

Resolved: that following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed, nem con, that Notice be served via the Coroner.

*“The Holly”, Grove Mount* – the Technical Services Manager reported that the Executors of the estate of the late owner are attempting to commence action. In response to a query the Technical Services Manager advised that it was premature to service Notice.

*21, Bowring Road* – the Technical Services Manager informed members that the owners are corresponding and some action to improve the property has been commenced.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:156) Town Clerk’s Report – Boundary Extension:**

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising that public notice has been given for the Pre-Inquiry meeting will be held at “The Mountain View Innovation Centre” on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023, from 10.00 a.m.. The report indicated that 334 responses have been submitted following the consultation. Miss Craine asked if we had a breakdown or analysis of the responses. The Town Clerk informed members that he had requested copies of these so as to enable such analysis to be undertaken. Members were informed that the full Inquiry will, it is anticipated, be held approximately one month after this preliminary meeting. Members expressed concern that the time set for the preliminary meeting could precluded attendance. Mr. McGuinness queried who would be permitted to speak at the Inquiry; members being informed that only persons who have registered a wish to speak will be permitted to do so.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and carried by 4 votes to 3, Messrs. Cowell, Oldham and Young voting against, the Town Clerk be authorised to prepare for the Inquiry with the Commission’s Advocates.



**(2023/24:157) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – "Sauna":**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising of receipt of approaches made by 2 companies to operate mobile saunas in Ramsey both of whom are seeking the support of the Commission to their requests, which involve the Department of Infrastructure because of the need to site the saunas on public highway. It is uncertain at this time whether the operation is covered under Street Trading Legislation.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that officers be given authority to engage with the companies and obtain further information. Miss Craine seconded the proposal but proposed an amendment to inform the companies that the Commission think their proposals are positive for the town and offer any guidance possible.

Mr. Cowell concurred with the amendment and seconded the amendment, which was put to the vote and carried nem con.

**(2023/24:158) Finance Officer's Report:**

Resolved: To note Finance Officer's report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, subject to the following:-

***Estimates and Revenue Expenditure:*** The Finance Officer informed members that he has included a column in his summaries to reflect a proportion of the annual budget to coincide with the date of compilation of figures within his report and would welcome members' feedback. Mr. McGuinness commented that he felt the column did not add anything, but a proposal by Mr. Cowell to remove the column did not receive a seconder. The Finance Officer expanded on his notes included within this appendix.

***Bank Balances:*** the Finance Officer informed members that the bank balance on the general account was lower than at this time last year because Treasury were procrastinating with regard to payment of approved capital borrowings.

***Rent Arrears*** – the Finance Officer informed members that 3 tenants listed at Nos. 3, 14 and 23 within the list of rent defaulters had paid significant sums to reduce their arrears.

Reference was made to the debt of the tenant listed at No. 34 – it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con, to progress recovery of the debt through the Small Claims' Court.

***Aged Debtors*** – in response to a query members were informed that the tenant referred to in the preceding paragraph also had other debt with the Commission. It was agreed that this debt be included in the Small Claims' Court action.

A proposal by Miss Craine that the Rent Arrears List be shown by size of arrears; and the Aged Debtors list be shown by size of debt at 90 days, was seconded by Mr. McGuinness but failed by 5 votes to 2, no further support being forthcoming.

**(2023/24:158) Finance Officer's Report continued:**

General discussion ensued with regard to debt recovery, which resulted in a further proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton that debtors, both for Rent Arrears and Aged Debtors be presented on an exception basis having regard to debt recovery policy was carried by 5 votes to 2, Messrs. Cowell and Young voted against.

**(2023/24:159) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeal:**

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising of an appeal submitted against a Fixed Penalty Notice issued in respect of a perceived littering offence.

A proposal was moved by Miss Craine that the Commission reject the appeal. Mr. Beighton queried if the warden had discretionary powers to issue a warning – Members were informed giving discretionary powers had been discussed but decided against in order to protect the warden.

Mr. Beighton proposed that the Commission uphold the appeal, as had been the case in a similar incident of littering, this was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried by 5 votes to 2, Miss Craine and Mr. McGuinness voting against.

Mr. Williams's request that the that the Town Warden be thanks for his services was agreed.

**Works and Development:**

**(2023/24:160) Technical Services Manager's Report – NCAS Request to Change Cost Contribution:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, conveying details of the request made by Bride Parish Commissioners to vary the rate-based contribution towards the operation of the Northern Civic Amenity Site, and also, at the request of the Chairman of the NCAS Committee consider whether the structure of the Committee be changed to become an autonomous Board. The rate-based calculations are based on domestic and commercial rates which means that Bride pays the second highest rate contribution of 13.77%; Ramsey paying the greatest contribution of 53.82%; the other participating parishes paying between 4.37% and 8.24%. Bride is asking for the commercial rate to be dropped from the calculations which would reduce their contribution considerably. The calculation of payment is that agreed by all parties at the formation of the Committee and for which all parties have signed an agreement.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem con, that the Commission agreed to adhere to the exiting arrangement; and that the attention of the Department of Infrastructure be brought to a potential problem of the status of the Committee possibly wishing to obtain "Board" status which would require enabling legislation.

**(2023/24:161) Technical Services Manager's Report – Street Lights – Asbestos:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's tabled report dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising that Manx Utilities Authority have made her aware of the presence of asbestos in some fuse holders (cut outs) on street lighting columns. The Technical Services Manager advises that further information has been sought from that authority, upon receipt of which further report will be submitted to the Commission.

**(2023/24:162) Technical Services Manager's Report – Festive Lights:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, advising of the quotation obtained for maintenance of decorative lighting, and of the costs of the provision of additional festive lighting, the total cost of which remains under the budget allowance for 2023/24.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams, and agreed nem con, the quotation for maintenance and the additional works be accepted.

Members noted that three quotations were sought for the work, one company did not respond in time and a second declined to provide a quotation.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2023/24:163) Minutes Housing Committee:**

Noted for record purposes – the Housing Committee did not meet in September, 2023.

**(2023/24:164) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:**

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin, subject to the following:

Mr. Cowell referred to dissatisfaction about internal light fittings within the refurbished properties; the Housing and Property Manager indicated he was unaware of any complaints but undertook to investigate.

Miss Craine took the opportunity to convey thanks to the Housing and Property Manager and his staff for overseeing housing.

**Matters of Establishment:**

**(2023/24:165) Minutes Establishment Committee:**

Members discussed the Minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

*Week to Monthly Pay* – the Town Clerk informed members that he will be meeting with union representatives about the proposal to pay all staff on a monthly basis, and he would be able to report further after such meetings.

*GDPR Services* – a table of costs were presented. A proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton to defer consideration of this matter in view of time factors was agreed nem con.

**Suspension of Standing Orders:**

Because the number of members present did not equal 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total number of members it was not possible in terms of Standing Order 36(2) to suspend standing order to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m..

No matters were recorded in private.

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m. giving a time of 3 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 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 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	Jul-23	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	Jun-23	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! <b>Further enquiries made to school.</b>	PL	Oct-23	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. <b>A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed.</b>	WD	Oct-23	TRKC	Jun-23	

# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	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	Jun-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.	See 2023-4 project list. Lead member is progressing the shelter with the swimming group and other stakeholders.	PL	Oct-23	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	May-23	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.		Sep-23	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	Oct-23	SB	Jun-23	
Aug-22	Recycle conference	The main UK Recycle conference in Sept.	TC booked to attend. Report Oct 2023.	PL	Oct-23	TRK/ BW	Sep-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.		Oct-23	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.		Oct-23	TRK/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	To be reported in October 2024.		Oct-23	SB	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Claughbane Public Open Space	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS.	Work with Hartford Homes and prepare a detailed report on the proposal.		Oct-23	TC	Dec-23	



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC**

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Boundary Extension (Commission for 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). <i>See report.</i>	FGP	Oct-23	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, 3/11/22. 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	Oct-23	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	Jun-23	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.	The two RTC shelters are complete (Town Hall and Shoprite Car park). Tram station shelter yet to be installed.	WD	Oct-23	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	Oct-23	TRKC	Jun-23	Red



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	
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	
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  
MANX TELECOM WAYLEAVE CLOSE NY MOORAGH  
OCTOBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Manx Telecom are seeking permission to install a duct from the rear of Close Ny Mooragh into the garden of An Airidh, Windsor Grove, Ramsey for the installation a Fibre optic cable.



There is a fee payable by the Authority which would be nominal, 25p, and the Authority would be require to make good any land disturbed in any works involved.

The granting of an easement of this nature requires the approval of the Department of Local Government and the Environment under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

**Recommendation:** that the Easement be granted subject to the approval of the Department of Infrastructure under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
MANX UTILITIES WAYLEAVE ELECTRICITY CABLE  
BIRCHAM AVENUE CLOSE  
OCTOBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,  
Manx utilities are seeking permission to install a cable as shown in the drawing below.



This is an exert from the email accompanying the request:-

Whilst installing new underground electricity cables around Bircham Close and Close Caarjys ( where RTC have granted previous easements in January 2023), our engineers have discovered that the cable they intended to connect to is not adequate for the new service.

