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9th May, 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, 15th May, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

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Mr. S. Kelly has been granted leave of absence

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- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness viz:-
 - Dated 9th April, 2024 – Riverside Workshops – Empty Land
- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Ms L. Craine viz:-
 - Dated 9th April, 2024 – Public Art.
- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. F. B. R. Williams viz:-
 - Dated 10th April, 2024 – Merging Town Wards

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(by permission of Chairman)

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- 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 April, 2024, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine, Messrs. G. S. Court; R. D. Cowell, Revd. Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. R. Beighton. Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

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

(2023/24:363) Minutes:

Clause 344 – Notice of Motion – Proposal to Tackle Dog Fouling in Ramsey – Miss Craine offered clarification on the wording of the final paragraph of Page 5 of the Minutes. Miss Craine re-iterated that whilst the Refuse Crew are fully employed by the Authority, they would collect the data cards from any C.C.T.V. cameras and return them to the Town Hall. The Refuse Crew would not be responsible for viewing any recorded footage.

Resolved: That, following a proposal and agreed without division, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on be 20th March, 2024, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2023/24:364) Matters Arising:

Mr Oldham advised that there were a couple of matters that Mr. Beighton wished to raise but these would be discussed in the Private session of the Board Meeting.

The Town Clerk & Chief Executive circulated Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 12th April, 2024 with Hartford Homes regarding the Vollan Fields site but confirmed that this matter would be dealt with as part of Any Other Business.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:365) Action Tracker April, 2024:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 11th April, 2024, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

BMX Track - Mr. McGuinness queried progress on the BMX Track. Mr. McGuinness proposed that expressions of interest be sought for a Club or other organisations that wish to operate and maintain the BMX Track to continue to provide the service for the benefit of the Town. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Oldham. Miss Craine queried why certain works had been undertaken to the Track and surrounding area which negated the progress which the previous Club had undertaken. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the expressions of interest process to identify suitable Clubs etc. may take some time and that works were carried out to the Track and surrounding area due to safety and aesthetic concerns.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried nem-con.

Empty Pubs – Mr. Cowell advised that the former Stanley Hotel had now been sold and planning approval had been granted in respect of the former Britannia public house. He requested that these two items be removed from the Action Tracker.

Ramsey South Promenade Changing Huts – Mr. Cowell requested an update on this matter and hoped the changing huts would be in place for the Summer.

The Town Clerk advised that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Swimming Club who had agreed to help raise additional funds to enable the works to proceed.

Cronk Elfin Circle -Mr. Cowell queried whether the Board would be provided with a further update concerning this matter or would works just proceed once the funding is in place.

The Housing and Property Manager advised the Board that he would be discussing the matter with the Housing Committee to seek the best use of the monies available. No update had been received from the Department of Infrastructure's Project Manager regarding business case estimates.

Mr. Oldham queried the works which were currently being undertaken on site and was advised that contractors were purely re-instating the ground.

Weekly to monthly pay – Ms. Craine requested an update on this matter. The Town Clerk advised that there were still 8 employees on weekly pay. A meeting had been held with one of the Unions, but the Town Clerk was unsure whether information had been relayed to our employees. The Town Clerk further advised that he had spoken to R.T.C. staff regarding the revised terms that were set out. Ms. Craine queried whether a correspondence deadline had been set and was advised that he had been communicating with the Union and hoped to get the matter resolved as soon as possible.

(2023/24:366) Proposed Project:

Coronation Park Toilets – Mr. Cowell queried why there was minimal information given in respect of this matter i.e. slates on order. He also queried the completion date of the project.

The Housing and Property Manager advised that works on the Coronation Park toilets was due to be undertaken within the next fortnight. The inclement weather had been a factor in the delay.

Town Hall Solar Panels – Mr. Cowell queried why there was no date given for the installation of the solar panels.

The Housing and Property Manager advised that the preparatory works to the roof of the Town Hall had been completed and the solar panels were due to be fitted with the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Craine proposed that monthly or quarterly updates are provided on the Commissions social media and website in respect of the efficiency of the solar panels.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

The proposal was put to the vote. The vote was split therefore Mr. Oldham had the casting vote. He resolved to delay the matter until such time as sufficient information regarding any saving in costs and energy can be obtained.

[Correction: The proposal was carried by 7 votes to 3 with Mr. Oldham, Mr. Parker and Mr. Young voting against.]

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:367) Deputy Town Clerk's Report - Online Card Payments:

The Deputy Town Clerk provided clarification regarding the reasons for the introduction of the online card facility which would enable people to make payments during times when the Town Hall is closed.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission proceed with the online card payment facility. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Craine.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried nem-con.

(2023/24:368) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10th April, 2024, subject to the following:-

Mr. Cowell, Lead Member for Finance, outlined the report and advised members of three new suppliers which appeared in the report. Mr. Cowell requested any members with questions on the accounts presented to ask himself or the Finance Officer about them.

Mr. McGuinness queried the expenditure in relation to refuse collection and disposal. The Finance Officer explained that part of that will be the capital loan repayments on the refuse collection vehicles. Waste tonnages had decreased in this last year so the estimated would have initially been slightly higher when budgeting. Reduced vehicle maintenance and reduced staffing costs had also contributed to the reduction in expenditure.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:369) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Toilets, Station Road:

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission ratify the email resolution regarding the incorporation of the toilets into the Commission's toilet cleaning schedule once they are up to a useable standard. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell.

Ms. Craine informed the Board that she was disappointed Tesco had indicated that they would only carry out minor works to improve the toilet facilities. The toilets are not suitable for people with disabilities or mobility issues. The toilets are dated and there have been consistent issues with drainage. Ms. Craine was concerned that it appeared that Tesco are not willing to invest in Ramsey and to greatly improve the facilities of the toilets in their ownership. Ms. Craine referred to the new accessible toilet and changing room facility that has recently been installed in the refurbished Tesco Store in Victoria Road, Douglas.

Mr. Cowell offered support to Tesco's investment in Ramsey.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 1, Ms. Craine voting against.

