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9th November, 2023.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday evening next, 15th October, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

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(by permission of Chairman)

- 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, 18th October, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Miss L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. Court, R. D. Cowell, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood and F.B. R. Williams.

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

Members were informed that Mr. Beighton would be late in attending the meeting.

(2023/24:166) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20th September, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Kelly proposed that consideration of the Deputy Town Clerk's report concerning "Sprintfest" be deferred until November in view of matters to be discussed in private have been considered.. Mr. Cowell seconded the proposal. Mr. Parker declared an interest. Mr. McGuinness queried if there was sufficient time to facilitate a deferment; the Deputy Town Clerk advised that whilst things would be tight deadlines could be met.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 3 Miss Craine and Messrs. Court and McGuinness voting against. Mr. Cowell's possibly conflict of interest in this matter was queried and it was suggested that he should not have seconded the proposal nor voted. In these circumstances Mr. Singer indicated he would second the proposal. Mr. Cowell also withdrew his vote which resulted in the proposal to defer being carried by 4 votes to 3.

(2023/24:167) Matters Arising:

Chamber of Commerce: Mr. McGuinness referred to correspondence referred to last month received from the Chamber of Commerce concerning the wish of a member of the public to paint a lamppost and asked the Chairman if he could repeat the comments he had made to the Chamber with regard to costs. Mr. Oldham confirmed that he had repeated figures previously reported by the Technical Services Manager. Mr. McGuinness indicated that there had been a Freedom of Information request regarding the costs of Manx Utilities. The Town Clerk indicated that he had written to the Chamber of Commerce providing revised figures. He confirmed that the shop-owner had not been written to.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:168) Action Tracker October, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 11th October, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park – Mr. Singer queried what action had been taken about the new cycle shop that has opened at Gladstone Park – the Town Clerk confirmed that the matter has been brought to the attention of DEFA Planning Enforcement and the Head of Planning which conveyed the Commission’s concern at the lack of action with the first breeches which had possibly contributed to this further breach.

Adoption of Land Auldryn Walk Provision of Playground Equipment – Mr. McGuinness queried if there was any progress in this matter. The Town Clerk informed members that the delay was related to the adoption of public open space which could only be undertaken when works are completed.

Mooragh Park Shelters Public Art – in response to a query from Mr. Kelly the Deputy Town Clerk updated members on progress with public art in the Mooragh Park Shelters as he understood work on one has been commenced. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that preparation work has been undertaken to 3 shelters and work has commenced on 2 and other shelters have been assigned and work can be commenced when preparation works are completed.

(2023/24:169) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 11th October, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

Street Lighting - Mr. Oldham informed members that he had received complaints that the street lights were too bright. Members were informed that the new lights were compliant with current standards and that the lights were providing “white” light which may seem brighter.

Toilets Millennium Garden – the Town Clerk informed members that the planning application has been refused for three reasons; siting; flood risk and design. The Town Clerk undertook to report further next month.

Town Hall Rear Entrance – in response to a query from Mr. Cowell the Town Clerk explained that the proposal is to make access easier.

Street Name Plates – in response to a query from Mr. Cowell the Town Clerk explained that the Technical Services Manager is sourcing a suitable supplier.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:170) Town Clerk's Report – Manx Telecom Wayleave Close ny Mooragh:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 10th October, 2023, advising of the request by Manx Telecom for a wayleave agreement to be entered into with the Commissioners to facilitate the installation of a duct across the land at Close ny Mooragh for fibre optic cabling.

Resolved: That following a proposal by seconded by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con, permission be granted subject to approval of the required petition in terms of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

(2023/24:171) Town Clerk's Report – Manx Utilities Wayleave Electricity Cable Bircham Avenue Close:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 11th October, 2023, advising of the request by Manx Utilities for a wayleave agreement to be entered into with the Commissioners to facilitate the installation electric cabling across the land at Close Caarjys.

Resolved: That following a proposal by seconded by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con, permission be granted subject to approval of the required petition in terms of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

(2023/24:172) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 11th October, 2023.

Mr. Cowell commented on various aspects of the report and invited any questions – no further comments were made.

(2023/24:173) Technical Assistant's Report – Court Appearance:

Resolved: To note the Technical Assistant's report dated 9th October, 2023, advising of the successful prosecution of Mr. Courtenay Adam Lawrence Heading for offences against the town's byelaws with regard to control of dogs in prohibited areas.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:174) Town Clerk's Report – Waste Management Expo 2023 NEC Birmingham:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 27th September, 2023, concerning his visit to the Waste Management Expo 2023 event recently held in Birmingham.

Mr. Singer queried insurance costs for electric vehicles and he had seen reports that some insurers are increasing insurance fees by 60% - 70% for such vehicles; the Finance Officer informed members that the Commission's fleet vehicle insurance has seen an increase but this was not considered to be excessively greater than an inflationary increase and had regard to the Commission's electric vehicles.

(2023/24:175) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 9th October, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures.

(2023/24:176) Technical Services Manager's Report – Proposed Changes to the Planning Act:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 11th October, 2023, advising of receipt of a consultation with regard to proposed changes to the Planning Act, and suggesting responses to questions put with the consultation.

A proposal was put by Mr. Kelly that the matter be designated to the Lead Member, Deputy Lead Member and Technical Services Manager to progress. Mr. McGuinness made comment about the proposal to charge fees for pre-application discussions he felt it important to have open discussions with the Department; and also about the creation of off-street parking utilising 50% of a garden with which he agreed to some extent but considered planning and comments of the Highway Authority important in that process. Mr. McGuinness seconded Mr. Kelly's proposal.

Miss Craine commented about the loss of gardens as biodiversity is important, she was not comfortable with this and hoped it would be rejected.

An amendment was put by Mr. McGuinness, that the response as presented plus two point made by him be submitted was seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:177) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest:

Noted for record purposes and "Agenda Reference" that the Deputy Town Clerk's report on this matter is deferred to November, 2023.

(2023/24:178) Notice of Motion – Purple Lights for Pancreatic Cancer:

The Notice of Motion dated 9th October, 2023, standing in his name concerning the illumination of lights at the Swing Bridge, the Courthouse, and the front of the Town Hall to purple to reflect support for and raise awareness of pancreatic cancer was formally proposed by Mr. Cowell and seconded by Mr. Oldham.

Mr. Young asked what the action would cost and that he would prefer what was spent on lighting for this cause to be given to charity. Members were informed that the lighting could be changed easily and no additional costs would be incurred and the proposal was carried nem con.

The Chairman indicated that he is organising a fund-raising event for this cause at the Courthouse in the near future.

(2023/24:179) Responses to Correspondence:

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

179a) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board –

Request to meet Department Ministers – correspondence acknowledged, no date for a meeting has yet been suggested.

179b) Climate Change – Conveying the Commission's dissatisfaction on use of funding – correspondence acknowledged as noted.

179c) South Foreshore Beach Care – email correspondence from Mr. P. Duncan circulated. Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded Mr. Oldham and agreed by 6 votes to 3, Messrs. Court, McGuinness and Parker voting against that Mr. Duncan be invited to meet the Commission to discuss the matter.

(2023/24:180) Any Other Business:

180a) Traffic Christian Street – the Town Clerk informed members that he had a positive meeting with representatives from the Department of Infrastructure and brought to their attention the Commission's concerns about traffic direction in Christian Street and in general. Mr. Cowell asked if the matter of traffic was just Christian Street or on a wider basis. The Town Clerk confirmed that the remit could be widened but the initial focus would be on Christian Street and the junction at Parliament Square had also been brought to the Department's attention. Members were asked to feed any comments they had about traffic through the Board for onward transmission to the Department at a further officers' meeting.

180b) Public Open Space – Fairway Drive – the Town Clerk informed members that he would report further next month.

180c) Police Level One Meeting: Mr. Kelly informed members that he had attended a Level One Meeting, and whilst he was not permitted to reveal details he did comment on the good work being undertaken by the constabulary.

180d) Lheighany Field – Mr. Court queried the suggestion that the Lheighany Field be made available to Ramsey Football Club for training purposes. The Town Clerk informed members that no response has been received from the DSE as yet and reminded members that the Minister had been requested to meet with them to discuss the Swimming Pool Rate at which time it might be appropriate to put the question about this field.

It was proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that a letter be sent to the Minister seeking response to the use of the field by the football club.

The Chairman thanked the representative of the media for attending and those watching the live-streaming and closed the public meeting at 7.52 p.m.

Mr. Beighton attended and the Finance Officer and Minute Clerk withdrew from the meeting at this stage.

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.

(2023/24:181) Pecuniary Interests:
Recorded in private

The Finance Officer and Minute Clerk returned to the meeting at this stage.