Therefore, I am writing to ask whether your Board would consider granting a further easement for a length of cable highlighted red on the attached plan and if the Board is agreeable could this be expedited as quickly as possible – if you were able to establish if there was agreement in principle subject to a sign-off by the DOI that would be very helpful as the works could progress.

The granting of an easement of this nature requires the approval of the Department of Local Government and the Environment under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

**Recommendation:** that the Easement be granted subject to the approval of the Department of Infrastructure under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
OCTOBER 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 September 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £1,371,942.03 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £22,662.69 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in September 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 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	£530,988.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£129,149.
Replacement windows – Gladstone Av. & Vernon Rd.	£137,776.
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.**

11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
SUMMARY RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE  
OCTOBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following responses to correspondence are reported for members' information and noting:

- a) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – request for joint meeting – acknowledgement received from Department of Infrastructure – response to follow in due course.
- b) Climate Change Funding – correspondence addressed to the Department of Infrastructure expressing dissatisfaction at about the distribution of climate change funding – acknowledged comments noted.

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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

# Ramsey Town Commissioners

## Accounts paid during September 2023

## Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b>General Account</b>		<b>£</b>
Banks	Capital loan repayments	884,352.08
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	192,235.04
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW plant	72,192.68
Various	Replacement windows programme	51,930.68
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	47,327.96
Various	Social housing boiler replacement programme	45,972.21
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	22,493.54
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	9,266.31
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	8,654.86
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	5,980.18
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,987.40
Various	Staff training	2,679.72
Various	Street lighting maintenance	2,564.67
Manx Telecom	Telephones	2,549.15
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	2,482.56
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	2,463.11
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	2,377.94
Various	Legal & professional fees : non-housing	2,255.38
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,999.13
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,884.33
Various	IT costs	1,635.95
Various	Park goods & materials	1,604.79
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,403.20
Various	Security & safety	1,171.90
Various	Town events	654.50
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	597.76
Various	Media	120.00
Various	Gift vouchers	105.00
		<u>1,371,942.03</u>
<b>Northern Civic Amenity Site</b>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	15,471.73
Various	Recycling charges	4,864.89
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel	1,545.77
Various	Site maintenance	280.82
Manx Telcom Ltd.	Phones	165.51
Manx Utilities	Heat & light	150.49
Various	PPE	95.00
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	67.45
Bank	Charges	21.03
		<u>22,662.69</u>



## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during September 2023

### Appendix 1

AB Photography Ltd.	IOM	J Clawson Ltd.	IOM
Access UK Ltd.	UK	J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Autosparks Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	MannVend Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
BHW Print Group Ltd.	IOM	Manx Glass & Glazing Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Brunel Engraving Co. Ltd.	UK	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Crossroads Manx Workshop	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
DCS Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Deltanet International Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Dickinson Cruickshank	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	Viking Office UK Ltd.	UK
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
		Yesss IOM Electrical Ltd.	IOM

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 - Appendix 2**

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
<b>Social Housing</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	2,619,227	2,653,421	(34,194)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	175	0	175	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	5,244	8	5,236	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	19,196	142	19,054	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£2,643,842</b>	<b>£2,653,571</b>	<b>(£9,729)</b>	<b>£ 4,769,734</b>	<b>£ 4,935,885</b>	<b>£ (166,151)</b>

<b>Property and Assets</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	113,504	20,425	93,079	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	34,701	0	34,701	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	21,801	0	21,801	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	7,114	(5,113)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	822	9,942	(9,120)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	0	7,500	(7,500)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	830	0	830	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	1,261	0	1,261	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	504	0	504	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	4,620	0	4,620	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	13,540	1,536	12,004	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	8,703	8,667	36	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	55,120	0	55,120	83,300	0	83,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£281,044</b>	<b>£61,769</b>	<b>£219,275</b>	<b>£590,664</b>	<b>£104,753</b>	<b>£485,911</b>

<b>Works &amp; Development</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	2,631	0	2,631	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	14,861	19,181	(4,320)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	429,056	56,350	372,706	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	116,218	0	116,218	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	52,150	52,150	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	76,166	0	76,166	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	779	0	779	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	3,206	0	3,206	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	97,851	0	97,851	220,677	0	220,677
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£792,918</b>	<b>£127,681</b>	<b>£665,237</b>	<b>£1,653,578</b>	<b>£266,335</b>	<b>£1,387,243</b>

<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	39,198	13,166	26,032	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	115,346	2	115,344	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	590	0	590	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	79,069	3,868	75,201	148,505	9,269	139,236
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£234,203</b>	<b>£17,036</b>	<b>£217,167</b>	<b>£512,461</b>	<b>£34,604</b>	<b>£477,857</b>

<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	15,231	0	15,231	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	345,626	18,235	327,391	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	2,997	0	2,997	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	23,832	13,380	10,452	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	262	1,861	3,333	1,196	2,137
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£427,120</b>	<b>£31,877</b>	<b>£395,243</b>	<b>£1,010,725</b>	<b>£148,721</b>	<b>£862,004</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,379,127</b>	<b>£2,891,934</b>	<b>£1,548,962</b>	<b>£ 8,537,162</b>	<b>£ 5,490,298</b>	<b>£ 3,046,864</b>
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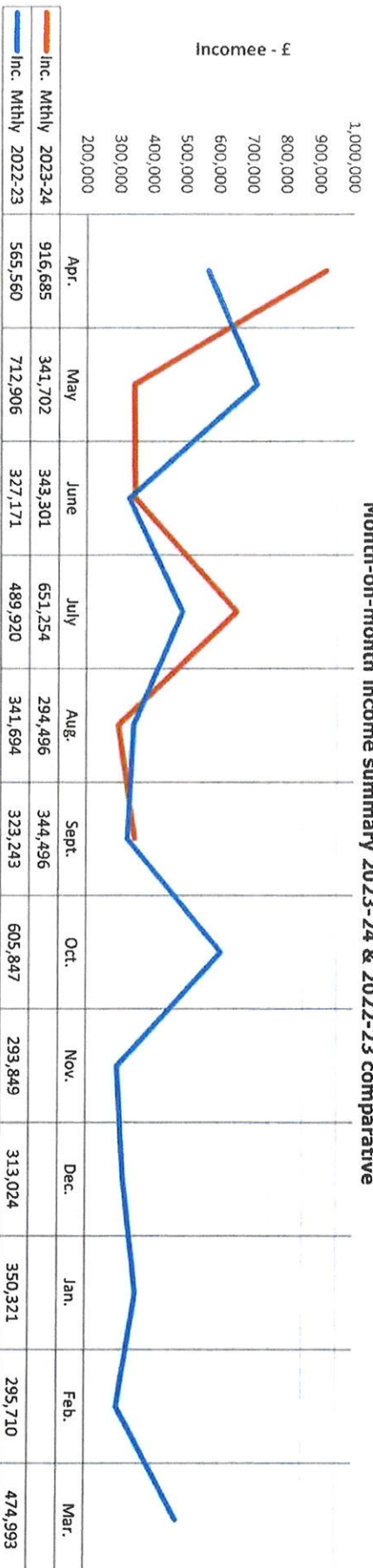
<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£2,898,807</b>	<b>(£2,898,807)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 3,283,799</b>	<b>(£3,283,799)</b>
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# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

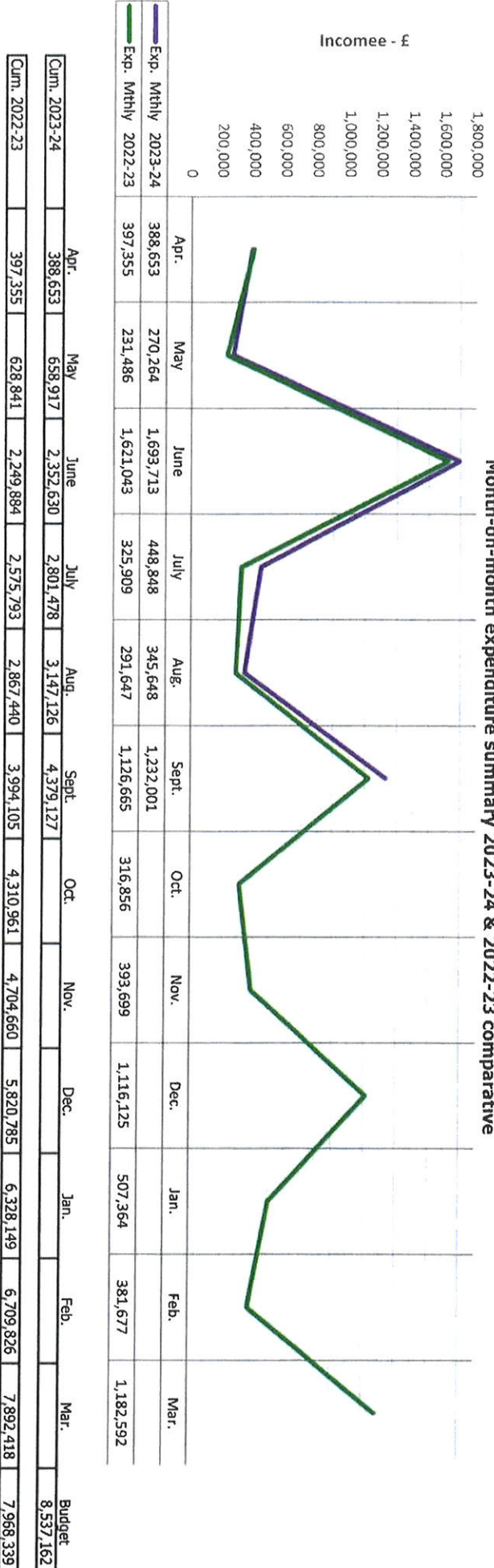
## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Appendix 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners  
Month-on-month income summary 2023-24 & 2022-23 comparative