(2023/24:370) Town Clerk's Report – Cloughbane Public Open Space:

The Town Clerk advised that a planning application had been submitted and subsequently approved on 4th March, 2024 in respect of the “creation of public open space and footpath”. The application also included an area of hard standing to site several recycling bins however several objections to this had been received by nearby residents.

The Town Clerk provided details of the area of hardstanding and advised that works to this area of Public Open Space would be undertaken by Hartford Homes, at no cost to the Commission.

Mr. Cowell advised that there had been 29 objections received by the Planning Department in respect of this application. Mr. Cowell pointed out the omission of the properties directly opposite the area of Public Open Space known as Kneale Court. Mr. Cowell recognised that residents are unhappy with a potential recycling area being sited within the vicinity of their homes. Whilst he supported the scheme in general, concern was made regarding the recycling issue.

Mr. Cowell proposed that the scheme be progressed minus the hardstanding section.

Mr McGuinness stated the benefit of proceeding with the provision of the hardstanding at this time as there would be no cost to the Commission. If the hardstanding area was formed at a later date, then it would be at the Commission's expense.

Ms. Cottam-Shea queried whether the Commission were negating their duty by ignoring the objections and comments submitted by the ratepayers.

Ms. Craine stated that she understood resident's objections however as it was not a recycling centre in which waste would be processed. Any bins which were sited on the hardstanding would be the standard sized wheelie bins that the Commission currently empty on a weekly basis and could be surrounded by fencing or a hedgerow as suggested in the report. Ms. Craine also stated that noise issues from the collection of glass from these bins could also impact on residents.

Whilst Mr. Parker supported the concept of additional recycling facilities he also understood concerns raised by residents. Mr. Parker seconded the proposal to support the construction of a path and picnic benches but minus the hardstanding area. The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 4, Ms. Craine, Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Young voting against.

(2023/24:371) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 8th April, 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: 4137
P.A. NO.: [24/00257/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of five 9-metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Marlborough Crescent, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4138
P.A. NO.: [24/00258/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of three 9-metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **22 - 28, Riverbank Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4139
P.A. NO.: [24/00259/B](#)
PROPOSED: Installation of four 9-metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Thornhill Park, Ramsey**

Mr. McGuinness reminded the Board that a meeting with Manx Telecom had been requested at the April Board Meeting and that the Commission should refrain from formally commenting on the application until such meeting had been held to discuss the effect on residents in the areas affected by the proposal.

Mr. Williams advised the Board that Manx Telecom have been contacted and a public meeting had been requested.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Board submit a comment to the Planning Committee to advise that, prior to any formal decision being submitted by the Commission, a public forum should be facilitated. Mr. Cowell seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried nem-con.

RTC Board Meeting – 17th April, 2024, Public Continued:

REF NO: 4142
P.A. NO.: [24/00304/B](#)
PROPOSED: Conversion of building from a bakery into Industrial, (Class 2.3), Storage, (Class 2.4) and Office, (Class 1.2 & 2.1) units
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Ramsey Bakery, Former, Station Road, Ramsey**

Mr. Williams offered his support to the application and proposed that no objection be made to the application. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem-con.

REF NO: 4145
P.A. NO.: [24/00347/C](#)
PROPOSED: Change of use from light industrial to sales and storage of building materials (retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Unit 22, Gladstone Park Industrial Estate, Ramsey**

Mr. Williams referred to a similar application which had previously been discussed by the Board in February, 2024. Mr. Williams proposed that the Commission make no comment on the proposal. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried nem-con.

Appendix I – Summary of Planning Applications

Ms. Craine queried whether the Commission would become liable and responsible for the maintenance of any “draining pools” formed as part of the development. Ms. Craine also raised concerns regarding the spine road which would be constructed as part of the development. This road would be privately owned as the Department of Infrastructure would not adopt the road due to various issues. Concerns regarding this road have also been raised by the Fire Service. Owners of properties already constructed in this area are having problems obtaining house insurance due to potential flooding.

Mr. Cowell asked whether there were any facts to back up the comments made by Ms. Craine and reminded the Board that a “no objection” comment had previously been submitted by the Commission. Ms. Craine responded that she had attended the Planning Meeting where the application was discussed. Representatives from various Government Departments and other interested parties were also in attendance where they stated their objections to the application. Ms. Craine advised the Board that all information relating to the planning application was available online.

Mr. Young stated that he had requested a meeting with the flood defence “expert” but nothing had happened. Mr. Young explained that this would have been an opportunity to put forward his concerns.

Mr. Cowell requested clarification on whether the Board were now wanting to submit an objection “on the back of objections” to the application.

Ms. Craine advised that the planning application was now going through the appeal process.

Mr. McGuinness suggested that the decision be left to the independent Planning Officer/Department however acknowledged that a number of residents are unhappy with the application.

Ms. Craine proposed that the Commission write to the Planning Committee to request that they consider the impact on Ramsey Town Commissioners in relation to the adoption of the Public Open Space (Section 13 Agreement), that has been raised as being a potential issue to the Commission.

Mr. Williams advised that further representation had already been requested by the Planning Department as part of the appeal process and that a response had already been sent by the Commission advising that there were “no further comments”. Mr. Williams however advised that should the Commission wish to submit further comments then they may do so.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Court.

Mr. Court commented on the meeting which was held with the Developers where Mr. Young’s request to meet with the flood defence “expert” was made. Mr. Court enquired why the meeting had not taken place. The Town Clerk confirmed that he would write to the Developer to enquire why the meeting had not been arranged as previously requested by the Board.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 5 votes to 4, Ms. Cottam-Shea, Mr. Cowell, Canon Greenwood and Mr. Oldham voting against.

Mr. Williams declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the vote.

(2023/24:372) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Dog Fouling

The report presented detailed further information which was requested by the Board in March 2024. Ms. Craine proposed that the Commission purchase 10 CCTV cameras and install them in various locations around the Town. Ms. Craine advised the Board that R.T.C. are already registered with the Information Commissioner due to operating the current CCTV cameras within the Town.

Mr. Cowell queried why the proposal was not included as part of the initial budget process for the forthcoming year. Ms. Craine responded that other projects are brought to the Board, some of which are approved and have not been budgeted for as part of the budget process.