(2023/24:182) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no matters from the Board Meeting held on 20th September, 2023, were recorded in private.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:183) Minutes Meeting Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee:

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the meeting of the meetings of the Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Committee held on 25th May, and 10th August, 2023.

Mr. Cowell updated members on discussions with Bride Parish Commissioners; the Committee has been informed that the Commission wish to maintain the status quo.

Mr. Parker sought an update about the disposal of lithium batteries and plasterboard. The Town Clerk undertook to seek information from the Technical Services Manager about plasterboard but stated that there is a box provided for the disposal of lithium batteries.

(2023/24:184) Minutes Meeting Policy Committee:

Resolved: Following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voting against, to note and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 9th October, 2023, and the policies presented therewith, with the exception of that concerning Flexible Working, which was not completed.

(2023/24:185) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 11th October, 2023, subject to the following:-

Rate Arrears – Whilst not specifically a rate debt Mr. McGuinness queried action on a particular tenant in arrears of rent – the Town Clerk undertook to prompt the Housing and Property Manager on this matter.

Mr. Cowell commented on the success in recovering some rate debt and noted that some of the larger debts have been referred to the Attorney General for action. He also referred to the inference, by Dr. Allinson of a Bill being presented to Tynwald. The Town Clerk undertook to contact Dr. Allinson to determine if any further information was required from the Commissioners.

Kerbside Recycling – Miss Craine asked for an update on this matter. The Town Clerk indicated that we are struggling to obtain costs. Miss Craine suggested advice be sought from Douglas Council.

(2023/24:186) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 11th October, 2023, subject to the following:-

10/11 West Quay – Members noted that Notice had been served on the owners by the Coroner for Middle and since that a dangerous coping stone has been removed. It is hoped that the owners’ plans for these premises might be available for reporting to the November meeting.

“The Holly”, Grove Mount – resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con, notice be served on the executors of the estate of the late owner of this property to address some of the concerns.

Victoria Mall – it was proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that discussions be recommenced with the owner of these properties.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:187) Town Clerk's Report – Boundary Extension:

Discussion ensued concerning the Town Clerk's report dated 9th October, 2023, updating members on the status of the proposal to extend the Town Boundary subsequent to the pre-Inquiry held on 2nd October, 2023. Mr. Parker proposed that the Town Clerk and the Commissioners' Advocates being the main speakers; Mr. McGuinness commented that it had been decided in September and seconded the proposal; he felt it would do the Commission no favours if members spoke.

The Town Clerk referred to the Notice of Motion, dated 9th October, 2023, standing in the name of Mr. R. Cowell concerning the appointment of a special Committee to formulate the Commission's case.

Mr. Cowell proposed an amendment that the Advocate, Mr. M. Jelski, the Town Clerk and himself as Deputy Chairman attend so that there is political representation. This was seconded by Mr. Parker and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Court voting against.

(2023/24:188) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note Finance Officer's report dated 11th October, 2023, subject to the following:-

Bank Balances: the Lead Member informed members monies due from Treasury for approved borrowings had not yet been received.

Rent Arrears – members were informed about the following debtors listed with the appendix to the Finance Officer's report; viz:-

No. 2 – the tenant is not engaging with officers or others trying to assist.

No 16 – probable that this debt will need to be written off for accounting purposes;

No 23 – officers now have an address and can progress attempts to recover the debt.

Mr. Kelly queried a tenant against whom legal action was pending – members were informed that this referred to breaches of the tenancy agreement rather than rent debt.

Aged Debtors – members were informed that the total debt listed within this appendix to the Finance Officer's report had reduced considerably since the reporting date, not least by the payment of the largest debt listed.

Mr. McGuinness reminded members of the decision taken last month to present rent arrears and aged debtors on an "exception basis".

(2023/24:189) Technical Assistant's Report – Fixed Penalty Notices Appeal:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 9th October, 2023, advising of and detailing appeals submitted against Fixed Penalty Notices issued in respect of perceived littering offences, resulting in the following:-

Penalty Notice 0736 – proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed by 8 votes to 2 that the appeal be accepted – Miss Craine and Mr. Cowell voted against.

Penalty Notice 0650 – proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that the appeal be accepted.

Penalty Notice 0689 – proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Beighton that the appeal be rejected. The proposal failed by 9 votes to 1, only Miss Craine voting with her proposal.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:190) Town Clerk's Report – Department of Infrastructure Highway Maintenance Charter:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 11th October, 2023, with appended correspondence and the final version of the Highway Maintenance Service Level Agreement. Discussion ensued members expressed concern at the inference that local authorities could hand back responsibilities to the Department and also queried whether further clarification on the agreement was required.

Members felt it beneficial to continue with the agreement in the short-term but expressed wariness should neighbouring authorities decide to hand back the service.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Beighton, and agreed nem con, the agreement in terms of the Phase 1 of the phases specified within the letter dated 18th September, 2023, from the Head of Highways and Asset Management be signed. Members particularly noted from the correspondence that “your authority signing the SLA does not commit the Las to implementing the SLA. At this stage you are only confirming that you agree with the service standards identified in the SLA.”

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:191:) Minutes Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 3rd October, 2023, subject to the following:-

Clause 24 – the Lead Member explained the reasons for seeking legal opinion on these cases of breaches of tenancy agreement.

Clause 29 - the Lead Member informed members that the number of applicants on the housing waiting lists had gone down.

(2023/24:192) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 10th October, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

It was proposed by Mr. Singer and agreed by consensus that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the meeting to continue to its conclusion.

(2023/24:193) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Housing Association:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 10th October, 2023, concerning proposal presented by the Department of Infrastructure with regard to wish of the Council of Ministers to explore the establishment of a Housing Association in the Isle of Man.

Members expressed various concerns at the lack of detail provided so far which left many unanswered questions. Mr. Singer suggested that the Commission's concerns be passed to the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey. The Deputy Town Clerk advised members of his understanding that the matter was on the October Tynwald Agenda, [which sat on 17th October]. Members agreed that this matter required careful monitoring.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:194) Technical Services Manager's Report – Insurance Claim...

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 9th October, 2023, advising of receipt of an insurance claim from Loss Adjusters on behalf of a client.

Resolved: That the report be noted and no further action be taken other than referring the matter to and following the directive of the Commission's insurers, who it is understood may wish to bring in the services of a loss adjuster.

(2023/24:195) Notices of Motion:

195 a) Notice of Motion Creation of Special Committee:

Mr. Cowell proposed and presented his notice of motion dated 9th October, 2023, concerning the setting up of a Special Committee comprising of 2 or 3 members with regard to the Commission's wish to extend the Town Boundary to ensure the Commission had strong political representation at the forthcoming Inquiry. Mr. Kelly seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 1, Miss Craine voting against. Further discussion ensued during which Mr. McGuinness queried if the Committee were for this specific purpose or would it have an ongoing remit. As a result Mr. McGuinness proposed that the resolution be expanded to reflect that the “Special Committee” be the Policy Committee and the remit of the committee be expanded to include consideration of wider development of the town. This addition was seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con.

195 b) Notice of Motion – Provision of Disabled Parking Spaces Mooragh Park:

Mr. Cowell presented his notice of motion dated 9th October, 2023, concerning his wish to see designated parking spaces in the vicinity of the “Costa” Café in the Mooragh Park.

Discussion ensued with regard to various aspects of the suggesting – child safety, enforcement, need for new / adequate signage/ problematic consequences for deliveries. A proposal was put by Mr. Singer, seconded by Miss Craine that no further action be taken in the matter.

An amendment was put by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against, that the matter be referred to the Lead and Deputy Lead Members for Parks and Leisure to progress this matter in liaison with the Technical Services Manager, who has already been requested to look into this matter.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:196) Town Clerk’s Report – Station Road Car Park Lease:
(Recorded in Private)

(2023/24:197) “Fill a Fish” Bottle Recycling:

Miss Craine referred to the “Fill-a-Fish” wired bottle recycling equipment situated in the middle of the Mooragh Promenade and queried if it could be moved to a more sheltered location. Members were reminded that a previous request to identify another location had resulted in no suggesting being forthcoming.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con, that the recycling unit be relocated further south along the promenade opposite the Swimming Pool.

(2023/24:198) Distance Markers – Mooragh Promenade:

Mr. Court informed members that the distance markers along the Mooragh Promenade had been vandalised and asked if they could be replaced.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that this is being arranged.

