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14th March, 2024.

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, 20th March, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Mr. S. Kelly
2. **To receive the Deputy Returning Officer's Certificate:**
of the Member Elected - Contested Election, 7th March, 2024, South Ward.
3. **Minutes for Adoption:** page(s): 1 - 12
 - Board Meeting held on 21st February, 2024.
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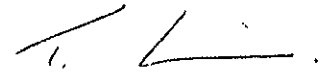
- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Miss L. L. Craine viz:-
 - Dated 12th March, 2024 – Proposal to Tackle Dog Fouling in Ramsey

8. Any other Business:

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matter(s) Raised by the Public
 - ❖ Footpath Flooding Close Caarjys
- 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, 21st February, 2024, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, Miss L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. J. Oldham, G. S. Court, S. R. Kelly and L. Parker.

A vacancy exists in South Ward.

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

Mrs. Edwina Carlile. Members kept a period of silence in memory of Mrs. Carlile who passed away on 10th February, 2024. Tribute was paid to Edwina's contribution to the Town as a prominent business woman and for her membership of the Commission over eight years. Her contribution to the community as an incredibly talented musician and church organist was also recognised.

Members extended a welcome to Mr. Andrew Feeney, the new Housing and Property Manager.

(2023/24:308) Minutes:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed without division, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on be 17th January, 2024, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2023/24:309) Matters Arising:

Miss Craine referred to a request made that the Commission include social media to promote recycling and anti-littering and also advertising room hire availability at the Town Hall and queried progress on these matters.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he had been awaiting budget confirmation of information required and focus had been on election duties.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:310) Action Tracker February, 2024:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14th February, 2024, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey North Promenade Changing Huts – Mr. McGuinness referred to the purpose of the “Action Tracker” and its importance as an aide memoire for members to keep up to date and commented on the Commission’s actions in adding to it – using the Changing Huts Planning as an example.

Miss Craine raised 3 points:-

- North Promenade Changing Huts - Planning renewal – has it been done?
- Letter to tenants (to be copied to members) about proposal for Cronk Elfin circle when will this be done?
- Cloughbane Open Space – siting of base for recycling node – welcomed the proposal.

The Town Clerk responded:-

- Planning renewal – the planning does not expire until May – the application for renewal will be undertaken nearer that date.
- Circular letter – has not gone out yet – it will be sent when it is known if funding is in place to enable the proposals to progress.

Ramsey South Promenade Changing Hut - Mr. Beighton referred to the Hut and queried who would make the Lottery Grant application – members were informed that the application would be in the Commissioners’ name and would be submitted in time for the next meeting at which the Lottery Trust would consider grant requests.

(2023/24:311) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 14th February, 2024, and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

Beach Raft - Mr. Cowell referred to the Budget Provision for the raft and indicated his wish to have this included on the Action Tracker – Members were informed that this would be included in the 2024/25 Budget proposals Tracker.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:312) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 13th February, 2024, subject to the following:-

The Finance Officer explained some of the larger items of expenditure, qualified the nature of some of the items of expenditure. He referred to balances on accounts being subject to the timing of receipts. He also commented that the expenditure for Decorative lighting reflected a grant received.

The Finance Officer informed members that, at a recent meeting of local authority finance officers, discussions have taken place with regard to the Department of Infrastructure actions in having recently commenced a review into Housing Capital Projects and thereby Housing Deficiency Payments. Because of this approval of our capital projects and receipt of our Housing Deficiency payment had been delayed.

Mr. McGuinness queried if the Department's actions were across all local authorities and was informed it was - £154,000 in capital loan requests are being delayed, the Department has a duty to make up any housing deficiency difference, but now needs to assess the ability of a local authority to meet any capital borrowing repayments.

A proposal by Mr. McGuinness, that the Commission write to the Ministers of the Department of Infrastructure and the Treasury, to highlight our dilemma, explain that the Commission is trying to be progressive and are trying to progress housing capital projects and these delays are unhelpful, at best.

The Town Clerk advised that he and the Housing and Property Manager had confirmed that some of our projects are included in the Government's 2024 Budget "Pink Book".

The Finance Officer also informed members that the Department had set the 2024/25 rent increase level at 7 ½ % in attempt to bring down deficiency payments which is considered to be effectively pushing their problem onto tenants of social housing..

Mr. Beighton seconded the proposal put by Mr. McGuinness which was carried without division.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:313) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 12th February, 2024, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:

REF NO: 4119
P.A. NO.: [23/01433/B](#)
PROPOSED: Use of the site for the installation and operation of a mobile sauna
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Site of former Ben My Chree, Queen's Promenade, Ramsey.**

A proposal was put by Mr. Williams that an observation be submitted that parking in the area could be an issue and that access for the lifeboat crew is required at all times. Mr. McGuinness queried why – stating that the applicant could be made aware of the lack of parking facilities.