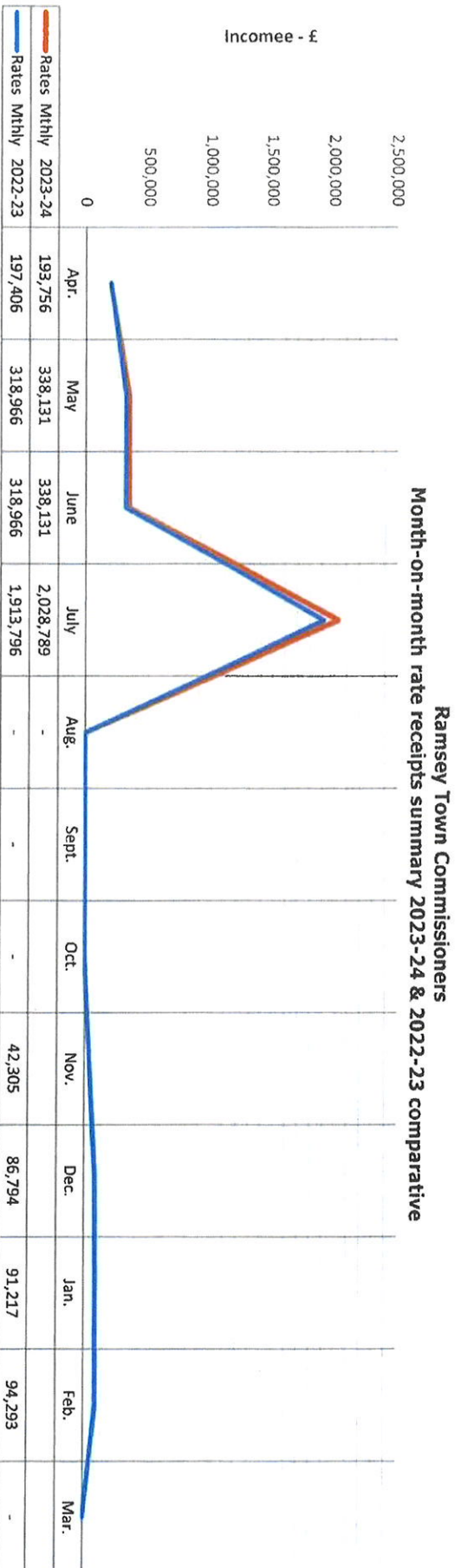
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Month-on-month expenditure summary 2023-24 & 2022-23 comparative



# RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

## SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

Appendix 2



	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Budget
Cum. 2023-24	193,756	531,887	870,018	2,898,807	2,898,807	2,898,807							3,283,799
Cum. 2022-23	197,406	516,372	835,338	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,749,134	2,791,439	2,878,233	2,969,450	3,063,743	3,063,743	3,013,336



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT  
COURT APPEARANCE  
OCTOBER, 2023 – PRIVATE**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

**Mr. Courtenay Adam Lawrence Heading**  
**Dog Office in Prohibited Area, South Beach, Queens Promenade, Ramsey**

In January, 2023, a Fixed Penalty Notice was issued retrospectively to Mr. Heading after two witnesses came forward to report him and a dog in the prohibited area on the South Beach.

Following non payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice, the Board referred Mr. Heading for prosecution.

The Trial was held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 and subsequently the Magistrates fined Mr. Heading the sum of £500.00 and ordered him to pay a contribution towards costs in the sum of £1,000.00.

**Recommendation: For noting.**

G. Kelly (Miss), Technical Assistant

9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
WASTE MANAGEMENT EXPO 2023 NEC BIRMINGHAM.  
OCTOBER, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Resource and Waste Management Expo was held at the NEC Birmingham on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Expo consisted of over 180 exhibitors and had 5 theatre areas for presentations.

The following presentations were attended:

- 1) Display of sweepers, refuse vehicles and electric refuse vehicles
- 2) Early and reliable fire detection for waste plants
- 3) Food waste collections: Implementation Successes and lessons learnt
- 4) The future of kerbside collections of flexible packaging
- 5) How the recycling industry is combating the issue of Lithium-ion battery fires through communication and lobbying
- 6) Sustainability Action Plan, working towards the net zero challenge (Coca Cola)
- 7) Management of municipal waste collection using Globtrack Poland system.
- 8) Putting the Waste Hierarchy first.

Main points from the Expo:

- 1) Electric vehicles particularly sweepers and refuse vehicles were the main focus of displays. However, the companies freely admitted that the cost of the vehicles doubles over the cost of an equivalent diesel.
- 2) That multi compartment recycling vehicles are seen as the way forward in terms of kerbside recycling vehicles. (Note price for a vehicle is in the region £180k to £215k).



- 3) That food waste recycling is seen as the next step to increasing recycling volumes. The UK is served by 17 processing plants where anaerobic digesters are used to release gas and create fertilizer from the food waste. Northwest Leicestershire have been running a 4,000 house trial and this cost £24,000 to set up and £80,000 to run per year (based upon hiring equipment) this did not include officer time.

**Town Clerk's Report – Waste Management Expo 2023**  
**October, 2023, - Public Continued:**

- 4) Lithium-ion batteries are causing significant concern in the waste streams as when damaged they are prone to start a fire. Currently there is an issue with processing Lithium-ion batteries on the Island, this could lead to more batteries being disposed of in municipal waste. Refuse collection vehicles are then susceptible to fires.
- 5) Sophisticated management systems for refuse vehicles are available, they de-skill the refuse vehicle rounds and provide additional data that can be analysed to optimise waste collection. With only one round this may not be a practical solution for Ramsey.
- 6) That the current municipal waste recycling percentage in the UK is just under 45% and there are to be new targets for food waste.
- 7) Large companies such as Coca Cola are spending considerable sums on moving towards net zero. There does however seem to be a reluctance to move to reusable bottles in the UK, other countries have moved back to glass reusable bottles reach net zero.

**Learning points**

- 1) Kerbside recycling is imbedded into the municipal waste collection in the UK.
- 2) Recycling rates of 40% mean that gains are hard won, food waste recycling is the current area of attack.
- 3) Organisations are planning for net zero and taking the challenge seriously.
- 4) Electric vehicles are the fashion currently, however they cost approximately twice as much as a diesel equivalent.

Recommendations: For noting

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

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



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – OCTOBER, 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:	4044	<u><b>AMENDED PLANS</b></u>
P.A. NO.:	<a href="#"><u>23/00066/B</u></a>	
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:	4110	
P.A. NO.:	<a href="#"><u>23/01016/B</u></a>	
PROPOSED:	Erection of new garage/workshop and reconstruction of existing garage	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>River House, Riverside, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	4111	
P.A. NO.:	<a href="#"><u>23/01068/C</u></a>	
PROPOSED:	Change of Use from offices to 4 no. residential flats	
NOTES:	P.A. - Change of Use	
SITE:	<b>Offices, Rectory Court, St. Paul's Square, Ramsey</b>	
REF NO:	4112	
P.A. NO.:	<a href="#"><u>23/01070/B</u></a>	
PROPOSED:	Conversion of garage into bedroom with creation of new single storey store	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	<b>70, Greenlands Avenue, Ramsey</b>	

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

REF NO: 4113  
P.A. NO.: [23/01128/D](#)  
PROPOSED: Replacement of existing wooden notice board with an aluminium notice board  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **St. Paul's Church, Market Place West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4114  
P.A. NO.: [23/01121/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Alterations, installation of replacement roof slates, roofing works, installation of replacement water goods, fascia and soffits, two Velux roof lights and replacement garage and rear conservatory flat roofs  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **6A, Ballure Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING ACT  
OCTOBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has been approached and asked to complete a Consultation on changes to the Planning Act.

The consultation can be found at the link below:

<https://consult.gov.im/environment-food-and-agriculture/pbc-planning-order-and-regulations/consultation/subpage.2023-07-30.1517366916/>

There are some very positive changes proposed such as:

- giving flexibility with registered buildings – only registering relevant parts of the building that hold some value/interest,
- the process of appealing the registration has been changed, brought in line with the UK and clarity in when appeals can be requested,
- streamlining processes – in the conservation area removing the requirement to make two applications for work and the demolition of a building.
- They have also given clarity/ definition on certain types of work or home improvements that can be undertaken.