Matters of Establishment:

(2023/24:199) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con, the minutes of the meetings of the Establishment Committee held on 6th September, 2023, and 5th October, 2023, be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.37 p.m. giving a time of 4 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 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! Further enquiries made to school.	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. A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed.	WD	Oct-23	TRKC	Jun-23	

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for a Public Inquiry went to March 2022 Tynwald. Tynwald agreed the Inquiry could be held. Draft Order has been prepared. Meeting took place with Lezayre and Garff in August. Lezayre and Garff have submitted responses to the revised RTC document.	Advocate and planning specialist appointed preparing for the inquiry in January 2024.	FGP	Nov-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 Auldyn 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. Awaiting formal hand over meeting with Dandara.	FGP	Nov-23	TRKC	Jun-23	Red

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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 has been cleaned prior to 11/11/23. Minor scratches to the slate name plates are being addressed.	WD	Nov-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. On site.	PL	Nov-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	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. 2 shelters are being worked on by the artists.	PL	Nov-23	SB	Jun-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. First sale progressing, queries over right of access being addressed.		Nov-23	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24	
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. The way forward has been agreed with the Union and is to be communicated to staff.		Nov-23	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	To be reported in November 2024. See Report		Nov-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. See report		Nov-23	TC	Dec-23	

Projects 2022-23

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	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	BW	Apr-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Slates on order.	HP	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 approval has not been permitted for the toilets, flood risk and aesthetics being the issues.	Report Nov. Tesco have also been asked to help and provide facilities.	HP	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	3 quotes received, and checking detail with the consultants.		HP	MC	Jul-23	
5	Mar-23	Town Hall rear entrance	Proposal received, this must work with our current security/access system.		WD	MC	Apr-24	
7	Mar-23	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	BW	Feb-24	
8	Mar-23	Tree Survey	Order placed		WD	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-23	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	BW	Dec-23	
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Feedback from planning authority has been received.	On site.	HP	SB/MC	Sep-23	
13	Mar-23	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
CONSULTATION – TYNWALD COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION
NOVEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Ramsey Town Commissioners have been asked to make comment on the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill as part of the consultation process in terms of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration Act 2011, which came into force with effect from 31st December, 2017.

This Bill relates to the functions of the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration. In reality there is little cross over between Ramsey Town Commissioners and this role, with the exception of them providing the Tynwald Ombudsman Service. In the past 2 years there has been just one matter that was reviewed by the Ombudsman and that was brought by a complainant and not the Commissioners. In this dealing the Ombudsman was thorough and fair.

The background to the proposals is detailed below and the proposals are as detailed within the Annex A, appended for members' information seem entirely reasonable.

Background

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2. In January 2023 the Cabinet Office advised that the Government had decided to remove the Bill from its Legislative Programme, and asked if the Tynwald Management Committee would be prepared to pick it up, to which it agreed in May 2023.

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3. Despite preparatory work having been undertaken, no Bill is yet in existence. A large number of issues have been identified, some substantive, some more technical. The most significant proposals are summarised at Annex A, with comment invited.

Process and Timescales

4. The Committee wishes to first consult Tynwald Members and other interested persons on the principles of the Bill – to inform drafting instructions – then consult the public on a draft Bill, and would then bring a report to Tynwald recommending the Bill's introduction.
5. Responses should please be emailed to the Committees inbox: committees@tynwald.org.im by **Friday 24th November 2023** with "TMC Consultation" in the subject line.

Recommendation: that the Town Clerk submit a response that the proposals are entirely appropriate.

27th October, 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk and Chief Executive



TYNWALD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tynwald Commissioner for Administration (Amendment) Bill **Consultation on Principles**

25th October 2023

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Clerk of Tynwald
25th October 2023

ANNEX A: Issues to be addressed (or not) by the Bill

a. Appointment procedure and T&Cs

Issue:

The Act establishes a Selection Committee comprising the Chief Minister, Chair of the Tynwald Management Committee ("TMC") and Chair of the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC"). It has been difficult to comply with this in circumstances where two of these roles have been held by the same person and/or where a Member of the Committee is conflicted by, for example, knowing one of the candidates.

In practice, Terms and Conditions have been determined by the Selection Committee and Tynwald has been informed of these. E.g. Paper laid in June 2023, appended to the motion appointing the incoming TCA.

Proposed solution:

Redesign the Selection Committee to comprise three people, being –

- the Chair of the TMC, or another Member of that Committee nominated by that Committee
- the Chief Minister or another Minister nominated by the Chief Minister
- the Chair of the PAC or another Member of that Committee nominated by that Committee

Furthermore, align the Act with current practice, and provide that Terms and Conditions are to be determined by the Selection Committee, and subsequently laid before Tynwald.

b. Before a TCA investigation: Timescale for Departments' own complaints mechanisms

Issue:

The Act provides that, before coming to the TCA, a complainant has to complain to the Department (or other "listed authority") and get them to investigate the matter first. The Act assumes that the Department will respond within a month, and allows the TCA to extend this to three months "in exceptional circumstances". The outgoing TCA advises that a one-month turnaround has never been achieved and that three months has become the norm; particularly when reaching the final stage, normally requiring a senior/chief officer to review evidence and consider their decision.

The outgoing Commissioner recommends that, with a new realistic timetable; the discretion to extend might also be removed, to reduce delay and indefinite rolling periods.

Proposed solution:

Change the timescales in the Act so that they are more realistic (i.e. three months) and remove the discretion to extend to reduce delay.

c. During a TCA investigation: protection against suit for defamation

Issue:

The Act protects the TCA against being sued for defamation in respect of their published reports, but not in respect of drafts which they may circulate as part of the process of producing a report, or other communications in the course of carrying out their prescribed duties.

Proposed solution:

Extend the protection to cover drafts, and more generally, all communication with the TCA in the course of their duties under the Act.

d. After a TCA investigation: ex gratia payments

Issue:

In circumstances where the TCA makes a finding of maladministration and considers that a Department should give an *ex gratia* payment to a complainant, Departments (and other “listed authorities”) cannot do this, because they lack the legal power to do so.

This reform has been requested by the outgoing Commissioner.

No scope is envisaged for the Commissioner to determine quantum, only to make a recommendation following a finding of maladministration.

Proposed solution:

Give Departments and other listed authorities the general power (as opposed to an obligation) to make *ex gratia* payments, where this has been recommended by the TCA after a maladministration finding.

e. Scope: Manx Care, and Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body

Issue:

As a Statutory Board, Manx Care is subject to investigation by the TCA. However, Manx Care also has its own Ombudsman Body, leading to potential duplication of effort.

In turn, the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body (“HSCOB”) is considered to be a peer ombudsman – parallel to the TCA – and, as is currently the case, should not therefore be a listed authority under Schedule 2 of the Act.

Proposed solution:

Make it clear that complaints about Manx Care should go to the Health and Social Care Ombudsman Body (“HSCOB”) and not to the TCA. Clarify, if necessary, that HSCOB is intentionally not a listed authority.

f. Rejected complaint: appeal

Issue:

Under the Act, if the TCA refuses to undertake an investigation, they are required to give reasons for the refusal. In the event that the refusal was irrational or otherwise unlawful, the complainant would have a remedy by way of petition of doleance. In 2016, before the TCA service was up and running, the Environment and Infrastructure Policy Review Committee recommended that where the TCA refused to undertake an investigation, the complainant should have an avenue of appeal other than doleance. This recommendation was accepted by the CoMin response to the Committee, and on 21st July 2016 it was approved by Tynwald.

Proposed solution:

Unfortunately, neither the Policy Review Committee report, nor the Government response, addresses the fundamental questions of what sort of person or body should hear the appeal, and how it would be paid for. In the first five years of operation of the service many complaints have been rejected, but none has been challenged by way of doleance, and neither has any complainant complained that there is no other avenue of appeal. It would be recommended that this proposal, despite having been approved by Tynwald, should be abandoned.

g. Decision not to investigate a Complaint

Issue:

It should be an obligation for the TCA to prepare a statement of reasons as to why a complaint is disqualified. Presently, whilst the giving of reasons is required, it is only 'best practice' to provide a written statement, and to lay this before Tynwald. The current TCA chooses to outline their rationale in a document laid before Tynwald. Making it a statutory obligation, as opposed to best practice, would be preferable for certainty, transparency and compliance.

Proposed solution:

There should be a Written Statement of reasons for not investigating a complaint, to be routinely laid before Tynwald, as a statutory requirement.

h. Decision not to investigate a Complaint

Issue:

In the event of a conflict of interest, a need may arise to appoint a Deputy (or Acting) Commissioner. Such an individual would be in exercise of the TCA's powers under the Act, and it would be appropriate that the consent of the Selection Committee, and Tynwald, be sought. This is foreseen as on an *ad hoc* basis, rather than a standing deputy.