Miss Craine proposed an amendment that the Commission submit an observation that the proposal is a positive for Ramsey and not to highlight parking problems – if people park illegally they will be dealt with under existing regulations. Mr. Cowell agreed the Commission should be supportive.

Mr. Beighton queried if there is room on the site for customer parking? Mr. Williams said there would appear to be some. Mr. Beighton proposed a further amendment that the applicant be encouraged to use on-site parking. This amendment did not receive a seconder.

Mr. Williams withdrew his original proposal and seconded the amendment put by Miss Craine, which was put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 1, Mr. Beighton voting against.

Mr. Williams suggestion that Plans 4120 and 4130 be considered in tandem with each other was agreed.

REF NO: 4120
P.A. NO.: [23/01502/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use from Class 2.2 (Light Industry) to Classes 2.2 (Light Industry), 2.1 (Office) and 1.1 (Shops) (Retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Unit 5, The Shipyard, Shipyard Road, Ramsey**

(2023/24:313) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications Continued:

REF NO: 4130
P.A. NO.: [24/00146/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of light industrial unit to include the assemblage, storage and display of large furniture items with a small element of sales usage
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Unit 24, Gladstone Park Industrial Estate, Ramsey**

Mr. Williams referred to areas across the Island where light industrial zoning has resulted in the inclusion of retail sales and proposed that as Zoning is a matter for the Planning Committee the Commission make no comment on the proposals. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and carried without division.

REF NO: 4126
P.A. NO.: [24/00033/B](#)
PROPOSED: Creation of Public Open Space and footpath
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at junction of Fairway Drive and Claughbane Drive, Ramsey.**

Members' attention was drawn to the submission to the Planning Committee of 10 objections to the proposals citing noise, vermin, excess vehicles. The Town Clerk advised members that technically this proposal fell under permitted development, a trial recycling node is to be held on the Mooragh Promenade, and the opportunity is being taken to have the base inserted at no cost to the Commission.

Mr. Cowell commented that the objections submitted were strong, various nearby properties were not shown on the map and that there is no budgetary inclusion for the recycling hub.

Proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 6 votes to 1, Mr. Cowell voting against that no objection be submitted.

REF NO: 4128
P.A. NO.: [24/00058/A](#)
PROPOSED: Approval in Principle for the erection of a detached dwelling, addressing means of access, located east of the existing dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Ballure Grove, Ramsey.**

Members were informed that the application is contrary to General Policies within the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016 and those within the Ramsey Local Plan. It was proposed by Mr. Willimas, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 5 votes to 2, to object to the proposals as they are contrary to the foregoing and considered over-intensive. Mr. Beighton and Mr. Young voted against.

(2023/24:314) Technical Assistant's Report – Accessible Parking Bays – Mooragh Park:

Members considered the Technical Assistant's report dated 12th February, 2024, concerning the suggestion that disabled parking bays be created in the Mooragh Park, in the vicinity of the "Costa in the Park" café. The report included extracts from the Town's...Public Parks.. Byelaws 2020 and detailed guidelines for spaces for disabled parking bays. The report also showed illustrations of space available in relation to such guidelines.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine, and agreed nem con, the Commission to not progress provision of disabled parking bays. Members appreciated the thoroughness of the report.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:315) Town Clerk's Report – Library Quarter 4 - 2023:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk's report dated 13th February, 2024, detailing membership of and activity within the Town Library to 31st December, 2023. (the fourth quarter of 2023).

(2023/24:316) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – 2024 Events Update:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, providing updates on events planned to take place during 2024, subject to the following:-

Sprintfest – noted.

Ramsey National Week – proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams that the matter be discussed with the Northern Chamber of Commerce to determine if further National Week events can be arranged.

Ramsey Rocks – noted.

Ramsey Fireworks Display – Mr. Beighton referred to the positive comments made by the Chamber of Commerce with regard to the Fireworks Display being held on a Saturday, and proposed that the 2024 Fireworks Display be moved to Saturday, 2nd November; the proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried by 6 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voting against.

Christmas Lights Switch On – proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Miss Craine and carried by 6 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voting against, that the Christmas Lights Switch on be held on Saturday, 23rd November, 2024.

(2023/24:317) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Lhergy Frissell Hill Climb:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, advising of the dates and times of road closures to facilitate Longton and District Motor Club's Hill Climbs between 25th and 27th April 2024.

A proposal was put by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Young that a request be made that the times of the road closure for the Lhergy Frissell event on 27th April be changed from 9.00 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. or 9.30 a.m. The proposal was put to the vote and defeated by 4 votes to 3, Mr. Cowell voting with the proposer and seconder.

Mr. McGuinness put a second proposal, that because the Lhergy Frissell event is on a Saturday no objection be made to the time of the road closure. This was seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem-con.