They are bringing a lot of the legislation in line with the UK where there are case studies to back up case law.

The only noteworthy item was the allowance of 50% of the front garden being permitted to be hardscaped, and any alteration to the access would still require planning or permitted development approval. Parking is an issue throughout town and the removal of cars from parking on the roads should be actively encouraged and managed.

Below gives a brief explanation of the changes:

### Proposed changes to the Planning Act

The primary act is the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 ("The Planning Act"). This sets out:

- the definition of development;
- that development requires approval;
- that such approval can be granted by way of an order (by Cabinet Office, aka Permitted Development) or by a specific application, granted in accordance with a process as set out in an order (by DEFA, aka a Development Procedure Order);
- that historic assets may be designated as Registered Buildings (DEFA) or Conservation Areas (CABO) and that certain works to/within such may require approval (i.e. parallel system to planning applications) and provisions for relevant secondary legislation; and that Area Plans (CABO) have a link to Compulsory Purchase.



## Technical Services Manager's Report –Proposed Changes to the Planning Act – October, 2023, Public Continued:

### What needs to be achieved by way of amendment?

A review has been undertaken of the BERP Strategic Objectives (and actions underneath) and the heritage work of DEFA to identify which may require changes to the Planning Act.

The following have been identified as worthy of consideration in relation to the Development Management function:

- CA. Amend Section 6 of the Planning Act to ensure that the following activities fall within the definition of development: Repairs and Rebuilding Works, Hard-surfacing of a domestic garden, Exterior painting of buildings and Placement of Temporary structures (including on wheels);
- CB. Amend Section 6 of the Planning Act to add Demolition of a Building to the definition of development and revoke Section 19 of the Act (Control of Demolition in Conservation Areas);
- CC. Ensure mechanisms are provided so that CA and CB above do not take effect until DEFA has made provision under a Section 6(3)(f) to exclude minor elements of the categories added by CA and CB\*;
- CD. Review Section 6 of the Planning Act and its interaction with the Highways Act 1986 and Flood Management Act 2013 to ensure that routine maintenance works are excluded from the definition of development; and
- CE. Insert a provision in the Act in terms of Fees that provides for charging for discretionary services.

In terms of Registered Buildings the required changes to the Act are set out below.

- CF. Insert a section in the Act that legally defines the extent of registration.
- CG. Permit exclusions of elements/objects that are not of special interest.
- CH. Enable amendments to existing registrations.
- CI. Amend the Act to streamline the decision making process for registrations.

The following changes to the Act have been identified as worthy of consideration in relation to the Planning Policy functions:

- CJ. Review/Expand section 8(4) to ensure that the ability to require Prior Approval as part of a Permitted Development Order can potentially be used as part of any future Permitted Development Order;
- CK. Review/Expand Section 8(5) to ensure the mechanism to direct that a Permitted Development Order (in whole or in part) shall not apply to an area/type of development can potentially be used as part of any future Permitted Development Order; and
- CL. Removal of the 5 year time-limit for the commencement of Comprehensive Treatment Areas (Section 4(2)(b)).

\* This is covered in Transitional Provisions later in this consultation.



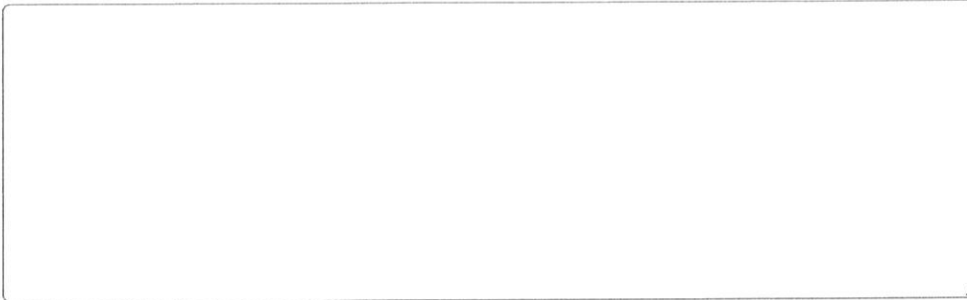
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Recommended answers are below:

1. Do you think the policy intentions described are appropriate?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

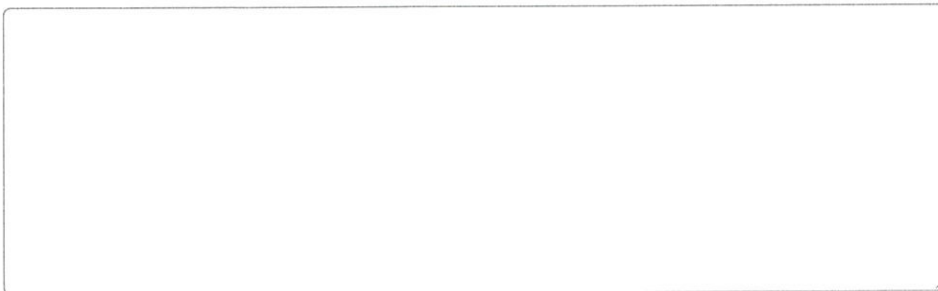
Please give reasons for your answer:



2. Do you think the proposed amendments set out in the draft Bill will achieve the policy intentions set out above?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

If not, please give your reasons:



3. Do you think the transitional provisions are adequate?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

Please give reasons for your answer:



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4. Do you think the proposed approach and scope of the Definitions of Development Order is appropriate?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

Please give reasons for your answer:

5. Do you have any detailed suggestions for matters to be included/addressed?

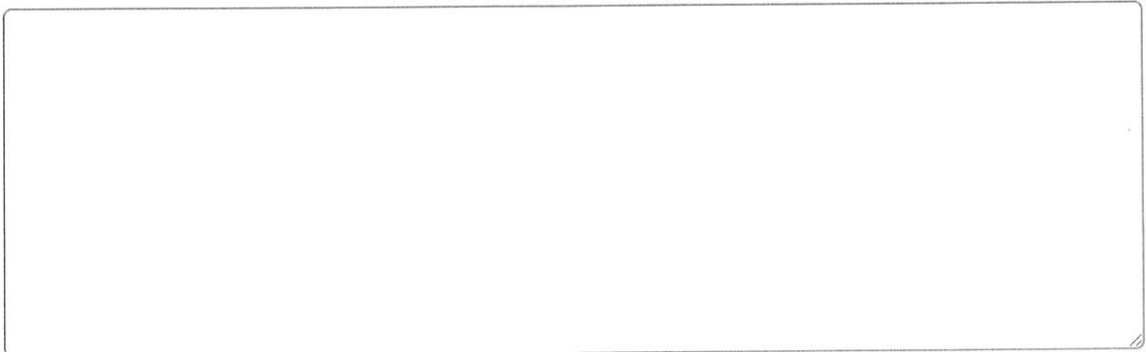
Hard Surfacing of front gardens - This should be adopted and encouraged to remove on-street parking, leaving roads clearer for the passage of larger vehicles such as refuse and fire

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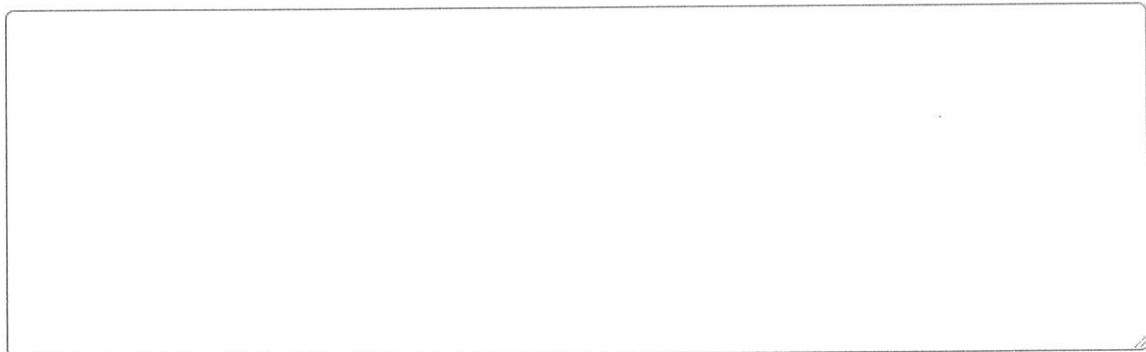
6. Do you think the proposed approach and scope of the updated Registered Buildings Regulations is appropriate?