Proposed solution:

The Office of the Clerk of Tynwald facilitates the administration of the TCA role; and has identified the need for clarity, insofar as the Bill should make clear that;

The Selection Committee: -

- (i) must appoint a TCA
- (ii) may appoint a Deputy
- (iii) may appoint one (or more) Acting TCAs to act in the event of conflict
- (iv) All being subject to Tynwald approval.

ENDS

Responses should please be emailed to the Committees inbox:
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Consultation" in the subject line.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT THE INTERSECTION OF CLAUGHBANE DRIVE
AND FAIRWAY DRIVE
NOVEMBER 2023 – PRIVATE**

Mr. Chairman and Members,
Hartford Homes are happy to undertake the following works prior to the adoption of the area;

1. Formalise the footpath through the area by using wood chip on membrane construction, with treated timber edging. Using natural, locally sourced, sustainable materials will be in keeping with the feel and ethos of the open space area and is an approach that we have been encouraged to take on developments elsewhere.
2. Provide a widening to the footpath to allow a bench to be installed. The Commissioners to provide the bench.
3. Provide a hardstanding to allow kerbside recycling bins to be provided.



The sketch drawing above delineates the area. Planning approval will be required.

4. Also, undertake the **Recommendations** from MWT, which principally involves tidying up and the removal of the evasive species they have identified. We are happy to meet and agree with your parks manager to agree these works.

Invasive non-native plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 8 species Cotoneaster should be removed from the site in order to prevent further spread. • Winter Heliotrope is very invasive and should be managed and ideally eradicated to prevent it spreading through the site. This can be difficult to control, but the following options can work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cover the area with a weed membrane or thick, light-excluding bark mulch for one full growing season. ○ Repeatedly strim or dig out the plants (will slow but not eradicate infestation as this is a deep rooting plant). ○ This species is likely to need some on-going management to prevent further spread. • It is important that all cuttings / soil containing these plant species is treated as contaminated waste. It must be removed and taken for incineration, with prior arrangement, at the Suez Incinerator.
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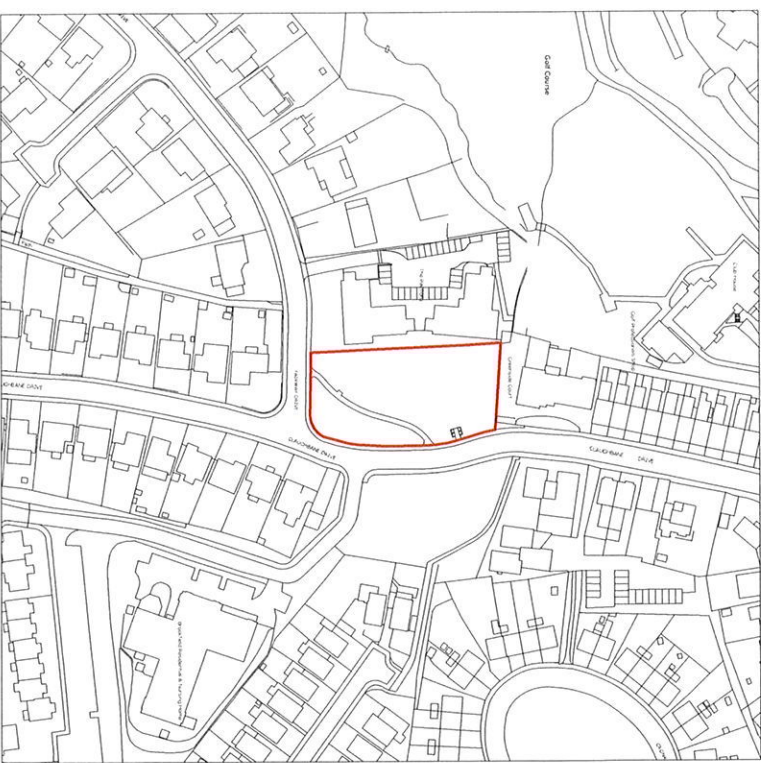
5. The Commissioners would adopt the Area on completion of the above works.

Hartford Homes welcome the Commissioners' formal confirmation that the above is acceptable, following which they will progress the planning application. An A4 copy of the drawing and the MWT report are appended.

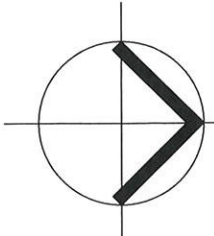
Recommendation: For discussion.

31st October 2023.


T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk



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Ramsey

Ecological Summary Note

August 2023

Control sheet



**Ecology
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Ecology Vannin:
7-8 Market Place, Peel, Isle of Man.

Job number:	EV 23_39
Title:	Ramsey Ecological Enhancement area
Client:	Hartford Homes
Prepared by:	Sarah Hickey - Ecologist
Verified by:	Andree Dubbeldam – Conservation Officer
Date of Issue:	August 2023
Version:	1
Revisions:	1
Status:	DRAFT

This report is prepared by Ecology Vannin Consultancy Services for the sole and exclusive use of Hartford Homes and their contractors in response to their particular instructions. No liability is accepted for any costs, claims or losses arising from the use of this report or any part thereof for any purpose other than that for which it was specifically prepared or by any party other than Hartford Homes. Any biological records for wildlife found in survey will eventually be submitted to Manx Biological Recording Partnership.

Ecology Vannin Consultancy Services is the trading name for Wildlife Limited, Reg Company No: 077379C. Wildlife Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manx Wildlife Trust (MWT), Reg Company No: 005297C. This report does not prevent MWT pursuing its charitable objectives in relation to planning.

This report has been prepared by an environmental specialist and does not purport to provide legal advice. You may wish to take separate legal advice.

The information which we have prepared and provided is true and has been prepared and provided in accordance with the BS42020 2013 and Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management's Code of Professional Conduct and guidelines for preliminary ecological appraisals (CIEEM 2017). We confirm that the opinions expressed are our true and professional bona fide opinions.

Signed (Author)

Sarah Hickey

Signed (QA)

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Biographies

Sarah Hickey BSc (Hons) MRes, ACIEEM is an ecologist with several years' experience in baseline ecological survey and assessment and specialist protected species surveys for bats, Common Lizard and Common Frog. Sarah holds a master's degree in Research in the Natural Environment from the University of Edinburgh and has contributed to the Independent Climate Action Report for the IOM Government (Appendix 10 (a) Peatlands).

Andree Dubbeldam is an Ecologist, botanical specialist and author with over 20 years' experience of the species and habitats of the Isle of Man. Key professional skills are habitat assessment, detailed botanical survey, habitat management and practical conservation. He is DEFA licensed for work with Schedule 7 plant species.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Ecology Vannin was commissioned by Hartford Homes to produce a management plan for a parcel of land in the town of Ramsey, Isle of Man (OS centroid grid reference SC4473893987). The aim of the management plan is to enhance the site for wildlife and public amenity and give clear guidance on required future management to achieve this.

Site Description

- 1.2 The site is comprised of trees and scrub to the west and grassland to the east. Most of the trees have been planted following the completion of the development of apartments to the west of the site (see Figure 1 overleaf).
- 1.3 The trees and scrub are a mixture of native and non-native species, dominated by Willow species (*Salix* sp.). Other species include Escallonia (*Escallonia*), Alder (*Alnus gultinosa*), Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and Oak (*Quercus* sp.). Ground flora is limited due to shading in places, but includes Ivy (*Hedera helix*) and Greater Willowherb (*Epilobium hirsutum*). More open areas have grassland species.
- 1.4 Grassland is dominated by grasses but has a reasonable variety of forbs. The sward has been left to grow and is approximately 50cm high, with some development of tussocks. Species include Bird's-foot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Meadow Vetchling (*Lathyrus pratensis*), Dandelion (*Taraxacum* agg.), Red Clover (*Trifolium pratense*), Cock's Foot (*Dactylis glomerata*), Perennial Ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*), False Oat Grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*), Creeping Soft Grass (*Holcus mollis*), Red Fescue (*Festuca rubra*), Ribwort Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), Ragwort (*Jacobaea vulgaris*), Broadleaf Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), White Clover (*Trifolium repens*), Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and Common Toadflax (*Linaria vulgaris*).
- 1.5 Schedule 8 species Cotoneaster is found within the trees and scrub. Invasive non-native species Winter Heliotrope is also spreading through the site.
- 1.6 An informal footpath through the site is currently used by local residents as a short-cut and for walking dogs.



Photographs 1 – 3: Area of trees and scrub



Photographs 4 - 6: Grassland area



Photographs 7 – 9: Cotoneaster (left) and Winter Heliotrope



Figure 1: Site habitats

2.0 Policy and Law

Wildlife legislation

- 2.1 The Isle of Man Wildlife Act 1990 (as amended) is the main piece of wildlife legislation that enables the designation of statutory protected sites (Marine Nature Reserves (MNRs), Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSIs), National Nature Reserves (NNRs) and Areas of Special Protection (ASPs), the protection of listed fauna and flora and the control of invasive species.