(2023/24:318) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – "Isle Listen" Sea Dip:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, conveying the request of "Isle Listen" for permission to stage a charitable "Sea Dip for Sanity" on Sunday 1st September, 2024, using the North Beach.

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine that permission be granted. In seconding the proposal Miss Craine commented on the fact that the improved bathing water quality off this beach has been recognised.

An amendment but by Mr. Beighton, that the Commission support the event and the Commission make application to enable parking on the Promenade area to avoid the need to cross a busy road, did not receive a seconder. Miss Craine proposed a further amendment, equally in support of the event but that the organisers make the necessary application for suspension of parking. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Beighton, put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against

Mr. Young wished to have recorded his total disassociation with the permission being granted.

(2023/24:319) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Mountain Road Filming Closure:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, advising of the dates and times of road closures to facilitate filming between Ramsey Hairpin and The Creg-Na-Baa.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem-con, the Commission raise no objection to the proposals.

(2023/24:320) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Wild Flower Garden and Nature Area:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, advising of the wish of Bunscoill Rhumsaa to develop a wild flower and nature area on a patch of land at the school. Members were made aware that ownership of the area of land has yet to be determined.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem-con the Commission commend the School and support their proposals.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:321) Private Petition – Development at Poyll Dooley:

Miss Craine took the opportunity to draw attention to her private petition, circulating via social media, opposing development at Poyll Dooley, which is to be heard by the Planning Committee on 26th February. Mr. Beighton commented that Miss Craine's petition was misleading in that it referred to "Poyll Dooley Nature Reserve". Miss Craine stated that it was unfortunate if anyone read into the petition that it was the Nature Reserve; the map shown in her petition was that used within the planning application and was adjacent to the nature reserve. No vote was necessary – the matter having been brought forward for information.

(2023/24:322) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board Report:

Mr. McGuinness verbally reported on the January, 2024, meeting of the Swimming Pool Board – he had several meetings with the now ex-Minister for Education and the Department to discuss funding; the Board is facing difficulties in accessing climate change funding which would be a massive boom. Mr. McGuinness also referred to media coverage of increase in the Swimming Pool rate contribution from the Town's budget picked up by the press reflected on £700 additional funding for the Commission – 0.35% of the rate increase. He emphasized that funding for regional pools is Government led.

(2023/24:323) Road Closure Parliament Street:

The Town Clerk informed members that part of Parliament Street would be closed from 6.00 a.m. on 26th February until 6.00 p.m. on 8th March to facilitate repairs to the "table-top ramps" of roadway within the Regeneration Area.

(2023/24:324) Scraping Beach:

The Town Clerk informed members that he, as requested, investigated the feasibility of scraping the South beach, having been in touch with the Department of Infrastructure's Harbours Division. The Town Clerk confirmed from an email received dates that permission to remove maters cannot be granted under part of Section 56 of the Harbour Byelaws until Department and Harbour engineers can investigate the impact on slipways and steps. Also of concern to the Department were the arrangements for use and end use of materials which is public property and any arrangements will have to meet government financial regulations. Harbours suggest a meeting with Highway Services, prior to any further meeting with the Town Clerk.

(2023/24:325) Public Conveniences Millennium Garden:

The Town Clerk updated members on discussions – no response has been received from Tesco; whilst Isle of Man Enterprises have responded that they will try and make calls to enable some progress.

(2023/24:326) Government "Pink Book" Budget Inclusions:

The Town Clerk referred to Government's Budget and expressed disappointment that there was nothing specifically listed for Ramsey Quayside, but he hoped that something might be included in climate change mitigation and initiatives. The Town Clerk indicated he will be writing to the Department about this. The Housing and Property Manager and the Town Clerk will be discussing the schemes listed in the Budget with the Department.

The Deputy Chairman closed the public meeting at 8.12 p.m.

The following items were considered in private the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, etc., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2023/24:327) Minutes Recorded in Private:

Resolved: That the Minutes, recorded in private, of Board Meetings be adopted and approved as hereunder:-

Special Board Meeting 3rd January, 2024 – proposed by Miss Craine, seconded Mr. Beighton and approved nem-con.

Monthly Board Meeting – 17th January, 2024, proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the Minutes be adopted subject to the following:-

RTC Board Meeting – 21st February, 2024, Continued:

Clause 295(h) – Budget Brownfield Sites – proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem-con that the sub-clause be amended to read... “consideration at the Special Board Meeting on 3rd January, 2024.”

Special Board Minutes – 24th January, 2024 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem-con, that the following be added after the sub-section headed “Beach Raft”:-

“Brownfield Sites

The proposal to include £20,000 for the potential development of RTC brownfield sites was discussed. A proposal that this money was not included in the 2024-25 budget was suitably proposed and seconded. The proposal was resolved Mr. Cowell voting against.”