- ☒ Yes  
☐ No

Please give reasons for your answer:



7. Do you have any detailed suggestions for matters to be included/addressed?



**Recommendation: For Discussion**

B. Wallace.  
Technical Services Manager

11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

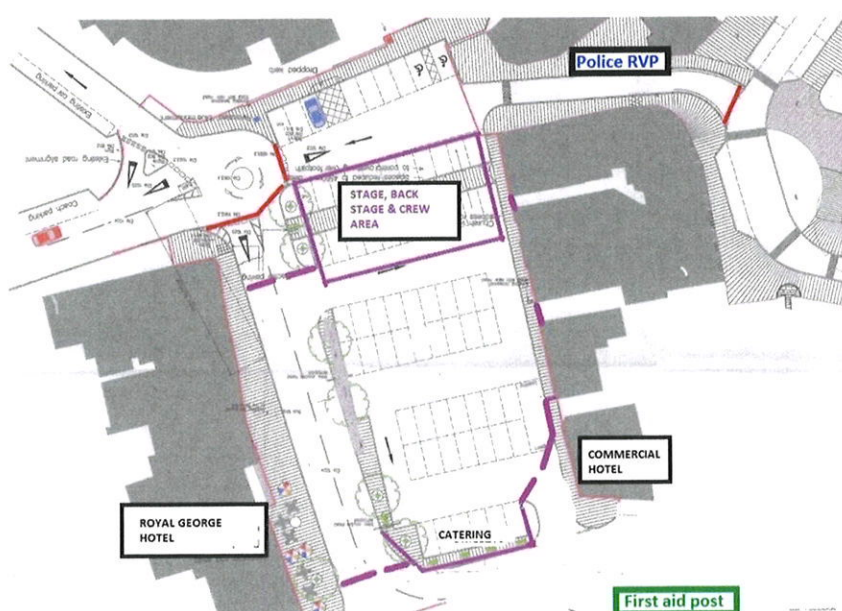
**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
SPRINTFEST 2023 / 2024  
OCTOBER 2023 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

This report is to provide an update of Sprintfest 2023 and to consider the options for Sprintfest 2024.

***Sprintfest 2023***

The event was staged in Market Place car park on the evenings of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



To facilitate the safer running of the event Market Place Car Park and the roads around the event were closed.

In order to mitigate against the impact of the event the following changes were made:

- Event ran on evenings only with two acts each night
- Market Hill remained open during the event
- Increased signage was deployed advising of the event
- Market Place Car Park was opened during the days of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June to motorcycles

The above measures were generally well received by businesses in the area the traffic flow around town was smoother.

The event was serviced by the licensed premises in the event area and along West Quay with visitors bringing their own refreshments.



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The event was also well serviced by the food take away businesses in the area.

One catering concession attended the event – this was from a Ramsey based operator and complimented the offering from the established businesses in the area.

Each evening saw two local covers bands perform. There were a number of new performers to the Sprintfest stage and 4 nights offered a wide range of music.

The event was stewarded by RTC staff and members of Ramsey Rugby Club. Officers from Isle of Man Constabulary were very supportive and reported no issues with the event.

The new TT schedule was in place for 2023. This did not cause any major issues for Sprintfest. This may not have been the case in the event of their being a closure of the TT course while Sprintfest was “live”.

### **2023 – Budget**

The event had a budgetary amount of £20,000. Current expenditure is £14,541.76. A grant of £6000 is due from the Department for Enterprise. There was no commercial sponsorship this year. The net cost of the event currently being £8,541.76.

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

The expenditure in 2023 was less than in 2022 the primary reason for this is the reduction in the number of performers and reduced staffing costs due to the 2023 event not being staged on bank holidays.

### **2023 Feedback**

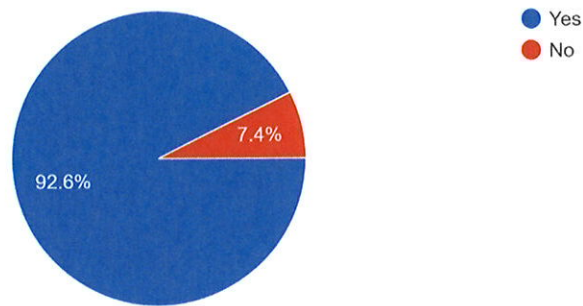
Two surveys were undertaken to gain the views of those who attended the event and those who operate businesses in the town. The surveys were widely publicised on the Commissions own media as well as via the local media.

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68 responses were received from those who attended the event. A summary of the responses is shown below

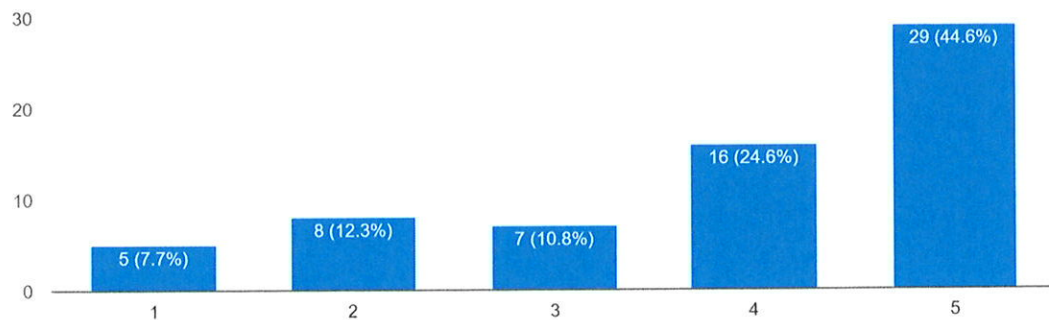
Did you attend Sprintfest in 2023?

68 responses



If you attended Sprintfest please tell us how you would rate your overall experience.

65 responses

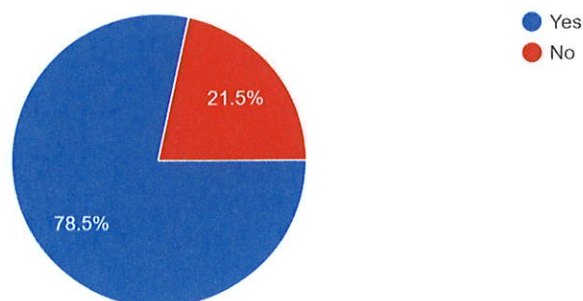


(Where 1 is Very Bad and 5 is very Good)

We asked those who attended the event if their expectations were met:

Were they met?

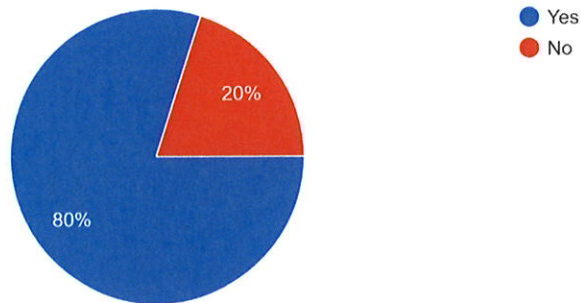
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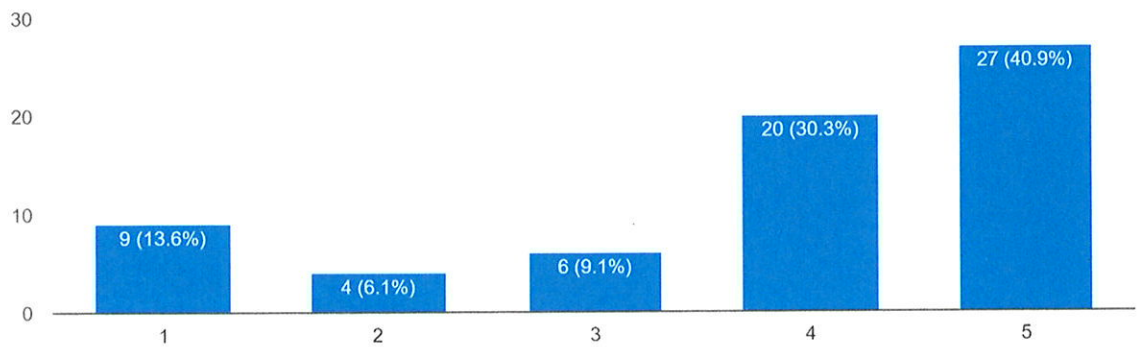
Were you satisfied with the lineup of local cover bands?

65 responses



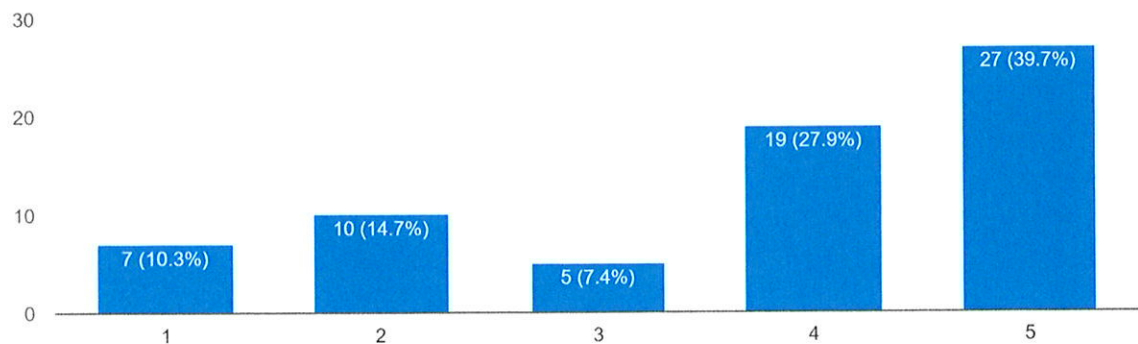
How would you rate the sound quality during their performance?

66 responses



How would you rate the overall organisation and logistics of the event?