Bats, Common lizard, Common frog

- 2.2 Horseshoe bat (all species) *Rhinolophidae* and typical bats (all species) *Vespertilionidae*, Common Lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*) and Common Frog (*Rana temporaria*) are all protected under Schedule 5 of the Isle of Man Wildlife Act 1990 (as amended).
- 2.3 As such, a person is deemed to have committed an offence if he or she:

“damages or destroys, or obstructs access to, any structure or place which any wild animal included in Schedule 5 uses for shelter or protection; or disturbs any such animal while it is occupying a structure or place which it uses for that purpose”.

Birds

- 2.4 All wild birds are afforded protection under the Isle of Man Wildlife Act 1990 (as amended). An offence is deemed to have been committed if:

“any person intentionally or recklessly — (a) kills, injures or takes any wild bird; (b) takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built; or (c) takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird”.

- 2.5 In addition, species listed on Schedule 1 of the act makes it an offence to:

“intentionally or recklessly — (a) disturbs any wild bird included in Schedule 1 while it is building a nest or is in, on or near a nest containing eggs or young; or (b) disturbs any nest or egg of such a bird; or (c) disturbs dependent young of such a bird”.

Schedule 8 invasive alien plants

- 2.7 Certain plant species are listed on Schedule 8 of the Wildlife Act due to the threat of invasive spread into native habitats.

It is an offence:

“if any person plants or otherwise causes to grow in the wild any plant which is included in Part II of Schedule 8”.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 Table 1 below shows the management required to enhance the site for wildlife and public amenity.

Table 1: Site management for wildlife and public amenity.	
Ecological feature	Management
Trees and Scrub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees and scrub should be trimmed back once or twice a year in order to prevent them spreading over footpaths and to prevent the loss of grassland by scrub encroachment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should be done outside of the bird nesting season (which is March to August inclusive for species likely to use this site). If this is not possible, checks for nesting birds should be made by an ecologist prior to cutting.
Grassland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grassland should be cut twice a year, in October and March, apart from a border along the pavement which is cut more regularly (see below). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting should be done in one direction (south to north) to allow any wildlife to move out of the way. Cuttings should be removed from the site in order to reduce fertility and encourage wildflowers. To reduce the dominance of grasses, Yellow Rattle could be introduced to the grassland. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This should be sown in the Autumn after grassland has been cut. Seeds take best on bare earth, so some scarifying of areas would be beneficial.
Invasive non-native plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule 8 species Cotoneaster should be removed from the site in order to prevent further spread. Winter Heliotrope is very invasive and should be managed and ideally eradicated to prevent it spreading through the site. This can be difficult to control, but the following options can work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover the area with a weed membrane or thick, light-excluding bark mulch for one full growing season. Repeatedly strim or dig out the plants (will slow but not eradicate infestation as this is a deep rooting plant). This species is likely to need some on-going management to prevent further spread. It is important that all cuttings / soil containing these plant species is treated as contaminated waste. It must be removed and taken for incineration, with prior arrangement, at the Suez Incinerator.
Public amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A border of grassland (approximately 50cm) should be cut alongside the pavement to show that the area is being managed. This can also benefit some flower species and invertebrates. The informal footpath can also be cut if required. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting can be done when required. An information sign could be placed in the southern part of the site near to the start of the footpath. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This could provide information on the benefits to wildlife of not cutting the grass through the summer. It could also provide information of the species found within the site. Alternatively a small 'pollinator area' sign could be used.

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
NOVEMBER 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 October 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st October 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £435,636.28 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £44,811.74 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in October 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 1st April to 31st October 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	£579,812.
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.

8th November 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during October 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	141,914.80
Northern Civic Amenity Site	Qtr. 3 running cost contribution	69,730.80
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	55,911.58
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	41,716.53
Rosborough Insurance	Fleet, Combined engineering & broker fee	28,973.76
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	18,791.98
Various	Street lighting maintenance	16,764.71
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	13,078.41
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	9,860.83
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	9,506.99
Various	IT costs	5,277.19
Various	Contract cleaning	4,364.00
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	2,677.06
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	2,450.84
Various	Legal & professional fees : non-housing	1,973.85
Various	Town events	1,762.50
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,516.94
Manx Telecom	Phones	1,380.70
Various	Staff training	1,274.00
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	1,215.88
Manx Independent Carriers	Delivery re wheelie bins	1,143.40
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	1,032.07
Various	Park goods & materials	693.76
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	676.63
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	470.22
Various	Media & advertsing	395.60
Various	Security & safety	82.50
Various	Gift vouchers	50.00
A J Oldham	Attendance Allowance	166.25
R D Cowell	Attendance Allowance	166.25
A R Beighton	Attendance Allowance	140.00
W G Young	Attendance Allowance	101.25
Ms L L Craine	Attendance Allowance	78.75
J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	71.25
S R Kelly	Attendance Allowance	63.75
F B R Williams	Attendance Allowance	60.00
L I Singer	Attendance Allowance	60.00
Rev Canon Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	41.25
		435,636.28
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	14,350.11
Various	Recycling charges	12,072.08
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	11,528.53
IOM Govt.	Quarter 3 site rent	6,096.00
Various	Site maintenance	491.00
Various	Equipment repairs	183.98
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	69.71
Bank	Charges	20.33
		44,811.74

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during October 2023

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM
Allan C Swales Ltd.	IOM	J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	John Gray Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Legg Surfacing Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall Services Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Cuplas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Marksman Locksmith	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Dickinson Cruickshank	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Easy Mix Concrete Ltd.	IOM	Northern Civic Amenity Site	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
EnricoSmog Ergonomic Practitioners	UK	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Phil Manning Land Survey Services	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Flying Colours Flagmakers	UK	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Glaister.net Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Gregory & Moore Logistics Training Serv.	IOM	Rentokil	UK
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Rosborough Insurance	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Signrite IOM Ltd.	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
HSE Bookstore	UK	Tennisnuts.com	UK
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	W.F. Howes Ltd.	UK
JDW Engineering Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Yesss IOM Electrical Ltd.	IOM

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	2,700,982	3,224,036	(523,054)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Glass	175	0	175	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	7,247	10,410	(3,163)	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	20,859	27,692	(6,833)	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
Sub Total	£2,729,263	£3,262,138	(£532,875)	£ 4,769,734	£ 4,935,885	£ (166,151)

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	115,737	20,864	94,873	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	35,751	0	35,751	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	30,833	0	30,833	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	3,874	0	3,874	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	5,122	9,085	(3,963)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	2,001	7,114	(5,113)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	822	14,738	(13,916)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	24	7,500	(7,476)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	871	0	871	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	2,259	0	2,259	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	16,665	1,536	15,129	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	11,175	12,575	(1,400)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	60,199	0	60,199	83,300	0	83,300
Sub Total	£305,257	£73,412	£231,845	£590,664	£104,753	£485,911

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	2,659	0	2,659	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	20,798	22,659	(1,861)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	456,261	86,881	369,380	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	174,327	0	174,327	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	52,150	52,150	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	104,436	0	104,436	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	784	0	784	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	9,605	0	9,605	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	114,858	0	114,858	220,677	0	220,677
Sub Total	£935,878	£161,690	£774,188	£1,653,578	£266,335	£1,387,243

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	41,245	13,166	28,079	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	128,327	2	128,325	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	590	0	590	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	90,186	4,857	85,329	148,505	9,269	139,236
Sub Total	£260,348	£18,025	£242,323	£512,461	£34,604	£477,857

	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	16,894	0	16,894	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	401,908	59,404	342,504	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	4,276	0	4,276	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	26,755	22,537	4,218	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	278	1,845	3,333	1,196	2,137
Sub Total	£489,267	£82,219	£407,048	£1,010,725	£148,721	£862,004

TOTAL	£4,720,013	£3,597,484	£1,195,941	£ 8,537,162	£ 5,490,298	£ 3,046,864
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Town rates	£ -	£2,898,807	(£2,898,807)	£ -	£ 3,283,799	(£3,283,799)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NOVEMBER, 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: 4032 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [22/01340/B](#)
PROPOSED: The development of eight townhouses and associated car parking and landscaping
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at corner of Premier Road and Mooragh Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4058 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [23/00245/B](#)
PROPOSED: Conversion and extension to existing barn to form new dwelling, including associated hard and soft landscaping
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Existing Barn, Poyll Dooley House, Poyll Dooley, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4090 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [23/00744/B](#)
PROPOSED: Full approval for a residential development comprising up to 153 dwellings and community uses with associated highway and pedestrian access and infrastructure, drainage, landscaping and public open space together with approval in principle for a primary school on land at Vullan Fields together with enhancement of existing habitat on land to the east of Royal Park
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at Vullan, Field Nos. 131042, 131043, 135315 & 135318, Land East of Royal Park, Field Nos. 131085 & 135140, Andreas Road**

REF NO: 4098 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [23/00878/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of a fence (retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Kerrocoar, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

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

REF NO: 4101 **AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: [23/00915/C](#)
PROPOSED: Part-retrospective change of use of Outhouse 2 from residential to commercial use in connection with a perfume business, including use as an office, workshop and for training/educational purposes
NOTES: P.A. Change of Use
SITE: **May Hill House, May Hill, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4115
P.A. NO.: [23/01239/B](#)
PROPOSED: New driveway and single storey side garage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Headlands, Grove Mount, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

7th November, 2023.