Special Board Meeting 29th January, 2024 – proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Young and approved nem-con.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:328) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 14th February, 2024, subject to the following:-

Town Branding – the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he hoped to be in a position to present an “update” by the date of the March Board Meeting.

Mr. Williams informed members of his concern at the number of items within the “Action Tracker” particularly in public, showing “red flag status”. The Town Clerk assured members that every effort is made to resolve the matters, but in many cases the delays are not within the control of the Commission.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:329) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note Finance Officer’s report dated 13th February, 2024, subject to the following:-

Estimates and Revenue Expenditure: The Finance Officer invited questions on the figures presented – none were put.

Bank Balances – the Finance Officer explained that the lesser balance on the General Revenue Account, as compared to the same period last year, was because of timing of receipts and that since preparation of the report £349,000 had been received by way of further rate income and refunded V.A.T.

(2023/24:329) Finance Officer's Report Continued:

Rent Arrears – the arrears list is settling, after the Christmas rise, more tenants are engaging with officers if they are experiencing difficulties which is encouraging. A Notice to Quit is being progressed in respect of the tenant listed at No. 2 on the arrears list; and since preparation of list some significant payments had been made. Miss Craine asked if the presentation of the arrears list could be adapted to reflect payments made in a month, as many tenants pay their rent on a monthly basis. The Finance Officer explained that as rent is due on a weekly basis and as the date of monthly payments varied so much it would be difficult to adapt the list to reflect such payments..

Mr. McGuinness queried if the rent due at No. 16 on the list could be “written-off” for accounting purposes. The Finance Officer advised that he will be presenting a report as to debts he would recommend be written off at the March monthly meeting..

Miss Craine queried if there was a policy for rental payments when a tenancy is terminated. Members were informed that there are leaflets available advising “what to do” for many housing matters including termination of tenancy in cases of bereavement.

Aged Debtors – Members were informed that the Department of Infrastructure has agreed to act as Arbitrator in relation to a particular debt, and indicated that a further invoice had been sent to the debtor. Mr. McGuinness referred to a specific debt written-off, queried if it might be possible to again chase that debt; and proposed that options be explored to determine how that might be progressed; the proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried nem-con.

(2023/24:330) Technical Services Manager's Report – 10 – 11 West Quay Update:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's tabled report dated 21st February, 2024, providing an update with regard to the property 10-11, West Quay, Ramsey, following the request made for an extension in time to progress works. It was noted that the owner had met the Town Clerk and Technical Services Manager and had indicated a willingness to meet with members. The owner had also been informed to keep the Commission appraised of his traffic suspension plans, which included needing slightly more time to undertake works. In response to a question from Mr. McGuinness members were informed that the property is in personal rather than a company ownership.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that the owner be given a further 2 weeks and in the absence of any action application be made to the Courts to enable works to be undertaken in default. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried nem-con members agreed that the option to come and talk to the Commission remains open.

Discussion progress with regard to existing legislation with regard to ruinous property Mr. Williams felt that the options are not conducive to helping local authorities get things done and accordingly proposed that DEFA be asked to review legislation. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton and carried nem-con.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:331) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Gym in Property Store:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2024, advising of the request made by the Northern Neighbourhood Police Team proposing a change of use for part of the roof space currently used by the Police as a property store, to provide gymnasium facilities for use by the Police and the Town Hall staff, should they so wish. The police seek assistance in conducting a health and safety/fire risk assessment because of the location.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Miss Craine that permission be granted –Miss Craine so doing expressing concern at the load-bearing / weight allowances.

A query was put as to necessary insurance and a further proposal was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Beighton that checks on insurance cover be made. This was agreed nem-con.

(2023/24:332) Housing and Property Manager's Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager's report dated 13th February, 2024, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,21/1/22 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	Dec-23	TRKC	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	Jan-24	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. Planning enforcement have visited SMS and a revised planning application has been submitted.	WD	Feb-24	TRKC	Jun-23	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22,3/11/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. Brewery asked about the Brit, Stanley and Royal George Sept 2023. The Stanley has been sold. Planning application for the Brit a committed sum in relation to Public Open Space.	WD	Feb-24	SB	May-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Easment for poles on RTC land complete.	Report on roll out March 2024- The final phases are dependant on poles receiving planning approval. Remove from Tracker April 2024.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelters at Town hall and Station Road complete.	Base for Tram Station shelter complete DOI to assemble shelter. Remove from Tracker April 2024.	WD	Jan-24	MC	Jun-24	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	Work complete. Snagging meeting has taken place, Dandara to address issues and confirm when the area is ready for inspection and adoption.	FGP	Feb-24	TRKC	Mar-24	
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. Lottery application submitted.	PL	Mar-24	SB	Sep-23	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
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.	Bus Vannin advice that the TT service is likely to be same as TT 2023 with services at 22.01, 22.35 and 23.10. They are looking at operating an N6 but this has not been confied.	FGP	Mar-24	SB	Apr-24	
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	Awaiting spring for the preparation of further shelters.	PL	Feb-24	SB	Jun-24	
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 complete.		Jan-24	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. Revised offer as Feb 2024 has been communicated.		Mar-24	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	Prepare for event. Licencing Court application submitted and being heard on 14th March 24		Mar-24	SB	Jun-24	
Jul-23	Claughbane Public Open Space	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS.	Planning Application has been approved.		Feb-24	TC	Dec-24	
Nov-23	Social Media Campaign showing the work of the commission.	Prepare content	Prepare content		Dec-23	SB	Mar-24	
Jan-24	BMX track	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course	Meeting with club representatives due to take place on 14th March 2024		Mar-24	SB	Feb-24	
Jan-24	Cronk Elfin circle	Proposals developed for the circle, which have not been sent to residents as yet.			Feb-24	AF	Feb-24	
Feb-24	Advertise Town Hall rooms				Feb-24	SB	Feb-24	