Mr. McGuinness supported Ms. Craine's comments regarding minimal spend projects which are undertaken without being previously budgeted for i.e. crazy golf.

Mr Williams explained that due to issues experienced by other Local Authorities, the cameras need to be secure to avoid people tampering with them or potential data breaches should unauthorised persons access the cameras.

Mr. McGuinness advised that whilst he was generally not in favour of CCTV he recognised that as the outlay costs were minimal, it could be trialled by using one camera initially to see if it worked.

Mr. Williams concurred with the comments made by Mr. McGuinness but was concerned that if someone accessed the camera and obtained the SD card and personal data there could be serious implications for the Commission.

Ms. Craine informed the Board that as the cameras would be in public places, she queried what data would be breached as anyone could record footage on mobile phones etc. when in public spaces. The only issue would be if they contravened the Byelaws and allowed the dog to foul without removing the faeces. Ms. Craine advised that as the cameras could be moved around the Town, and that this in itself would act as a deterrent.

Mr. Parker informed the Members that, whilst it was recognised that everyone wants dog fouling to cease, he was concerned about any potential data breaches and suggested the Commission sought clarification from the Information Commissioner.

Ms. Craine explained she had already investigated this matter and the Information Commissioner would not supply that information as it was not required. The Commission would only require to register as an "Information Controller". Mr. Parker voiced concerns in respect of the lack of clarity provided by the Information Commissioner and also had concerns regarding the potential removal of the SD cards from the cameras. As information gathered by the Authority, there was a duty to protect that information. Mr. Parker suggested that camera with a cloud data recording may be preferable and would save costs. Mr. Parker was also concerned about the staffing costs involved when reviewing the footage.

Mr. Cowell concurred with Mr. Parker regarding the labour costs involved. Mr. Cowell explained that the money would be better invested in fulfilling the Town Warden vacancy.

Ms. Craine enquired about the number of Fixed Penalty Notices had been issued in the last two years for dog fouling. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he did not currently have the information requested.

Ms. Craine explained that viewing footage would be relatively easy to review as the cameras were motion detected and that purely by having the cameras in place, they would act as a deterrent.

Mr. Oldham advised the Board that due to the absence of a Town Warden, there was a noticeable increase in dog faeces within Parliament Street.

Mr Williams commented that some of the comments made could be mis-interpreted and clarified that the Town Warden had made a positive impact in the Town and that any appeals against offences were usually considered in the Private Session of the Meeting. Mr Williams explained that following any reports of dog offences in Parliament Street, staff can view footage taken from the existing CCTV cameras.

The Town Clerk re-iterated Ms. Craine's proposal which was seconded by Mr. Court.

The proposal was put to the vote and failed by 6 votes to 4. Voting in favour of the proposal were Ms. Craine, Ms. Cottam-Shea, Mr. Court and Mr. McGuinness.

(2023/24:373) Technical Services Manager's Report – Empty / Problem Properties

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 9th April, 2024.

Mr. McGuinness commented on the discrepancies between Sections I2c. (Island Infrastructure Scheme targeting development of brown field sites), and D1. (Strengthen Existing Enforcement Action). Mr. McGuinness advised Members that he whilst he agreed that compulsory purchases are a sensible step, the current powers are not strong enough.

Further discussion took place regarding dilapidated properties, brownfield site and compulsory purchases.

Mr. Williams proposed that the comments made by Mr. Guinness and Mr. Cowell be included in the report. The proposal was seconded by Ms. Craine.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:374) Town Clerk's Report – Sand Racing

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th April 2024, on the proposed sand racing event scheduled for Sunday 30th June, 2024.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Ms. Craine, the Commission agree to support the event.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried nem-con.

Mr. Parker requested that the Deputy Town Clerk liaise with the organisers of the events regarding the removal of bollards on the South Promenade to ease parking issues whilst the event takes place.

Notice(s) of Motion:

(2023/24:375) Notice of Motion – “Communication”:

Ms. Cottam-Shea presented the Notice of Motion dated 9th April, 2024, standing in her name. Following a recommendation made by Mr. Oldham, Members agreed to postpone discussions on this matter until the next Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

(2023/24:376) Notice of Motion – Mr. McGuinness – “Riverside Workshops”:

Following a recommendation made by Mr. Oldham, Members agreed to postpone discussions on this matter until the next Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

(2023/24:377) Notice of Motion – Ms. Craine - “Street Art Project”:

Following a recommendation made by Mr. Oldham, Members agreed to postpone discussions on this matter until the next Board Meeting to be held on Wednesday 15th May, 2024.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:378) Matters Raised by Members of the Public:

To note for record purposes, that no matters had been received.

(2023/24:379) Representatives Report - “Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board”:

Mr. McGuinness presented his report dated 28th March, 2024. He recorded his thanks to representatives on the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board and staff of the facility. He also commented that it had been a great honour to have served as Chairman over the past year.

(2023/24:380) Raft Risk Assessment:

Members considered the raft risk assessment.

Mr. McGuinness commented that the replacement pontoon style raft had not been budgeted for however the Board had agreed to budget for the cost of repairs to the existing raft. After querying the costs of a replacement raft, Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Board do not proceed with the purchase of a replacement pontoon raft as it had not been budgeted for.

Mr. Cowell requested information on insurance and liability and the risk of any potential injuries.

Mr. McGuinness was concerned that due to the risk assessment, the Commission may have been placed in a difficult position if any incidents occurred.

General discussion took place regarding the repair of the raft and safety issues.

Mr. McGuinness re-iterated his proposal which was seconded by Mr. Cowell.

Ms. Craine put forward an amendment to Mr. Guinness's proposal to not proceed with the purchase of the pontoon style raft this year as it had not been budgeted for and, as the Board had not considered any alternatives, the existing raft be repaired and placed out this year.

Mr. Young seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 3, Revd. Canon Greenwood, Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Parker voting against.

(2023/24:381) Marine Infrastructure Management Regulations:

The Town Clerk advised that the Board have a further opportunity to submit any additional comments in respect of this matter.

(2023/24:382) North and West Area Plan:

The Town Clerk advised Members that an Inquiry is due to be held on 15th July 2024 and that a display of information is available in the atrium of the Town Hall.