R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NOVEMBER, 2023

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
22/01212/A R.T.C. 4026	Approval in principle for proposed residential development, addressing means of access and number of plots	The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road	Meeting held: 16/11/22 Objection	17/10/23 Application REFUSED

The refusal is for the following reason(s):

1. Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that appropriate mitigation measures could be implemented on site to safeguard the occupants of the four dwellings proposed within the scheme from future flood occurrence in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 4 of the Strategic Plan and as required by Environment Policy 10.
2. It has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the proposal would not result in unacceptable risk from flooding, either on or offsite, for future occupants of the proposed dwellings, and that the development would not increase flood vulnerabilities and intensity of flooding in the area. Therefore, the scheme is considered to fail the requirements of Environment Policy 13.
3. Due to the overall layout of the site, positioning of the buildings and the spaces around them, coupled with the volume of hardstanding areas to be created on site, it is considered that the proposal would result in significant loss of an established green corridor which has public amenity value and contributes to the character of the site and locality. The removal of large sections of the garden area and its replacement with about 526sqm of hardstanding areas (impermeable parking areas and dwellings) would considerably deplete the green corridor with potential to further decrease the available green corridor, resulting in deleterious impacts on the character and appearance of the area and the context of this part of Ramsey, and a loss of a sense of place for the immediate locality, thus failing to comply with Policy R/R/P3 of the Ramsey Local Plan, and Environment Policy 42, General Policy 2 (b, c, & g), and Strategic Policy 4(b & c) of the Strategic Plan.

R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NOVEMBER, 2023

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
23/00528/B	Erection of public toilet block	Millennium Garden, Bowring Road	Meeting held: 21/06/23	17/10/23 Application REFUSED
R.T.C. 4075				

The refusal is for the following reason(s):

1. Due to the box design, external finish, and positioning of the proposed toilet block within the existing garden, the proposal fails to respect the existing site and the immediate street scene and is therefore considered to be contrary to General Policy 2 (b & c), Strategic Policy 3 (b), and Environment Policy 42 of the IOM Strategic Plan 2016.

2. Insufficient information has been provided to demonstrate that appropriate mitigation measures could be implemented on site to safeguard the users of the toilets proposed within the scheme from future flood occurrence in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix 4 of the Strategic Plan and as required by Environment Policy 10.

3. It has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the proposal would not result in unacceptable risk from flooding for future users, and that the development would not increase flood vulnerabilities and intensity of flooding in the area. Therefore, the scheme is considered to fail the requirements of Environment Policy 13.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HOUSING AND PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT
HOUSING PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS 2023/24
NOVEMBER 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Attached with this report are the Housing Performance and Statistics 2023/24 - for Quarter Two for year-end 31st March 2024.

A quarterly report is prepared by instruction of the Department of Infrastructure and the statistics in this report are an expansion of that report and are presented in 6 sections:

- Allocation Data
- Maintenance Data
- Management Data
- Capital Projects
- Large Revenue Projects
- Strategic Plan

Recommendation: To be noted.

Mark Close
Housing & Property Manager

8th October 2023.



Housing Performance and Statistics

2023/2024 – Q2

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Section 1	Allocation Data
Section 2	Maintenance Data
Section 3	Management Data
Section 4	Capital Projects
Section 5	Large Revenue Projects
Section 6	Strategic Plan

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2023/2024

1	Allocation Data	22/23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	23/24	Notes
A	Total number of housing waiting list applicants	94	92	81	-	-	-	There are 57 applicants on the one-bedroom waiting list, 23 on the two-bedroom list and one on the three-bedroom list. 6 new applicants have been added in the last quarter.
B	Total number of transfer waiting list applicants	17	18	19	-	-	-	Number on list at end of each quarter. The average is given per annum.
C	Number of housing waiting list allocations	17	5	6	-	-	-	Number of applicants from the housing waiting list that have been allocated a property within quarter.
D	Number of transfer list allocations	6	1	0	-	-	-	Property transfers adversely affect the voids list and incur re-let costs.
E	Number of new Lodgers in RTC properties	2	1	0	-	-	-	New approved paying lodgers during the period. There are currently 6 paying lodgers in total.
F	Number of terminated tenancies	19	4	4	-	-	-	Tenants surrendering their tenancies. No possession has been taken within this period.
G	Number of applicants withdrawn from the housing waiting list	25	1	3	-	-	-	Applicants voluntarily withdrawing their applications or removed from the list following a review.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2023/2024

2	Maintenance Data	22/23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	23/24	Notes
A	Number of responsive repair requests	1490	302	326	-	-	-	Reported property repairs.
B	Percentage of responsive repairs completed on time	92%	90%	95%	-%	-%	-%	Responsive repairs and void property re-let work takes priority over non-urgent work and planned projects.
C	Total number of void properties completed	30	6	3	-	-	-	Properties that have been brought to a re-let standard.
D	Percentage of void properties completed on time	99%	100%	100%	-%	-%	-%	Target - 5 weeks standard, 12 weeks major (i.e. requires new kitchen, bathroom, damp remedial work).
E	Properties with valid boiler safety certificates issued within period	484 100%	159 33%	103 22%	- -%	- -%	- -%	Boilers are serviced every 11 – 12 months to remain safe and compliant within the 12-month target period. There are 477 boilers in total.
F	Percentage and amounts spent on maintenance budget	£797,694 106%	£175,112 22%	£253,730 31%	£- -%	£- -%	£- -%	The annual maintenance allowance equates to 30% of the overall rental income.
G	Total number of out of hours emergency repairs carried out	159	24	28	-	-	-	Only emergency calls and repairs that are the responsibility of the Landlord are reacted to with an action.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2023/2024

3	Management Data	22/23	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	23/24	Notes
A	Percentage of gross rent arrears	£54,985 2%	£59,190 2%	£56,822 1.9%	-£ -%	-£ -%	-£ -%	The average figures are shown within the previous year column.
B	Percentage of property inspections carried out	95 18%	30 6%	14 3%	- -%	- -%	- -%	Property inspections provide a good line of communication and engagement with tenants.
C	Percentage of rent paid by cash, debit card including by telephone, cheque and Standing Order	35%	36%	36%	-%	-%	-%	Cash 26%, cheque 3%, debit card 39% and Standing Order 32%.
D	Percentage of rent paid by direct debit	48%	47%	47%	-%	-%	-%	
E	Percentage of rent paid direct by the DHSC	17%	17%	17%	-%	-%	-%	
F	Housing newsletters issued	1	1	0	-	-	-	Issues normally distributed every March and September.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2023/2024

4 Capital Projects	Notes
A Cronk Elfin External Refurbishment of 50 properties	The project commenced on site on the 21st February 2022 and is a 104-week contract. The bathroom remedial works/external refurbishment works are approximately 80% complete. Monthly progress reports are being presented to the Board.
B Close Woirrey/Albert Road Re-development	Following the purchase of the Albert Road site, a redesign of the entire site is underway, and a further design update report is due to be presented to the Board for approval. A new Business Case and petition has been submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and awaits approval.
C Replacement PVCu windows to 16 dwellings Gladstone Avenue & 10 dwellings Vernon Road	These works are currently underway with no issues and the project remains within budget. The properties in Gladstone Avenue are complete.
D Refurbishment of Footpaths & Landscaping - Vernon Road	These works are currently underway with no issues and the projects remains within budget. The footpath works are complete with safety handrails due to be installed.
E Upper Queens Pier Road Refurbishment	A Business Case has been submitted to the Department of Infrastructure and awaits approval for the refurbishment of the remaining 37 two- and three-bedroom properties following the pilot scheme refurbishment of 7 of the properties in 2020.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2023/2024

5 Large Revenue Projects		Notes
A	External re-decoration of the Lezayre estate	This decoration work will continue throughout the Lezayre estate and will be spread over several years as budget allows. It will be funded through the Housing Maintenance Allowance. The decoration is being carried out in-house with an independent scaffold company employed to supply, erect and dismantle the scaffold. This work will recommence during this summer of 2024.
6 Strategic Plan		Notes
A	To work with the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) in introducing a combined housing waiting list for the North of the Island.	The waiting list is in place and working well with applicants within Ramsey and in the Northern Region outside of Ramsey taking advantage of the broader scope of available properties.
B	To work with the DOI in taking on the management of a limited number of Government properties (pilot scheme).	On 12 July 2021 the Commission entered into a 2-year pilot scheme agreement to take on the management of 12 of the Department of Infrastructure (Department) properties at Lambhill, Bride. The Agreement was extended for a year in July 2023 and there have been no known issues to date. The Department are now considering a Housing Association for the Island and these properties may fall under the management of this association in the future.
C	Maintain high level of rent collection.	See notes below.
D	Review and develop Housing policies.	In progress. Current policies are being reviewed periodically and there are no issues to date.