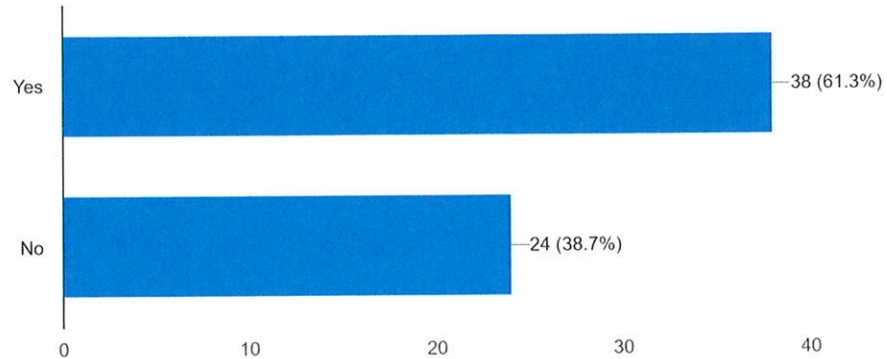
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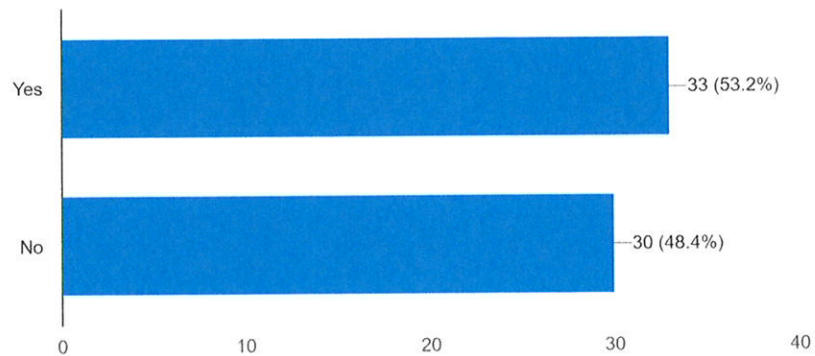
Were the food and drink options at Sprintfest satisfactory?

62 responses



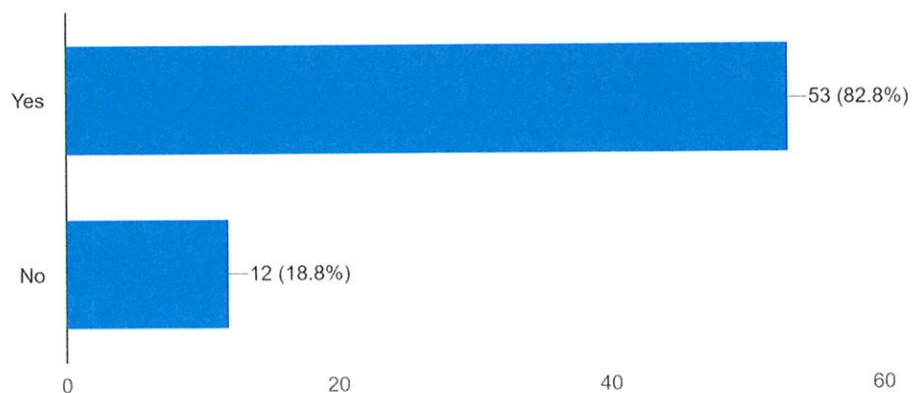
Were the facilities, such as seating and toilet provision, adequate for your needs?

62 responses



Did you feel the event provided a safe and secure environment?

64 responses

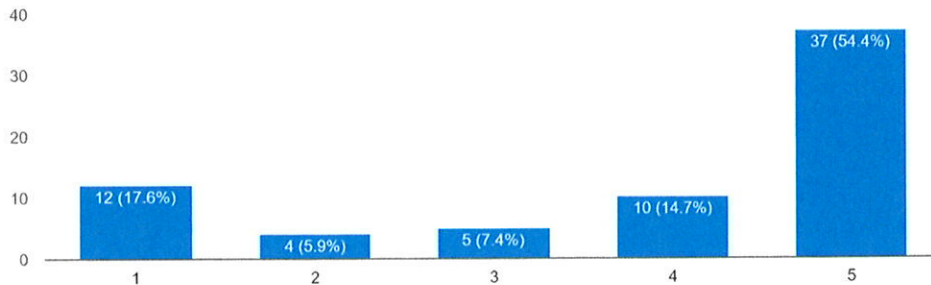




## Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023/2024 October 2023, Public Continued:

How likely are you to recommend Sprintfest to others?

68 responses



In addition, there were some freeform questions covering the following areas:

*What were your expectations*

*What did you enjoy most*

*What suggestions do you have to improve the line-up of cover bands*

*What suggestions do you have to improve the food and drink options*

*Please provide details of challenges or problems you faced during the event*

*Any other suggestions or comments about the event*

These responses can be circulated to members who wish to receive it.

### *Summary*

The general consensus was that the event generally met people's expectations, there was a good choice of music and event was well run.

Areas which attracted the most feedback in the free form questions

- Choice of bands
- Lack of choice for food and drink
- Not much for children/families

### **Business Survey**

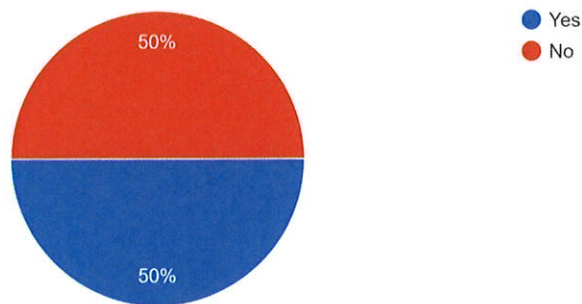
The survey for the business community received 10 responses. This was also widely publicised in the local press and on the Northern Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

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10 responses is a low number but it does give an indication of views of a range of business types within Ramsey.

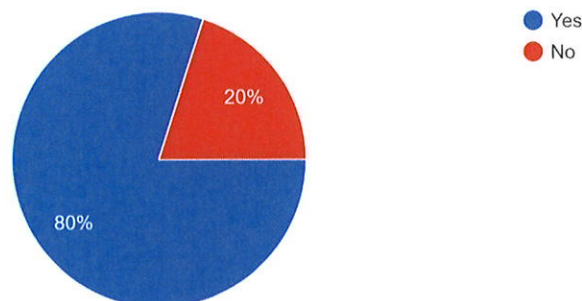
Is your business located within the area of the Sprintfest Road Closure or Suspension of Parking?.

10 responses



Were you aware of the following mitigations which were introduced for Sprintfest 2023? a) the event only being staged in the evening b) motor...dvance warning signage when the roads were closed

10 responses



The Business Survey had a number of free form questions which are published below together with the responses:

**In what way Is your business impacted by the road closures and suspension of parking put in place for Sprintfest. Please provide as much detail as possible.**

- The lack of parking along the Quay in the evening didn't impact us at all , despite the fact we are open until 9pm . However the daytime suspension of Car Parking did impact our business!! The general lack of parking during the daytime is greatly impacted by TT road closures as residents inside the course take up parking in Albert Rd

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- The Tram Station plus additional Motor homes on the Prom making parking very difficult. To then take away parking in Market Square seriously impacts what's available.
- We were not noticeably impacted by the closures.
- This year my business was not impacted by road closures or parking suspensions. It was a VAST improvement on 2022.
- Our business was affected because the car park wasn't available for our customers to use.
- It isn't
- This year, the closures have had no impact on our business as we were closed on Mondays and Fridays, although the intention is to revert to the full 5 days from later this year.

However, there was impact on the previous Thursday where my staff complained on excessive noise coming from the pre event preparation which took place during normal working hours and no warnings were given.

- Not affected
- The closure of the car park limits down the amount of spaces that are available in the town in the day. It was improved this year by allowing bikes to park there which does free up other spaces around the town for cars and shoppers. The bikers do not shop in the town with the exception of food outlets. Obviously that is important as well but by the less spaces we have for cars it can limit the amount of locals coming in to the town to use the business services.
- Less car park spaces
- Customers and visitors need parking and to close one of the towns main car parks during the day for an evening event isn't justified. Yes there was some limited parking for Motorbikes, but this was still a big exclusion for the main shoppers of the town that drive cars.

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**Please describe in what way the mitigations put in place for Sprintfest 2023 changed the impact on your business compared to previous events?**

They didn't

They didn't.

Night and day. With market hill closed and the car park closed for 5 days it killed business and we can prove this through data. 2023 with access to the square/event/businesses it meant we could all operate in harmony and work together making the event a far stronger proposition for the future.

The footfall dropped significantly because our customers weren't able to use the car park.

It didn't make any difference

No difference

Didn't cause me any damaged

It did lessen the negative impact but there is still an impact.

More interactions with business

I didn't feel that it helped

**Please describe what other mitigations could be introduced to reduce the impact of Sprintfest on your business.**

I have no issue with Sprintfest at all , but I do think it's better suited to another location where parking isn't impacted.. possible Mooragh park or the Rugby pitch

Expanding the car park from bikes to cars.

Sprintfest could be held somewhere else or parking could be made available during the day

I think it's good for the town and seems to work well.