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.	To be done at time of shop refit (April 2024)	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, Officers to meet with Tesco on 13th March 2024. Revised planning application being prepared.	HP	AF	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	The roof has been cleaned and recoated ready for the installation.	Installation March	HP	AF	Jul-23	
5	Mar-23	Town Hall rear entrance	Proposal received, this must work with our current security/access system.	Frames prepared and being installed March.	WD	AF	Apr-24	
7	Mar-23	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	BW	Feb-24	
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed, Lottery Trust grant submitted Feb 2024	Construct	HP	SB/AF	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.	Planning Application extension submitted as current approval ends in May 2024.	WD	AF	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
BY-ELECTION SOUTH WARD
MARCH 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The By-Election for South Ward was held on Thursday 7th March, 2024, and was conducted in accordance with the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 and the Elections (Local Authorities) Regulations 2022, to elect one member to serve the remainder of the term to 1st May, 2025, caused by the death in December, 2023, of Mr. Leonard Singer.

In terms of this legislation, the Returning Officer is the Chief Secretary at the Cabinet Office, and the Deputy Returning Officer is the Town Clerk, having been appointed for a term of 5 years. Cabinet Office provide templates for the forms and documentation required to be used.

New to this election was the requirement for Candidates to appoint an Elections Agent, either themselves or another person; to provide a Declaration of Interests; and to provide proof of eligible qualification to stand as a Commissioner. The period for receipt of nominations was between set dates and times and the period for objections / withdrawals is now only one hour on the last day for receipt of nomination papers. Also required to be submitted to the Cabinet Office are declarations of Election Expenses and Donations either Received or Made with regard to the Election.

New provision in the 2020 Act is that for Proxy Voting; amended provision remains for Postal Voting. Polling cards were again issued to all registered voters. Although it is not a legal requirement to produce the Poll Card they are helpful to election staff as the Registers of Electors used was that at 1st April 2023 with amendments up to and including 29th February. If an elector's name is on the relevant Electoral Register they are entitled to vote.

494 voters took part in the ballot, from a total of 2,652 on the voters list, a turnout of 18.6%.

The result of the ballot was as follows: -

Total Ballot Papers Issued	494
Number of Ballot Papers Rejected:	
For Want of Official Mark	2
Voting for more Candidates than Vacancies	7
Writing or mark by which voter can be identified	
Unmarked or Void for Uncertainty	

**Town Clerk's Report - By-Election North Ward
March, 2024 – Public continued**

Number of Votes Cast for Candidates:		
Joe Tatty CALLISTER	Votes	143
Sandra COTTAM-SHEA	Votes	162
Pauline JOHNS-GARRETT	Votes	70
Sara KENNEDY-HAY	Votes	110

As a result of the ballot, in my capacity as Deputy Returning officer I declared Sandra Cottam-Shea duly elected as Ramsey Town Commissioners to serve the unexpired term until 1st May 2025.

Recommendation: to be noted.

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

8th March, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
MARCH 2024 - 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 February 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 29th February 2024 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £424,938.37 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £28,714.66 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in February 2024. 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 29th February 2024 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	£811,435.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£129,149.
Replacement windows – Gladstone Av. & Vernon Rd.	£198,287.
Replacement footpaths – Vernon Road	£29,747.
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, Gladstone Avenue & Vernon Road works and the new LEDs are all funded by capital loans which have been petitioned, approved by Treasury.

The majority have been received although £154,000 loan requests re Cronk Elfin remain outstanding. These have been chased and we have now been advised of the release of the loan requests by Treasury to HSBC.

The Petition to borrow for the Tipper vehicles has been re-submitted and we await Treasury approval.

Recommendation: To be noted.