Housing & Property Managers notes:

The Housing Section, in line with the Department of Infrastructure's policies, monitors its performance in key areas to ensure its services are delivered to an acceptable standard for our housing tenants and waiting list applicants and to meet any legal requirements.

Rent arrears are continually being monitored and pursued.

The current Policies are not causing any issues for tenants or staff and are being reviewed annually.

Property inspections have proven to be a good line of communication and engagement with our tenants. They continue as a priority for end of tenancies, transfers and where there are any general concerns, and all properties are inspected in an ongoing cycle.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LIBRARY QUARTER 3 2023
NOVEMBER 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Number of new members

July	22 adult	10 junior
August	12 adult	14 junior
September	<u>13 adult</u>	<u>15 junior</u>
Total	<u>47 adult</u>	<u>39 junior</u>

Number of registered members

Town	489
Country	194
Junior	630
Staff	9
<u>Visitor</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	<u>1,332</u>

Number of items borrowed (by reader category)

Town	3,023
Country	1,638
Junior	2,240
Staff	92
<u>Visitor</u>	<u>19</u>
	<u>7,012</u>

Type of items borrowed

Text	6,088
DVD	591
Audio	<u>333</u>
	<u>7,012 (up 7.5% on QTR 2)</u>

During the quarter the library staff organised or made displays for:

- Tynwald Day
- Manx Grand Prix
- The Manx Nature Show
- Sixties books, and staff dressed up for the Radio Caroline event
- The new School year
- 999 Emergency Services Day
- Materials relating to the boundary extension

The library team also accepted paper copies of the Access to Cash survey and cleared and organised the loft space at the Town Hall.

Recommendation: For noting.

31st October 2023.

T. R. K. Cowin
Town Clerk

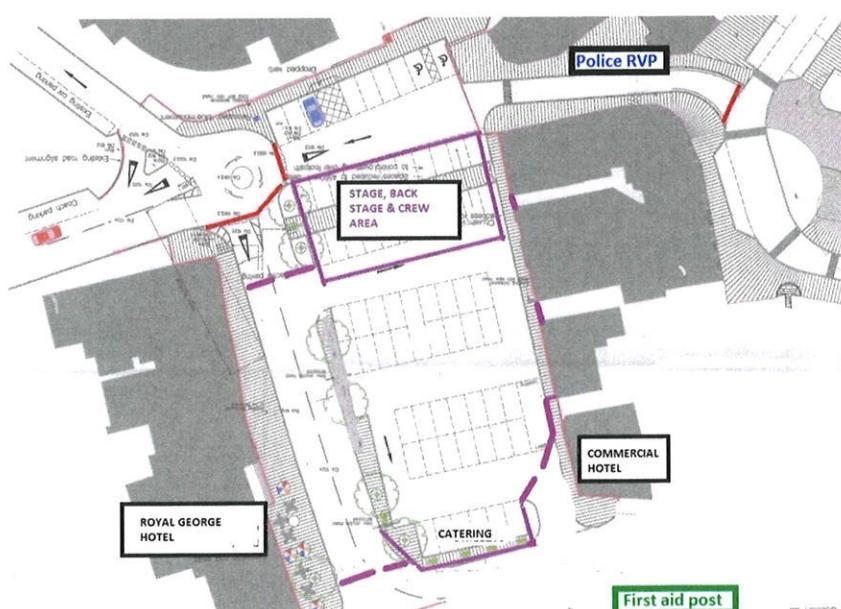
**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SPRINTFEST 2023 / 2024
OCTOBER 2023 PUBLIC**

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 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th 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 3rd, 4th and 5th 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.

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

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

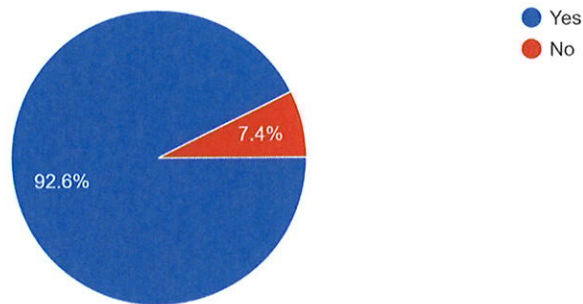
Two surveys were undertaken to gain the views of those who attended the event and those who operate businesses in the town. The surveys were widely publicised on the Commissions own media as well as via the local media.

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

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

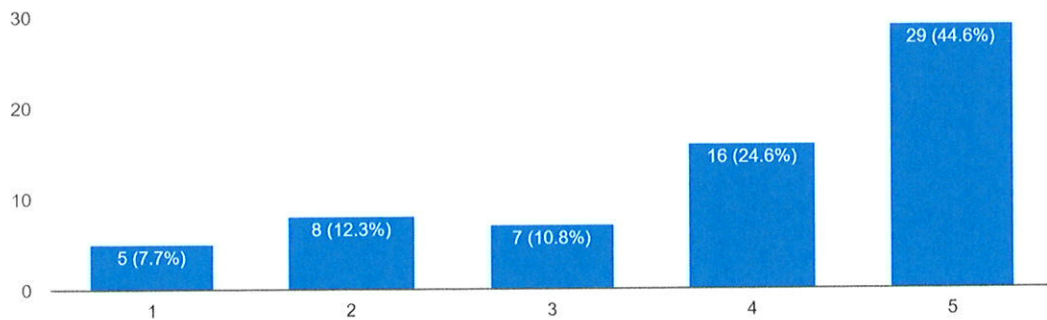
Did you attend Sprintfest in 2023?

68 responses



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

65 responses

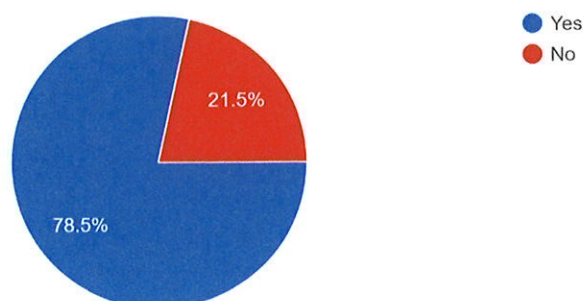


(Where 1 is Very Bad and 5 is very Good)

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

Were they met?

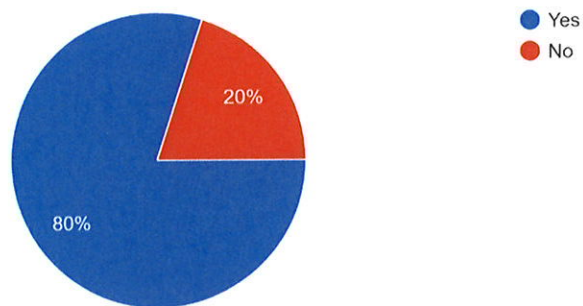
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Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2023/2024 October 2023, Public Continued:

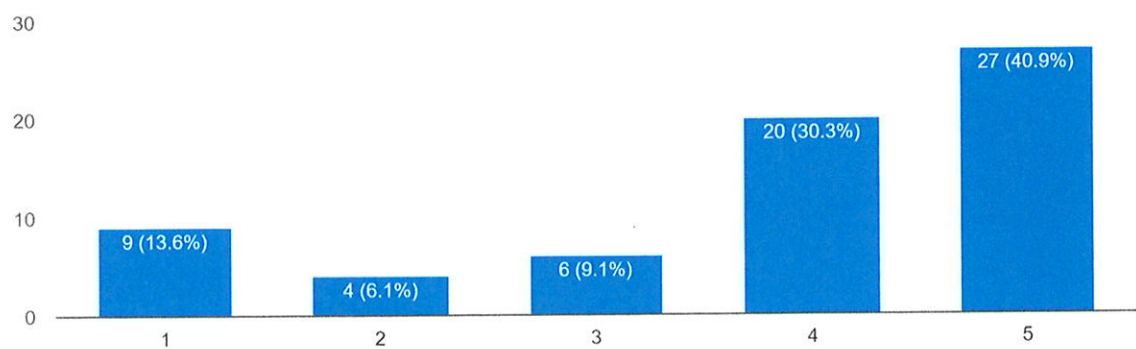
Were you satisfied with the lineup of local cover bands?