(2023/24:383) Bus Vannin:

The Town Clerk advised Members that Bus Vannin have requested use of the Albert Road site for the T.T. Period for the siting of banners on the outside railings detailing bus timetables and fares and other services which will be provided.

It was proposed by Ms. Craine, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem-con that permission be granted to Bus Vannin.

(2023/24:384) Ramsey Community Hub:

A request had been received from the Ramsey Community Hub seeking permission to site a bench made from wood of the fallen Cherry tree within the grounds of the Courthouse.

It was proposed by Ms. Craine, seconded by Mr. Court and carried that, permission be granted to the Ramsey Community Hub to site the bench near to the site of the fallen Cherry Tree.

Mr. Oldham declared an interest in this matter and did not take part in the vote.

(2023/24:385) Special Board Meeting – Hartford Homes, Vollan Fields Development:

The Town Clerk advised the Board that following the meeting held on Wednesday 12th April, 2024 with representatives from Hartford Homes, it was agreed at that meeting that any decision on the Section 13 Agreement be postponed until 17th April, 2024 and was being brought back to the Board.

Ms. Craine proposed that the Board accept the Section 13 Agreement on the proviso that suggestions made during the meeting and the Board's suggestion and concerns are put forward to Hartford Homes.

Mr. McGuinness seconded the proposal but added that as part of the initial proposal, the Board should also specifically request that electrical ducting is installed in the sites that the Commission are adopting.

Mr. Cowell seconded Mr. McGuinness's amendment.

Mr. Parker commented that underground ducting/infrastructure would be beneficial for any future installations of CCTV, streetlighting or water fountains. Mr. McGuinness seconded the amendment.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried nem-con.

(2023/24:386) Isle of Man Government Roadshow:

The Town Clerk advised Members that the Isle of Man Government Roadshow is to be held on Thursday 25th April, 2024 at Ramsey Grammar School.

(2023/24:387) Kings / Queens Court – Rate Reduction:

Mr. Young requested an update on the matter. The Town Clerk advised that following a rating appeal, a permanent rate reduction in respect of these properties took effect in 2013 due to the downgrading in the description of the properties i.e. from “luxury apartments”.

The Town Clerk also advised that there had been no rate reduction in respect of Court Row Chambers in the last 25 years.

(2023/24:388) Water Fluoridisation:

Following Mr. Parker’s introduction, further discussions took place regarding the Isle of Man Government’s proposals to add fluoride into the Island’s water supply.

Mr. Parker proposed that a social media feedback/questionnaire survey using social media be implemented to understand the views of Ramsey residents regarding the fluoridisation of the Island’s water supply. The results of which could be fed back to the Government.

Mr. Cowell seconded the proposal.

Ms. Craine voiced her concern that maybe the Commission was setting a precedent in respect of the social media survey/questionnaire and also how much time would it take for Officer’s to produce, monitor and process the data collected. Ms. Craine also queried whether it was within the Authority’s remit to be even commenting on the matter.

The proposal was put to the vote and was split with Ms. Craine, Mr. Court, Revd. Canon Greenwood, Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Williams voting against. Mr. Oldham had the casting vote and the proposal was carried.

[Correction: The proposal was carried by 6 votes to 4, Ms. Craine, Mr. Court, Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Williams voting against.]

(2023/24:389) Lheighany Fields:

Mr. Court advised the Board that he had been contacted by representatives from Ramsey Football Club who have advised that progress on this matter appeared to have stalled. The Town Clerk advised Members that he would contact the Minister to seek an update.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 9.01 p.m.

RTC Board Meeting – 17th April, 2024, Continued:

The Monthly Private Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 17th April, 2024, at the conclusion of the public business. The following matters being recorded in Private.

(2023/24:390) Minutes:

Mr. Cowell requested a correction to the date on the Private Minutes from Wednesday 21st February, 2024 to Wednesday 20th March, 2024.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by agreed without division, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 20th March, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman. The minor amendment to be corrected on the Official Set of Minutes.

(2023/24: 391) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Big Brother Little Brother Lease

Following the Mr. Beighton's amendment on this matter at the Board Meeting held on 20th March, 2024, Mr. McGuinness proposed an amendment to the Minutes to delete any reference to the Mansail lease. This was seconded by Mr. Young and carried nem-con.

At 9:20 p.m., Mr. McGuinness proposed that the meeting be adjourned until the following week as there were various detailed matters on the Private Agenda which would require significant discussion. Ms. Craine seconded the proposal which was put to the vote. The proposal was carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Cowell voting against.

The meeting adjourned at 9.22 p.m. giving a time of 2 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[BOARD MEETING RECONVENED - APRIL, 2024]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, reconvened on Wednesday, 24th April, 2024 at 7.00 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.

Present: Mr. A. J. Oldham, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine, Messrs., G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, L. Parker, J. McGuinness and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. R. Beighton and F. B. R. Williams. Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

(2023/24:392) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 11th April, 2024, subject to the following:-

Town Branding – The Deputy Town Clerk advised that this had been discussed with the Chamber of Commerce meeting and that they had no objections.

Rates Arrears – The Town Clerk advised that following a number of rate debtors now had payment plans set up which had significantly reduced the amount of outstanding rates. There was one a significant debt of £90,000 which will be subject to Court proceedings.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:393) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s report dated 10th April, 2024, subject to the following:-

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 payments.

Mr. McGuinness raised a query in respect of the Lambhill Management budget. The Finance Officer advised that this was due to the timing of monies received from Government and also for labour and materials invoices. The Finance Officer also advised that the agreement is up for renewal in July, 2024.

Rent Arrears – members were reminded what they had agreed at the March 2024 Board Meeting, the Finance Officer confirmed that he had “written off” the two rent debts as the tenants were now deceased.

Members were advised that the tenant listed at No. 2 on the arrears list had now re-engaged with the Department of Health and Social Care. Their rent, plus an additional payment of £15.00 per week was now being paid directly to the Commission.

The tenant listed at No. 23 on the arrears list had made a “one-off” payment of £300.00 and had also now re-engaged with the Department of Health and Social Care. The rent was now being paid directly to the Commission.