<p style="text-align: center;">Finance Officer's General Report March 2024 - Public Continued:</p>
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Rates

During February 2024 £233,156 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2023-24 financial year (for comparison £94,293 was received in February 2023). This is the fifth instalment for the 2023-24 financial year.

At 29th February, 2024, the total 2023-24 rate income receipts were £3,023,111 (2022-23 £2,866,437).

Recommendation: To be noted.

13th March 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during February 2024

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	196,264.68
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	62,487.78
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	36,257.27
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	34,377.80
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	18,957.91
Auditors	Legal & professional fees : boundary extension	16,837.00
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Interim fee re 2023 accounts	13,406.40
Various	Fuel & heating oil	11,073.99
Various	Street lighting maintenance	8,121.66
2 Clean	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	4,892.60
Various	Toilet cleaning contract	4,364.00
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	3,910.28
Various	Park goods & materials	3,633.77
Banks	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	2,034.18
Manx Utilities	Bank & debit card charges	1,444.79
Various	Electricity supply & water charges	1,305.29
Various	IT costs	1,201.80
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,058.69
Various	Events advertising & Public notices	959.04
Various	Town events	661.84
RTC	Rent refunds & transfers	534.86
Various	Petty cash	490.05
Various	Security & safety	420.29
Various	Machinery maintenance	242.40
		424,938.37
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	15,768.11
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	3,984.30
Various	Recycling charges	2,955.88
Various	Site maintenance	4,131.99
Gregory & Moore Logistics Training	Staff training - replacement machinery	960.00
Various	Equipment repairs	739.20
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	80.46
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	70.64
Bank	Charges	24.08
		28,714.66

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during February 2024

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	Manx Sharp Blades Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	North Norfolk Vehicle Solutions Ltd.	UK
Chartered Institute Of Housing	UK	Office Equipment Centre Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Opalion Plastics Ltd.	UK
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Crowe IOM Audit LLC	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Dickinson Cruickshank	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
EES Stationery Supplies	UK	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Scarab Sweepers Ltd.	UK
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	ScrewFix Direct Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services IOM	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Gregory & Moore Logistics Training Servs.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Top-2-Toe Ltd.	IOM
Happy Dog Image Solutions	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Viking Office UK Ltd.	UK
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Watsons Nurseries Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	W F Education Group Ltd.	UK
J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	W H Looney Ltd.	IOM
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Mann Hire Ltd.	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 29th FEBRUARY 2024 - Appendix 2

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	3,914,962	4,435,221	(520,259)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	379	0	379	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	15,276	12,410	2,866	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	36,590	31,742	4,848	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
Sub Total	£3,967,207	£4,479,373	(£512,166)	£ 4,769,734	£ 4,935,885	£ (166,151)

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	181,039	23,371	157,668	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	64,322	0	64,322	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	49,813	0	49,813	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	18,852	0	18,852	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	6,664	11,585	(4,921)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	3,832	9,777	(5,945)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	2,728	19,534	(16,806)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	1,760	11,250	(9,490)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	2,281	0	2,281	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	12,329	0	12,329	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	419	0	419	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	8,015	0	8,015	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	18,227	1,536	16,691	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	13,588	18,130	(4,542)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	77,814	0	77,814	83,300	0	83,300
Sub Total	£476,483	£95,183	£381,300	£590,664	£104,753	£485,911

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	3,636	0	3,636	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	25,137	26,138	(1,001)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	755,564	116,268	639,296	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	232,436	0	232,436	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	78,208	78,208	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	133,008	0	133,008	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	14,802	0	14,802	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	(8,200)	0	(8,200)	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	188,231	0	188,231	220,677	0	220,677
Sub Total	£1,422,822	£220,614	£1,202,208	£1,653,578	£266,335	£1,387,243

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	65,549	14,941	50,608	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	218,904	102	218,802	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	739	0	739	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	136,971	7,637	129,334	148,505	9,269	139,236
Sub Total	£422,163	£22,680	£399,483	£512,461	£34,604	£477,857

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	102,119	0	102,119	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	694,450	87,203	607,247	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	6,102	0	6,102	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	56,730	60,952	(4,222)	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	363	1,760	3,333	1,196	2,137
Sub Total	£898,835	£148,518	£750,317	£1,010,725	£148,721	£862,004

TOTAL	£7,187,510	£4,966,368	£2,316,325	£ 8,537,162	£ 5,490,298	£ 3,046,864
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Town rates	£ -	£3,216,867	(£3,216,867)	£ -	£ 3,283,799	(£3,283,799)
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<p>Town Clerk's Report – Manx Telecom Fibre Broadband Status March, 2024 – Public Continued:</p>
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Each of these areas will be the subject of a planning application, ahead of the Manx Telecom submission to planning they have provided copies of the information that will be included in the planning submission. They have also written to the residents of the areas. The information will be displayed at the March 2024 meeting however the formal review of the Planning Applications should take place when they are presented and considered by the board.