There should be better alternative provisions for parking during normal working hours for customers of the town, not just market Square. It's a high number of spaces to lose.

Actually promote the event properly and promote the town properly. It's no use putting on an event and then not trying to get the maximum number of people to it. It was very poorly advertised.

Working with the shop owner closely

Relocate to the park and make a proper festival combined with the Ransey sprint



**Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023/2024  
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**Would you like to make any other comments about Sprintfest?**

Yes !! Lack of clean up provision after an evening events .. Old post office lane urination , vomit, dinks vessels everywhere plus overflowing filthy bins

I would like to place on record thanks to the organisers for making the mitigations for 2023, that has made everything far better for moving forward.

A warden could be made available at the carpark who would supervise the carpark and would inform people of the carpark closing at a certain time.

Maybe better advertising of the event.

Alternative venues should be considered, permitting parking during the day.

Great job

Sprint fest has declined dramatically over the years and the event over at the prom/park needs to be properly run. Let straighteners do the bike bit and someone else do the event as a whole.

**Sprintfest 2024**

In response to some of the feedback before and after Sprintfest 2023 regarding the location of any future Sprintfest officers have undertaken and review of a number of sites within Ramsey where the event could be held.

The locations are:

- Market Place (the current location)
- West Quay (the location of Ramsey Rocks)  
The Swimming Pool End of Mooragh Promenade
- The Field between the Hotel and Ramsey Rugby Club
- The North End of Mooragh Amenity Area

This review is attached to this report.

**Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023/2024**  
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A summary of each of the locations is shown below:

*Market Place*

This is the current event area. It is well serviced by licenced premises and established food premises both in the event area and within a short distance. The site is in the Town Centre and easily accessible.

It is an easy site to manage, service and keep clean. The site has a power supply.

The negative aspect of this site is the impact of the closure of the car park during the day. Motorcycle parking was facilitated in 2023. With stewarding it could be possible to open up the car park to cars from 8am until 5pm most of the days – this would incur a cost.

*West Quay*

This where we stage Ramsey Rocks.

The site is well serviced by licensed premises and food premises – both on the site and within a short walking distance. The site is easily accessible from the town centre.

It would probably only be viable to have a single trailer stage at this location.

Traffic management would be more challenging when considering parking – discussion would need to take place about the number of parking spaces which would need to be closed during the day. In addition we need to have the capability for a service bus to travel through the site in the event that racing is delayed and the TT course is closed when the event is on.

*Swimming Pool end of Mooragh Promenade*

This site is less accessible to the Town Centre.

There is not a large flat surface for spectators to view from. The site is more exposed to the elements.

The placing of some sort of stage in this area could impact harbour operations.

There are no licensed premises in the event area. If this was required then a supplier for this would need to be sourced in addition to necessary licensing to be obtained.

Consideration would need to be given to provision of catering – the Swimming Pool Café is near by but this may need to be supplemented with catering concessions if they were not able to operate during the duration of the event.

*Field between hotel and rugby pitch*

This site is some distance from the Town Centre and existing town centre licensed premises.

A part of the site could not be used as it forms part of the safety zone of the Sprint.

There is not a large flat surface for spectators to view from. The site is more exposed to the elements.

Although between two premises which have licensing it is not clear at this stage what service – if any – could be provided to Sprintfest. It may therefore be necessary to find a concession for this – this need to be sourced in addition to necessary licensing to be obtained.

Consideration would need to be given to provision of catering – the Hotel and Rugby Club are near by but these may need to be supplemented with catering concessions if they were not able to operate during the duration of the event.

The use of this area would impact the parking area for motorcycles attending the Sprint.

The event taking place in this area would require minimal closures of public roads.

*North End of Mooragh Amenity Area.*

This site is some distance from the Town Centre and existing town centre licensed premises.

A part of the site could not be used as it forms part of the safety zone of the Sprint.

There is not a large flat surface for spectators to view from.

Although two near-by premises which have licensing it is not clear at this stage what service – if any – could be provided to Sprintfest. It may therefore be necessary to find a concession for this – this need to be sourced in addition to necessary licensing to be obtained.

Consideration would need to be given to provision of catering – the Hotel and Rugby Club are near-by but these may need to be supplemented with catering concessions if they were not able to operate during the duration of the event.

The use of this area would impact the amount of space available for camper vans.

The event taking place in this area would require minimal closures of public roads.

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Also attached is the review undertaken in 2019 when Sprintfest was first being considered. This shows that many of the issues in 2019, which resulted in Sprintfest being held in Market Square, are still valid today.

**Ramsey Sprint/Other Events during TT 2024**

Officers will be meeting with the Department for Enterprise in the coming weeks to discuss TT 2024 and review options for events being held in Ramsey.

**Recommendation:**

**- to determine if Sprintfest should be run in 2024, for how many nights, what budget provision should be made and possible location**

*H. S. Bevan*  
Deputy Town Clerk.

11<sup>th</sup> October 2023



Sprintfest 2024 Site Evaluation						
	Narrative	Comment	Location			
			Market Square	West Quay	Swimming Pool	Mooragh - adjacent to hotel / rugby pitch
Location			Market Square			Mooragh - Broughs
		To allow those attending to visit other hospitality venues during event. To allow ease of access to event from those in town	A stage located at the southern end of Market Square Car Park as with previous events	A stage located between The Trafalgar and the Mitre	A stage located at the Northern end Mooragh Prom near where Mezeron store containers	A stage located on the RTC owned field between Hotel and Rugby Pitch
	Easy access to Town Centre	To allow those wishing to access bus services				
	Easy access to public transport	To provide service for those attending event to purchase drinks				
	Proximity to existing licensed premises	To provide service to those attending event				
	Proximity to retail / supermarkets	To provide service to those attending event				
	Proximity to existing take aways					
	Proximity to TT Course/Viewing Points					
	Proximity to Sprint site					
	Impact on residential amenity	Likelihood of noise impact to domestic properties				
Site amenity	Large flat open area	To accommodate large attendance safely				
		1) surface not compromised during wet weather 2) easier to clean 3) can be cleaned by sweeper				
	Tarmac or hard standing	Save hiring of stage				
	Suitable for flatbed trailer for stage	To allow a deeper stage to accommodate audio, lighting and artists				
	Capable of accommodating two trailers	Site has access to existing power supply				
Safety	Power Supply	To provide safe environment for those attending				
	Existing CCTV Coverage	Proximity to existing licensed premises and night time economy				
	Ease of policing for Isle of Man Constabulary					

Impact on daytime business community	Impact on daytime economy (No mitigations)	Reduction in car parking spaces available to business in area							
	Impact on daytime economy (some mitigations such as motorcycle parking)	Motorcycle Parking during day - managed by signs							
	Impact on daytime economy (more mitigation such as stewarded parking during day)	Stewarded car park during the day to allow cars to access parking during the day - cost associated with this.							
Impact on Ramsey Sprint - Mooragh sites	Would require use of field between Hotel and Rugby Pitch	This area is normally used for the parking of bikes attending Sprint							
	Sprint Safety Zone	Approximately 1/4 of the field is roped off as a safety zone for Sprint - reducing space available for Sprintfest							
Impact on camper van parking area - Mooragh Brooghs site	Does holding event here impact operation of camper van area	Would require reduction in space for camper vans.							
Food & Drink	Can be serviced by existing established business								
	Catering trailers could compliment existing business	This has been difficult to achieve in previous years							
	Would require a "pop-up" bar where event area has limited existing licensed premises								
Licensing	Requires a Public Entertainment Licence	Based on an event that would finish no later than 00.30am							
	Requires an event alcohol license and associated infrastructure	To provide a facility to those attending the event to purchase drinks if no existing licensed operators can service event							



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
TT 2019 EVENT – COMMENTS MATRIX  
JANUARY 2019 – PRIVATE**

Comments & feedback from stakeholders	Mooragh	Town
Site location	Patch of RTC owned grass between rugby pitch and Ramsey Park Hotel. Small stage with marquee from bar.	Main site: Market Place (Market Square) Car Park & West Quay  Second area: front of Courthouse
Site set-up	Small stage  Separate marquee for bar  Mobile catering units	Main: Stage (trailers), pop up catering to supplement town facilities. Range of music / entertainment  Courthouse: stage offering traditional music
Site issues / comments	Site is currently used as a bike park for those visiting Sprint  Uneven surface  Generator & water supply required  Portable WC's would need to be provided  Little in the way of residential property in immediate site	Main Stage: would require closure of part/all of Market Place car park for duration of the day – this would reduce available parking during a busy period of time.  Courthouse: requires diversion of traffic around back of Courthouse during event time (this will be early evening so will have minimal impact on business)  May be able to get electricity supply from existing infrastructure