Aged Debtors - Members were advised that a commercial refuse debt was outstanding due to a change in ownership of the business and once the new Company’s details were received, this debt would be paid.

The Members noted that Bride Parish Commissioners had now settled their outstanding debt to the end of March 2024 in relation to the Northern Civic Amenity Site.

The Finance Officer provided a report in respect of an outstanding commercial refuse debt relating to a Company which had been put into voluntary liquidation in 20th January, 2023. Given the unlikelihood of the debt being recovered, it was recommended that the debt be written off.

Mr. Cowell proposed that the outstanding debt in the sum of £273.57 be written off and to re-claim the associated VAT amounting to £45.61.

Mr. Oldham seconded the proposal and was carried nem-con.

(2023/24:394) Technical Assistant’s – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 8th April, 2024, advising of an appeal submitted against a Fixed Penalty Notice issued in respect of a perceived dog fouling offence.

A proposal was moved by Ms. Craine that the Commission reject the appeal. This was seconded by Mr. Court and carried nem-com.

Works and Development:

(2023/24:395) Technical Services Manager’s Report – 3, Cowell’s Terrace

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 8th April, 2024, providing an update with regard to the property 3, Cowell’s Terrace, Ramsey.

Ms. Craine requested clarification in respect of the Section 24 Notice under The Building Control Act 1991 for the benefit of the new Commissioner.

A proposal was put by Ms. Craine that the Commissioner serve a Section 24 Notice under The Building Control Act 1991 on the owner of 3, Cowell's Terrace. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried nem-con.

(2023/24:396) Technical Services Manager's Report – Ruinous Buildings

Victoria Mall - Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 9th April, 2024, providing an update with regard to the property Victoria Mall, Ramsey.

General discussion ensued regarding the Demolition Order and the dilapidated condition of the property.

A proposal was put by Ms. Craine that the Commissioners proceed with Court action due to the owner now being in default of the Section 24 Notice. Ms. Cottam-Shea seconded the proposal which was carried nem-con.

Seymour, Ballure Road – The Technical Services Manager advised that a Court Summons had been served on the Owner of the property and the matter would proceed to Court on 16th May, 2024.

The Old Joke Shop, 11 – 12, West Quay – General discussion ensued regarding the lack of progress made with the demolition of this building. It was noted that whilst the Owner of the site has the Demolition Order, to date, no planning approval is in place.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness that a Section 22 Notice be issued to the owner of this property. Ms. Craine seconded the proposal which was carried nem-con.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:397) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Ramsey Sprint:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9th April, 2024 regarding the 2024 Ramsey Sprint.

Members noted that Straightliners have secured two caterers, a trader and are presently looking for additional traders. The organisers are also looking to run an "Auto-Jumble" which had been a feature of Sprints held in previous years. The organiser has applied for a road closure.

Following discussions Mr. McGuinness proposed that Officers be granted permission to engage with the Department for Enterprise to review and discuss possible events in Ramsey during future T.T. and M.G.P. festivals.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Court and was carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:398) Housing and Property Manager's Report – General Projects and Actions Update:

The Housing and Property Manager provided Members with an update in respect of the following works:

Close Woirrey – Permission given by the Board at the March Board Meeting to progress the Petition for demolition only of this complex.

Upper Queen's Pier Road Properties – Permission to be sought for works to take the Project through to tender stage.

(2023/24:399) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 2nd April, 2024 subject to the following:

Ms. Craine requested a correction to the second paragraph on the Housing Committee's Minutes from Tuesday 2nd April, 2024.

Ms. Craine advised that the Housing Committee that whilst the Committee agreed "in principle" they did not resolve to accept it. She re-iterated that the matter was to be brought to the attention of the Board in April, 2024.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:400) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest Food Concession:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 17th April, 2024 regarding catering concessions for the 2024 Ramsey Sprint.

The process received one formal submission from Funky Foodz.

Mr. Court proposed that Funky Foodz be granted permission to operate at the 2024 Ramsey Sprint. Ms. Craine seconded the proposal and was carried. Mr. Cowell declared an interest and did not take part in the voting.

(2023/24:401) W. H. Looney (Ramsey) Limited, 30, Parliament Street, Ramsey

Members noted the recent news regarding the closure of this popular and long-established Trader in Ramsey after more than 80 years in business.

(2023/24:402) Housing and Property Manager's Report – General Projects and Actions Update:

Close Woirrey - Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission submit a Petition to the Department of Infrastructure to obtain funding for the demolition only at this stage. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem-con.

Housing Waiting List – Mr. McGuinness queried the number of applicants on the “all North” list.

Ms. Craine sought clarification on the number of applicants on the one-bed Housing Waiting List who had been offered two-bed properties but then had declined to accept.

The Housing and Property Manager confirmed that he will provide further clarification to these questions at the next Board Meeting.

Cronk Elfin – Ms. Craine requested an update regarding this project and queried why letters had not been sent out to tenants who live in Cronk Elfin. The Housing and Property Manager advised Members that a letter has been drafted and provided to the Housing Committee for comments. A meeting has been held with the Department of Infrastructure to discuss potential projects and advised the Board that funding was looking doubtful. It was felt that providing tenants with the full scheme details at this time, when funding from the Department of Infrastructure was potentially not available, may result in the Commission having to fund the project themselves.

Ms. Craine queried the costing of the project and whether the Board had approved the use of the funds from the sale of the Albert Road properties plus the additional funding required for the Cronk Elfin project. The Town Clerk advised that the Board had resolved to send out letters to the tenants.

It was agreed to send correspondence to the tenants of Cronk Elfin providing details of the scheme, subject to funding and requesting feedback.

(2023/24:403) Manx Care, Northern Wellbeing and Frailty Groups

Ms. Cottam-Shea advised Members that representatives from Manx Care, Northern Wellbeing and Frailty Groups wish to meet with the Board and provide information on the services available. The Town Clerk advised that a Special Meeting with the groups could be arranged and to hold a formal presentation and a “question and answer” session.

It was proposed by Ms. Cottam-Shea that a Special Meeting be arranged between the Board and Manx Care, Northern Wellbeing and Frailty Groups.