Recommendations: for noting.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

5th March 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
VOLLAN FIELDS PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SECTION 13 AGREEMENT
HARTFORD HOMES
MARCH, 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Below is a plan showing the proposed development at the Vollan.



The areas shaded green are proposed to be Public Open Space. A draft Section 13 Legal agreement is being prepared for these areas. The agreement would see the areas being transferred to the ownership of Ramsey Town Commissioners.

It is important that there is Public Open Space within developments, and it is equally important that it is transferred to the Local Authority to be maintained.

There will be 4 play areas which cater to different ages of children and different types of play. The play equipment will also be transferred into the ownership of the Commissioners.



Town Clerk's Report – Vollan Fields Public Open Space – Section 13 Agreement – Hartford Homes – March, 2024 -Public Continued:



The proposed public open space is relatively large and open, some developers tend to propose land that is small, in between properties, difficult to maintain and does little to enhance the development.

**Town Clerk's Report – Vollar Fields Public Open Space – Section 13 Agreement –
Hartford Homes – March, 2024 -Public Continued:**

Proposed decision:- that subject to planning approval the Public Open Spaces are transferred to Ramsey Town Commissioners, and that Ramsey Town Commissioners enter into a Section13 agreement in relation to this matter.

Recommendations: for discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

7th March 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MARCH, 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following application has been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The application is 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: 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 Vollan Fields together with enhancement of existing habitat on land to the east of Royal Park.
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land at Vollan, Field Nos. 131042, 131043, 135315 & 135318, Land East of Royal Park, Field Nos. 131085 & 135140, Andreas Road**

REF NO: 4117 **AMENDED PLANS/DESCRIPTION**
P.A. NO.: [23/01386/B](#)
PROPOSED: Rear and upwards extension above garage, installation of front and rear elevation dormers and installation of window and door to side elevation.
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Dowry, Richmond Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4131
P.A. NO.: [24/00194/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of a three storey extension on the north elevation (alteration to PA 19/00176/B), extensions to the lower ground floor & variation of condition 2 of PA 19/00176/B to allow a total of three bedrooms in the whole house to be used as tourist TT/MGP accommodation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Beach House, Stanley Mount East, Ramsey**

Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
March 2024 – Public Continued:

REF NO: 4132
P.A. NO.: [24/00199/B](#)
PROPOSED: Conversion of former ground floor restaurant and first floor function room into four apartments
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Shipdesine House, East Quay, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4133
P.A. NO.: [24/00203/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of a replacement front door with associated glazing, installation of pitched roof to front porch to replace existing flat roof and additional use of dwelling as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Cooil Breryk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4134
P.A. NO.: [24/00250/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of residential dwelling as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Thie Grennaugh, Cloughbane Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4135
P.A. NO.: [24/00272/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement front doors
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **2 & 3, Barrack Lane, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4136
P.A. NO.: [24/00289/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of attached garage and ancillary accommodation and detached garden store
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Mount Auldyn House, Jurby Road, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

12th March, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION
MARCH, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion, dated 12th March, 2024, is submitted in the name of Miss L. L. Craine, Town Commissioner:

“ 12/03/24 Proposal to Tackle Dog Fouling in Ramsey – Lamara Craine, Town Commissioner

Background: Using CCTV to tackle dog fouling

CCTV cameras can potentially deter people from allowing their dogs to defecate in public areas and not cleaning up after them. The effectiveness of CCTV with tackling the issue of dog poo in the streets depends on various factors visibility and coverage, enforcement, community awareness and cooperation, resource allocation and privacy concerns. CCTV cameras need to have sufficient visibility and coverage of the affected areas to monitor and record instances of dog fouling effectively. Installing CCTV cameras needs to be coupled with a mechanism for enforcing penalties against offenders identified through CCTV footage. Staff time will need to be dedicated to collecting and reviewing footage. It's essential to educate the community about the purpose of CCTV surveillance for tackling dog fouling and encourage their cooperation in adhering to pet waste disposal regulations. Publicity and engaging with the public will ensure reports are submitted, received and investigated using the CCTV system. Deploying and maintaining CCTV systems will require a small financial commitment and manpower resources. Utilising camera traps will limit costs and utilising staff enthusiasm to tackle the issue will ensure it is a cost-effective solution. Installing CCTV camera traps in public spaces raises privacy concerns, and we must address these concerns through transparency and adherence to privacy regulations. Signs, notices, appropriate licencing, and publicity will ensure that these concerns are met and alleviated

Proposal: Installation of CCTV to Address Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is a persistent issue in our community, leading to unsightly and unhygienic conditions in public spaces, a cause for concern for our residents. Despite existing regulations requiring pet owners to clean up after their dogs, instances of non-compliance continue to occur regularly, posing a threat to public health and environmental quality. To address this problem effectively, I propose the installation of closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera, in the form of camera traps, in strategic locations to deter and identify offenders who fail to pick up their dogs' faeces.