65 responses



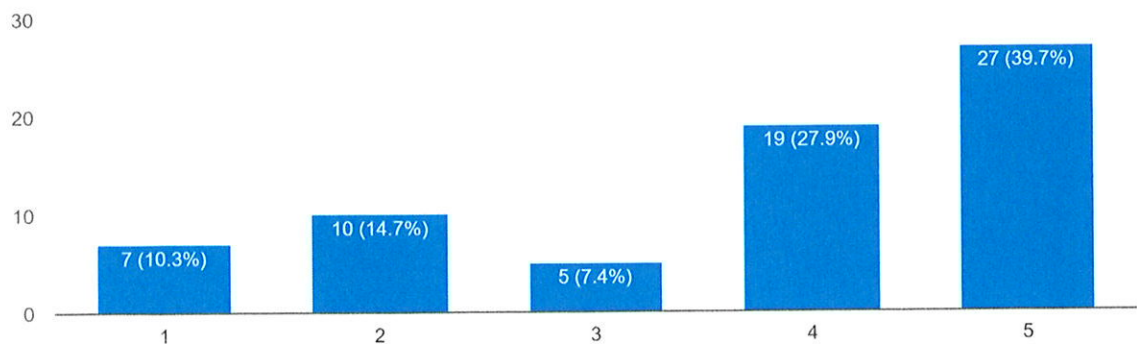
How would you rate the sound quality during ther performance?

66 responses



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

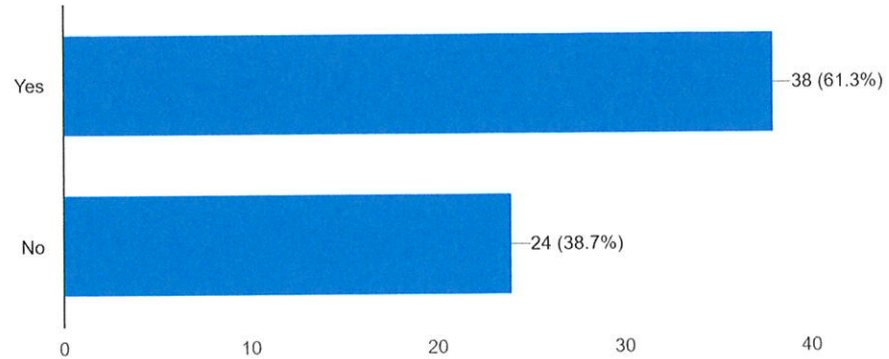
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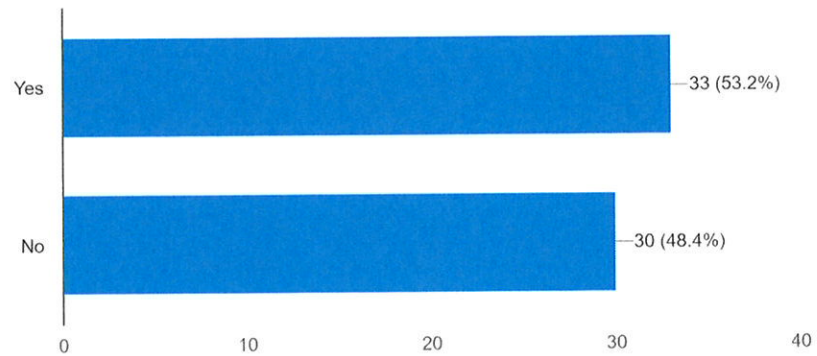
Were the food and drink options at Sprintfest satisfactory?

62 responses



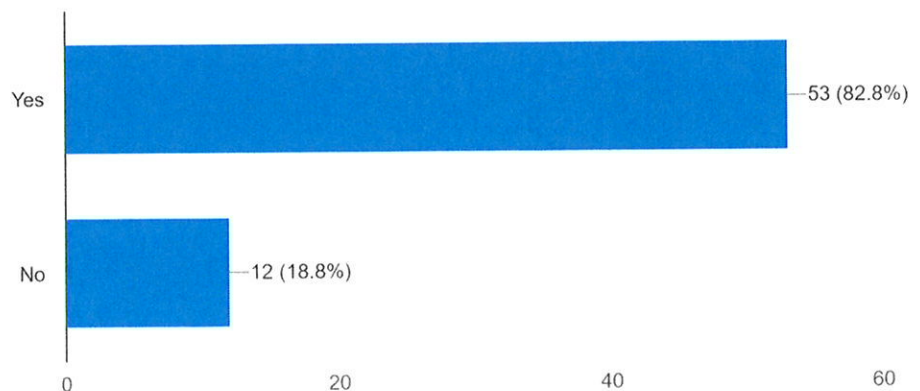
Were the facilities, such as seating and toilet provision, adequate for your needs?

62 responses



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

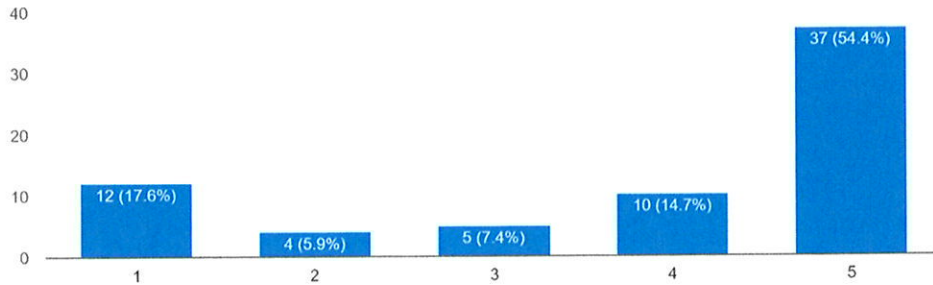
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How likely are you to recommend Sprintfest to others?

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

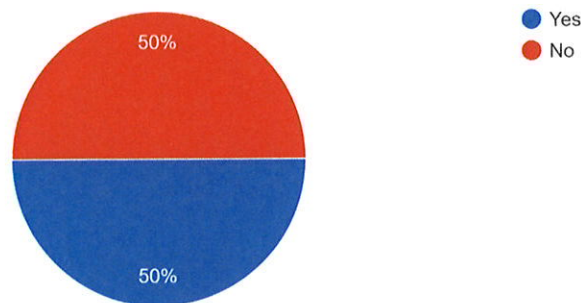
The survey for the business community received 10 responses. This was also widely publicised in the local press and on the Northern Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

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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.

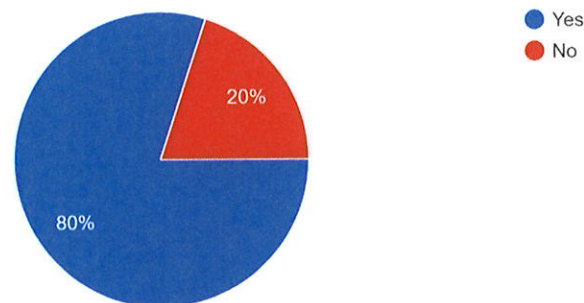
Is your business located within the area of the Sprintfest Road Closure or Suspension of Parking?.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

11th 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
			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
Site amenity						
Safety						

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

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

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

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 & Brearley have indicated a desire to offer support the event at this site</p>

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

Comments & feedback from stakeholders	Mooragh	Town
	<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
TELEPHONE KIOSK COURTHOUSE GROUNDS
NOVEMBER, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Notice of Motion, dated 8th November, 2023, has been submitted by Mr. A. J. Oldham, C.T.C., J.P., -

“Notice of Motion: Telephone Kiosk Courthouse Grounds:

The Commission resolved to purchase the redundant telephone kiosk situated at the Courthouse Grounds and to repurpose the kiosk.

I propose that the Courthouse telephone kiosk be moved to a more prominent position at the front of the Courthouse.

In so doing, I propose that work is done to investigate and to move the telephone kiosk from its current location and that it be located close to the post box.

This is a registered building sitting in the Ramsey Conservation area. It will require approval from the Conservation Officer and planning approval. I request that the Town Clerk seek the appropriate approvals.

I also seek approval for the budget, in a provisional sum of £3,000, to move the telephone kiosk for basic ground works, relocation of the kiosk and the provision of an electricity supply.

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.”

8th November, 2023.