Mr. McGuinness seconded the proposal which was carried nem-con.

(2023/24:404) Raft

The Town Clerk advised that a further report regarding the raft was available and advised that Standing Orders should be suspended should the Members wish to discuss the matter further.

It was proposed by Mr. Cowell that Standing Orders were suspended, which was seconded by Mr. Oldham and carried by 9 votes to 1. Ms. Craine voting against.

Mr. Oldham advised Members that a replacement raft, consisting of 40 cubes (5 cubes = 2.5m x 8 cubes = 4m) was now available for half of the initial cost. The Finance Officer confirmed to Members that funds were available to purchase the new raft.

Mr. Young proposed that the Commission proceed with the purchase of a new raft at a cost of £3,573.60. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried nem-con.

Mr. Young requested that the new raft be ordered immediately and proposed that the old raft be offered to Garff Commissioners to aid them with the re-building of their raft.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and was carried 9 votes to 1, Ms. Craine voting against.

(2023/24:405) Northern Civic Amenity Site

Members were advised that the operational days for the Site were due to be reduced from 7 days per week to 5 days and would be closed on Sundays and Mondays. The Town Clerk informed Members that the changes were likely to come into effect from Monday 10th June 2024. It was agreed to contact the Chairman of the NCAS Committee to confirm the changes to the days of operation of the Site.

Members noted that the lease for the Northern Civic Amenity Site was between the Commission and the Department of Infrastructure and that the Committee was made up of one Member of each of the 6 Northern Parishes.

Mr. Cowell proposed that the Commission write to the Department of Infrastructure to request the formal termination of the lease. Mr. Oldham seconded the proposal which was carried nem-con.

(2023/24:406) Ramsey Dog Byelaws:

Mr. McGuinness informed Members that the Commission's current Dog Byelaws make no provision for guide or assistance dogs. He further advised that the Byelaws are due for revision in 3 years' time, but the process would take approximately 18 months to get Tynwald approval.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that Officer's produce a report on the amendments required for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Cowell seconded the proposal and was carried nem-con.

The Town Clerk reminded Members that the annual AGM Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May, 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. giving a time of 2 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

[PUBLIC]

The Annual General Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 1st May, 2024, at 7.00 p.m.

Present Ms' S. Cottam-Shea, L. L. Craine and Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Mrs. M. P. Chrystal were in attendance.

(2024/25:001) Election of Chairman

The Town Clerk occupied the Chair and received three Nominations

Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness
Mr. Cowell	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Young
Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Parker

A ballot was taken which resulted in 2 votes being cast for Mr. Oldham; 4 votes being cast for Mr. Cowell and 5 votes being cast for Mr. McGuinness.

As no majority vote had been received, Mr. Oldham was eliminated from the voting procedure and a second ballot taken, which resulted in an equal vote of 5 votes for Mr. Cowell and Mr. McGuinness, one ballot paper having been spoilt.

In accordance with Standing Orders new nominations were invited, as follows:-

Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Court
Mr. Cowell	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Young – nomination declined.

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mr. Cowell and 5 for Mr. McGuinness.

Mr. Cowell was declared elected and then occupied the Chair.

(2024/25:002) Election of Deputy Chairman

Three nominations for Deputy Chairman were received-

Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
Mr. Williams	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker
Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Cowell – not seconded.

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 8 votes being cast for Mr. Williams and 3 for Mr. Oldham.

Mr. Williams was duly declared elected.

(2024/25:003) Election of Lead Members

Finance, General Purposes and Establishment

Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Oldham
Mr. Williams	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 7 votes being cast for Mr. Williams and 4 for Mr. Beighton. Mr. Williams was duly declared elected.

Works and Development

Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker
Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mr. Parker – not seconded.
Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 8 votes being cast for Mr. Oldham and 3 for Mr. Beighton. Mr. Oldham was duly declared elected.

Housing and Property

Mr. Parker	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Beighton
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Mr. Parker was duly declared elected.

Parks and Leisure

Mr. Court	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness
Ms Craine	Proposed by Mr. Court – nomination declined.
Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Beighton

A ballot was conducted which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mr. Court and 5 for Ms Cottam-Shea. Mr. Court was duly declared elected.

The Policy Committee, comprising the 4 Lead Members is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

(2024/25:004) Election of Deputy Lead Members

Finance, General Purposes and Establishment

Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Court
Mr. Oldham	Proposed by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Cowell

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mr. Oldham and 5 for Mr. McGuinness. Mr. Oldham was duly declared elected.

The Establishment Committee, comprising the Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes, the Chairman and the Deputy Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

Works and Development

Mr. Kelly	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Beighton
Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Parker
Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Ms Cottam-Shea; 2 for Mr. Kelly and 2 for Mr. Beighton. There was one spoilt paper.

Ms Craine contended that it had not been clear who the nominees were. The Chairman indicated that because of the clear majority of votes cast for Ms Cottam-Shea the result of the ballot would stand. Ms Cottam-Shea was duly declared

Housing and Property

Mr. Young	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea
Mr. McGuinness	Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Court

A ballot was taken which resulted in 6 votes being cast for Mr. McGuinness and 5 for Mr. Young. Mr. McGuinness was duly declared elected.

Parks and Leisure

Mr. Parker	Proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Williams
Ms. Craine	Proposed by Mr. Parker – nomination declined
Mr. Beighton	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Young – Nomination declined.
Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Oldham

A ballot was taken which resulted in 7 votes being cast for Mr. Parker and 4 for Ms Cottam-Shea. Mr. Parker was duly declared elected.

(2024/25:005) Housing Committee 2 appointments

Ms Cottam-Shea	Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Parker
Mr. Court	Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell

No further nominations were received and accordingly Ms Cottam-Shea and Mr. Court were duly elected to serve on the Housing Committee.

The Housing Committee, comprising the Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member for Housing and Property and the above two elected members is now constituted for the forthcoming municipal year.

(2024/25:005) Other Appointments

Representative to serve on the Manx Wildlife Trust

Mr. Oldham volunteered to undertake this role on behalf of the Commission. To regularise the procedures the Chairman invited formal nominations, viz

Mr. Oldham Proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Beighton.