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Comments & feedback from stakeholders	Mooragh	Town
	Many respondents identified this site as being remote from town centre	<p>Although there is plenty of WC provision within existing premises this may need to be supplemented by the provision of portable WC's.</p> <p>Would need to consult IOM Coastguard for appropriate cover – as is done for Ramsey Rocks</p> <p>As there would be no through traffic on West Quay this area could also be used to add amenity to the event</p> <p>Has the potential to offer a fireworks display at the end of the evening (or the final night) should budget allow</p>
Impact on Sprint	<p>Sprint Bike Parking would need to be relocated – possibly to the Mooragh Promenade walkway or sections of Mooragh Promenade. This would need additional marshalling and have a significant impact on the traffic management plan currently operated by Straightliners.</p> <p>Would allow visitors to Sprint to stay into the</p>	<p>Will have impact on existing traffic management arrangements for traffic exiting sprint – this can be managed</p> <p>Would offer sprint visitors something else to do in the evening</p>



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Comments & feedback from stakeholders	Mooragh	Town
	evening if they wished.	
Impact on Town	<p>Minimal impact on town centre.</p> <p>The relocated parking may affect residents of Mooragh Promenade</p>	<p>Reduction of parking spaces during busy period</p> <p>Impact on traffic flow during event time</p> <p>A positive impact will be the additional footfall in the Town on the event days which could benefit other business</p>
Licensing Requirements	<p>Would require a license under the Music and Dancing Act 1961</p> <p>The bar operator would need to apply for a licence to sell alcohol</p>	<p>Would require a license under the Music and Dancing Act 1961</p> <p>As alcohol would be sold by existing establishments no additional licensing requirements</p>
Police – Northern	<p>May require additional police resource to provide cover at RTC event in addition to that required to other operations in Town.</p> <p>Concern that the “bar” is adequately secured</p> <p>Not concerned by relocation of bike park but</p>	<p>Would have less impact on policing resource</p> <p>The safe and successful staging of similar events by RTC in this area has been undertaken a number of times</p> <p>Believe that site would be easier for visitors to</p>

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Comments & feedback from stakeholders	Mooragh	Town
	<p>note the potential impact on residents</p> <p>Concern that people may not know where site is (unless local or had been to Sprint)</p>	<p>find and have more atmosphere</p> <p>Would work with RTC and Sprint organisers to devise a traffic management plan for traffic exiting Sprint.</p>
Police – Alcohol unit	<p>The bar operator would need to be able to convince the licensing court that they could operate and secure the bar at all times to an adequate level</p> <p>Note need for both alcohol and music and dancing license</p>	<p>Note need for music and dancing license</p> <p>As alcohol being sold by existing establishments no alcohol license required</p>
View of licencing trade	<p>Concern that an event at the Mooragh site would have significant impact on general trade for existing licensees</p> <p>Rugby Club advised that although open during Sprint does not do a significant amount of business</p> <p>Concern about lack of provision of transport both for visitors (such as those staying at camping facilities or in Douglas etc) and residents</p>	<p>A Town site was preferred by licensing trade who felt that the RTC event would complement the existing trade</p> <p>Heron &amp; Brearley have indicated a desire to offer support the event at this site</p>

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<b>Comments &amp; feedback from stakeholders</b>	<b>Mooragh</b>	<b>Town</b>
	<p>(reduced service to northern villages). This comment is equally true for the whole of the TT period</p> <p>Belief that those attending the Sprint would not necessarily stay on into the evening</p> <p>Both parties spoken to about provision of a bar at this Mooragh site felt that the Town site would offer a better location for the event</p>	
Public transport	DTC met with officers from Isle of Man Transport to flag concerns about public transport availability with a view to an increased offering during the event/TT period – further reporting once considered by Isle of Man Transport	Same as Mooragh Site
Chamber of Commerce		<p>Welcomed news that an event was being considered by RTC – the town site in particular could be a boost to all businesses</p> <p>Would need to be consulted further on impact of reduction in parking spaces should Town sites be chosen</p>

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
NOTICE OF MOTION  
PURPLE LIGHTS FOR PANCREATIC CANCER  
OCTOBER, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Notice of Motion, dated 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, has been submitted by Mr. R. D. Cowell, T.C., -

“Notice of Motion: Re Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer.

**About Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer:**

Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer is a national campaign supported by UK charities and those affected by the disease to organise for venues, landmarks, buildings and homes in the UK to light up purple on World Pancreatic Cancer Day to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

**About pancreatic cancer**

- Pancreatic cancer is the 5th biggest cancer killer in the UK with 9,000 deaths every year
- Pancreatic cancer has the lowest survival of all common cancers, with five-year survival less
- than 7%
- Most people with pancreatic cancer are diagnosed at a late stage.
  - 1 in 5 people with pancreatic cancer are diagnosed at stage one and stage two
  - 4 in 5 are diagnosed at stage three and stage four.
- Only 1 in 10 people with pancreatic cancer will receive potentially curative surgery

Purple Lights for pancreatic cancer started in 2019 and now it is embraced across many cities around the UK lighting up everything from Spinnaker Town in Portsmouth to the Alexandra Palace in London and everything in between.

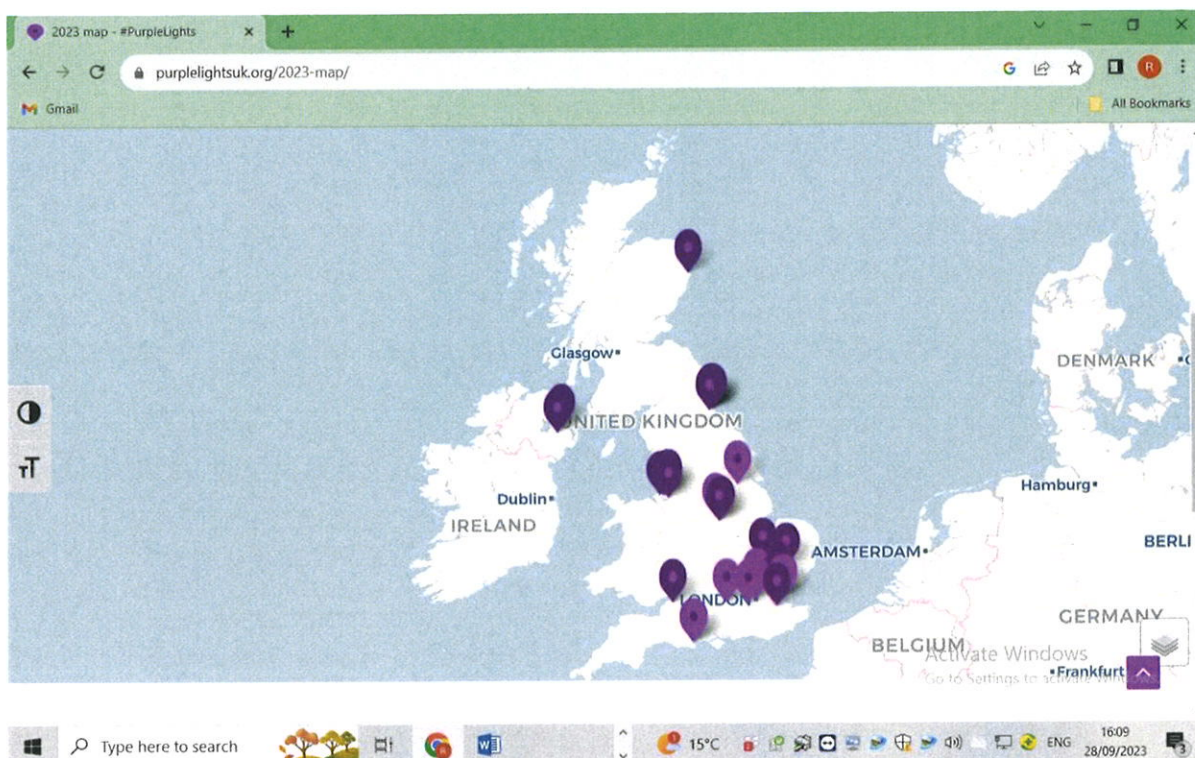
This year, World Pancreatic Cancer Day takes place on 16th November 2023. I would love for this to go further than Ramsey and to make this an Island wide statement on the 16th November. We have approached Douglas City Council who have agreed to light up The City Hall, Douglas City Centre and the Promenade. The Department of Infrastructure have also agreed to send the Tower of Refuge Purple too to coincide with Douglas's plan for the 16th November.

It is my hope that as a Board you will support me in granting approval for any sites we can in Ramsey to be lit up Purple. The Town Hall, The Courthouse light canopy and the Swing Bridge are my recommendations.

Below is a map showing you locations around the UK where prominent local landmarks are to turn purple. I hope that we can add the Isle of Man to this map for 2023 and every year thereafter.



## Notice of Motion – Purple Lights for Pancreatic Cancer – October 2023 – Public Continued



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.”

9<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
RESPONSES TO CORRESPONDENCE  
OCTOBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following responses to correspondence are reported for members' information and noting:

- a) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board – request for joint meeting – acknowledgement received from Department of Infrastructure – response to follow in due course.
- b) Climate Change Funding – correspondence addressed to the Department of Infrastructure expressing dissatisfaction at about the distribution of climate change funding – acknowledged comments noted.
- c) South Foreshore Beach Care – email response from DEFA concerning the South Ramsey Foreshore Beach – full copy of which enclosed for members' information and decision as to what future action, if any, should be taken.

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.

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