This proposal aims:

- To deter dog owners from allowing their pets to defecate in public areas without cleaning up afterward.
- To identify and prosecute individuals who repeatedly violate pet waste disposal regulations.
- To publicise successful prosecutions to reassure compliant residents and deter other repeat offenders.

- To improve the cleanliness and hygiene of public spaces, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

In order to deliver and enact this proposal, strategic planning, together with project deliverance, and outcome monitoring, will be required. A thorough assessment to identify locations with high incidences of dog fouling, such as parks, sidewalks, and recreational areas will need to be conducted. Installation of CCTV cameras in strategic positions within the identified high-risk areas to ensure comprehensive coverage and visibility bearing in mind the type of camera trap used. Installation of signage indicating the presence of CCTV surveillance to raise awareness among dog owners and deter non-compliance with pet waste disposal regulations. Regular monitoring of CCTV footage to identify instances of dog fouling and record evidence for enforcement purposes. The utilisation of public reports can streamline efficiency. The deliverance of repercussion measures such as enforcing penalties or fines against offenders identified through CCTV footage must be utilised, thereby deterring future violations.

The Benefits of this Proposal

The presence of CCTV cameras will encourage dog owners to comply with pet waste disposal regulations, leading to cleaner and more hygienic public spaces. The installation of CCTV cameras demonstrates a proactive approach to addressing community concerns, fostering trust and cooperation among residents and stakeholders. Compared to traditional enforcement methods, CCTV using camera trap surveillance offers a cost-effective and efficient means of monitoring and addressing dog fouling issues. Camera traps are priced at approximately £100 (<https://amzn.eu/d/gpfzh90>) with wifi enabled, motion activated and night vision capability. Installation can be undertaken by staff so no further upfront costs will be incurred. The issuance of fines will recoup funds spent on the purchase of camera traps. Following the publication of successful prosecutions, dog fouling incidence rates should decline, therefore requiring less staff time to be allocated to this project.



Summary

The installation of CCTV camera traps represents a proactive and practical solution to address the persistent problem of dog fouling in our community. By deterring offenders and facilitating enforcement, CCTV surveillance will contribute to cleaner, safer, and more enjoyable public spaces for all residents and visitors. I urge my fellow members of the board to support this proposal and collaborate in its implementation to achieve our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life in our community. Thank you for considering this proposal. I look forward to your support and cooperation in addressing the issue of dog fouling through the installation of CCTV cameras.

Lamara Craine
Ramsey Town Commissioner
Leader, Isle of Man Green Party”

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides that 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.

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.”

13th March, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
CLOSE CAARJYS FOOTPATH - MARCH 2024**

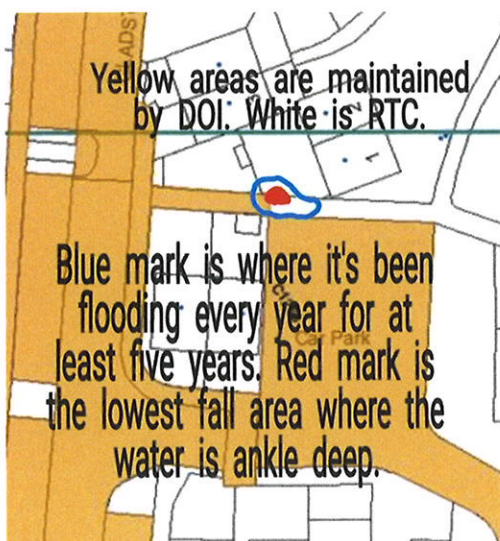
Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received the following request for response, under Standing Order 13(1)(i) on the subject matter of flooding of the footpath at Close Caarjys.

"I first reported a flooded pathway in late 2020 to a RTC. The flooding sits over a concrete path owned by RTC and a slab path owned by DOI. In January 2022 it was supposedly programmed in for repairs. Currently there are works underway laying cables under the DOI concrete path. Will they also be repairing the flooding while they are there laying cables? What about repairing the RTC pathway at the same time?"

My 4 main points of complaint are as follows:

- *Action to fix the pathway has still not been achieved since 2020, every year in winter I have seen it flooded. Photographic evidence of flooding has already been seen by RTC and the problem reported at least twice to DOI.*
- *The concrete and slab path is so slanted (towards the fence) that it's deeper than your ankle when flooded.*
- *It creates substantial flooding into the RTC owned garden, enough so that the grass is partly a muddy patch.*
- *This path is the busiest path into Lezayre Estate and should be prioritised."*





Housing and Property Officers are consulting with the Department of Infrastructure and will prepare an update.

Recommendation: For discussion and further reporting.

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H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th March 2024