No further nominations were received and Mr. Oldham was duly elected.

Representative to serve on the Northern Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Beighton Proposed by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Williams

No further nominations were received and Mr. Beighton was duly elected.

Representative to serve on the Northern Neighbourhood Policing Team Level One Group and the Northern Traffic Management Liaison Group

Mr. Parker Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Court.

Mr. Parker queried the frequency of these meetings and was informed that the Level One Police meetings were held quarterly and that the Traffic Liaison Group had not met in some time. Having regard to the information, Mr. Parker accepted the nomination.

Canon Greenwood Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham.

A ballot was taken which resulted in 7 votes being cast for Canon Greenwood and 4 for Mr. Parker. Canon Greenwood was duly declared elected.

(2024/25:006) Combination Authorities

Members noted that the following appointments continue:

- *Representative on the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee - Two-year term to 31st March, 2025 – Mr. Cowell*
- *Representative on Ramsey and Northern Districts Housing Committee - Three-year term to 30th April, 2025 – Mr. Parker*
- *Representative on Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board - Three-year term to 30th April, 2025 – Mr. McGuinness*

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m. giving a time for computation of attendance allowance of 1 hour.

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	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	Apr-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. Awaiting conclusion of the planning process.	WD	May-24	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
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22,31/1/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. The Stanley has been sold. Planning application for the Brit has been approved agreement for the commuted sum to be put in place. The Stanley owner is seeking engagement on the property.	WD	May-24	SB	May-24	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Report on roll out March 2024- The final phases are dependant on poles receiving planning approval.	MT have been asked to facilitate an open meeting for residents of Ramsey impacted by the pole planning applications.	FGP	May-24	TRKC	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.	All snagging works are not complete.	FGP	May-24	TRKC	May-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.	PL	May-24	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.	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 confirmed.	FGP	Mar-24	SB	Apr-24	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	Shelters being made ready for the artists to undertake their work.	PL	May-24	SB	Jun-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 to staff and unions.		Apr-24	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Prepare for event.	All scheduled to take place.		May-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 approved.	Documents being drawn up.		May-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	Expressions of interest process launched.		May-24	SB	Feb-24	
Jan-24	Cronk Elfin circle	Proposals developed for the circle, which have not been sent to residents as yet.	On hold as agreed with Lead Member.		May-24	AF	Feb-24	
Feb-24	Advertise Town Hall rooms	Ongoing	Ongoing		May-24	SB	Jun-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 (June 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
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Installation taking place.	Complete works	HP	AF	Jul-23	
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed, Lottery Trust grant submitted Feb 2024 and not approved	See action tracker.	HP	SB/AF	Sep-23	

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

Projects 2024-25

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Apr-24	Road Sweeper	Hire road sweeper	Preparing contract	WD	BW	Jun-24	
2	Apr-24	Street lighting	Non Destructive Testing of - 228 columns	Finalise contract <i>Contract started (8/5/24)</i>	WD	BW	Oct-24	
3	Apr-24		Street Lighting Provision for column replacement after NDT tests	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	WD	BW	Apr-25	
4	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replace existing light heads with LEDs - 549 total (via 10-yr. loan)	Petition to be submitted.	WD	BW	Apr-25	
5	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replacement of high risk Columns - utilising UCR funds	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	WD	BW	Apr-25	
6	Apr-24		Christmas decorative lighting	Collate information for review.	WD	BW	Sep-24	
8	Apr-24	IT & communications	Wi-Fi	Update WiFi	FGP	SB	May-24	
10	Apr-24		Streaming laptop	Final installation ongoing	FGP	SB	Jun-24	
11	Apr-24		Server room	Purchase lap top	FGP	SB	Sep-24	
12	Apr-24	Volian Campervan site	Site discharge drain	In progress	WD	BW	Apr-25	
13	Apr-24	Trees	Surveys & necessary work	Order placed	WD	BW	Apr-25	
14	Apr-24	Bunting	Update & improve existing bunting	Confirm design	WD	BW	Jun-24	
15	Apr-24	Signs	Street nameplates	Ongoing	WD	BW	Apr-25	
16	Apr-24		Byelaw & Parking	Ongoing	WD	BW	Sep-24	
17	Apr-24		Directional signs x 2	Collate information for review.	WD	BW	Apr-25	
18	Apr-24	Office furniture	Provision for new office furniture after Occupational Health staff reviews	Undertake staff reviews	WD	BW	Apr-25	
19	Apr-24	Courthouse windows	Provision subject to challenge to Registered Buildings Officer, Grants	Identify funding source, and prepare grant application.	H&P	AF	Apr-25	
	Apr-24	Recycling	Collection Nodes	Site on Moynagh Prom agreed with Highways and Waste Management.	WD	BW	Aug-24	
20				Develop procedure with support.	WD	BW	Sep-24	
21	Apr-24	Ruinous buildings	Development of procedure to tackle problem	Confirm specification.	H&P	AF	Sep-24	
22	Apr-24	Riverside Workshop CCTV	3 new cameras & upgrade viewing monitor	Place order	H&P	AF	Oct-24	
23	Apr-24	Coronation Park play surfaces	Replace safety surfaces around play equipment	Order materials	H&P	AF	Oct-24	
24	Apr-24	Staffing	1 full-time staff, Works & Development	Order materials	WD	BW	May-24	
25	Apr-24	South Beach	Engage volunteers to 'reprofile' & 'clean' the beach	Commence recruitment process	WD	BW	May-24	
26	Apr-24	BMX Track maintenance	Provision for track & surrounding area maintenance	Approvals required and requested	WD	BW	May-24	
27	Apr-24	GDPR / FOI support	Engage professional for support	Initial works to the area have been completed. Order placed and initial <i>consultation has taken place.</i>	See main action tracker.	WD	Sep-24	
	Apr-24				FGP	SB	Jun-24	

There were originally 27 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE PARISH PANTRY
MAY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from The Parish Pantry for a Street Trader's Licence to operate a mobile catering unit within the Town. The Parish Pantry has previously held a Street Trader's Licence from the Commission.

The operator is seeking to locate the mobile unit on the footpath at the northern end of Mooragh Promenade near to the former Grand Island Hotel garden. The operator has requested permission to open on a Wednesday from approximately 10.00 a.m. till 2.30 p.m. and occasionally on a Saturday.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Trader's Licence to The Parish Pantry for the remainder of 2024.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th May 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
WATER FLUORIDISATION
MAY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

At the Board meeting held on 18th April 2024 the Commission resolved that a questionnaire/survey be undertaken to gather the views of Ramsey residents regarding fluoridisation of the Isle of Man water supply.

Following this request officers have established that Council of Ministers has indicated that “no policy position or further action will be taken at this time” following the publication of the “Rapid Review Research Paper and Report – Water Fluoridation” report which was laid before Tynwald in March 2024.

Given this position Members are asked to consider if they still wish officers to proceed with the drawing up of a questionnaire/survey.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

10th May 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
MAY 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 April 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 30th April 2024 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £471,823.12 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £32,033.81 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in April 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 2024-25 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 30th April 2024 is attached at Appendix 2.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account with some being financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

New telephones & communications system	£18,448.
Replacement street lighting columns	£16,280.
Printer for Library	£2,470.
Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees	£1,109.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During April 2024 £204,924 rates income was received from Treasury re the 2023-24 financial year (for comparison £193,756 was received in April 2023). This is the final instalment for the 2023-24 financial year and the figure will be included in the 2023-24 accounts as a debtor.

Taking this year end debt into account, at 31st March 2024 the total 2023-24 rate income was £3,228,036 compared to a budget of £3,254,158 (2022-23 £3,060,193 compared to a budget of £3,013,336).

Recommendation: To be noted.

8th May 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during April 2024

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	186,052.86
Northern Civic Amenity Site	Quarter 1 contribution	78,409.20
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	32,143.62
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	31,038.38
Sure	Telephones - new equipment & fitting	22,019.38
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	New street lighting columns	19,536.00
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply & water charges	17,717.53
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	15,925.08
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	11,653.98
J Wood Tree & Garden Serv. Ltd.	Various tree surgery	10,800.00
Northern Local Authority Swim Pool	Balance of rates 2023-24	9,059.53
Various	IT costs	7,539.12
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	5,726.32
Various	Staff training	4,885.44
Various	Park goods & materials	3,384.51
Various	Street lighting maintenance	3,328.36
Various	Legal & professional fees: Housing	2,250.46
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,182.00
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,263.37
Various	Machinery maintenance	1,162.85
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	1,110.07
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	920.30
Various	Security & safety	862.80
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	836.65
Various	Town events	526.16
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	334.97
Sure	Telephones - charges	117.93
A R Beighton	Attendance Allowance	142.50
R D Cowell	Attendance Allowance	141.25
W G Young	Attendance Allowance	138.75
A J Oldham	Attendance Allowance	126.25
L L Craine	Attendance Allowance	112.50
F B R Williams	Attendance Allowance	108.75
Revd Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	97.50
J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	97.50
S R Kelly	Attendance Allowance	45.00
S Cottam-Shea	Attendance Allowance	26.25
		471,823.12
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	15,056.58
Various	Recycling charges	8,821.66
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,940.53
Fox Brothers Ltd.	Equipment hire	2,832.00
Various	Site maintenance	289.76
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	72.95
Bank	Charges	20.33
		32,033.81

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during April 2024

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	LC Consultancy Ltd.	IOM
AM Robotic Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Northern Civic Amenity Site	IOM
Clearvu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Northern Local Authority Swim Pool Board	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Cu-Plas Callow Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Drains IOM Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Rentokil	UK
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Fox Brothers (Lancashire) Ltd.	UK	St Johns Ambulance	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Sure (IOM) Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
J D Landscapes Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th APRIL 2024 - Appendix 2

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
Social Housing	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Housing Schemes	67,914	262,405	(194,491)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	0	0	0	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	2,002	0	2,002	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	4,864	17	4,847	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
Sub Total	£74,780	£262,422	(£187,642)	£ 5,116,775	£ 5,087,215	£ 29,560

Property and Assets	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Town Hall	3,923	1,189	2,734	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	3,357	0	3,357	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	2,591	0	2,591	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	0	0	0	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	0	0	0	34,157	0	34,157
Mansail Lease	246	2,500	(2,254)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	0	0	0	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	130	4,466	(4,336)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	0	0	0	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	912	0	912	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	1,209	0	1,209	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	167	0	167	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	0	0	0	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	659	1,213	(554)	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	2,845	0	2,845	111,302	0	111,302
Sub Total	£16,039	£9,368	£6,671	£680,217	£104,663	£575,554

Works & Development	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Foreshores & Flags	116	0	116	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	1,855	3,479	(1,624)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	49,187	28,723	20,464	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	65,341	0	65,341	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	0	0	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	16,564	0	16,564	151,163	0	151,163
Decorative maint.	0	0	0	35,343	0	35,343
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	31,047	0	31,047
Local Services	20,923	0	20,923	327,391	0	327,391
Sub Total	£153,986	£32,202	£121,784	£1,859,342	£306,378	£1,552,964

Parks & Leisure	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Events & Attractions	1,553	917	636	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	29,849	0	29,849	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	53	0	53	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	10,736	766	9,970	180,595	9,165	171,430
Sub Total	£42,191	£1,683	£40,508	£557,010	£25,875	£531,135

Finance & General Purposes	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Administration	81	0	81	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	62,756	1,408	61,348	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	1,036	0	1,036	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	1,629	2,662	(1,033)	62,148	34,419	27,729
Swimming Pool	9,060	0	9,060	45,111	0	45,111
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	0	21	(21)	1,368	506	862
Sub Total	£74,562	£4,091	£70,471	£1,113,797	£169,060	£944,737

TOTAL	£361,558	£309,766	£61,160	£ 9,327,141	£ 5,693,191	£ 3,633,950
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Town rates	£ -	£204,925	(£204,925)	£ -	£ 3,513,954	(£3,513,954)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
AREA PLAN FOR THE NORTH AND WEST
MAY, 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The inquiry for the Area Plan for the North and West will take place from the 16th July. The timetable for the run up to the inquiry is:

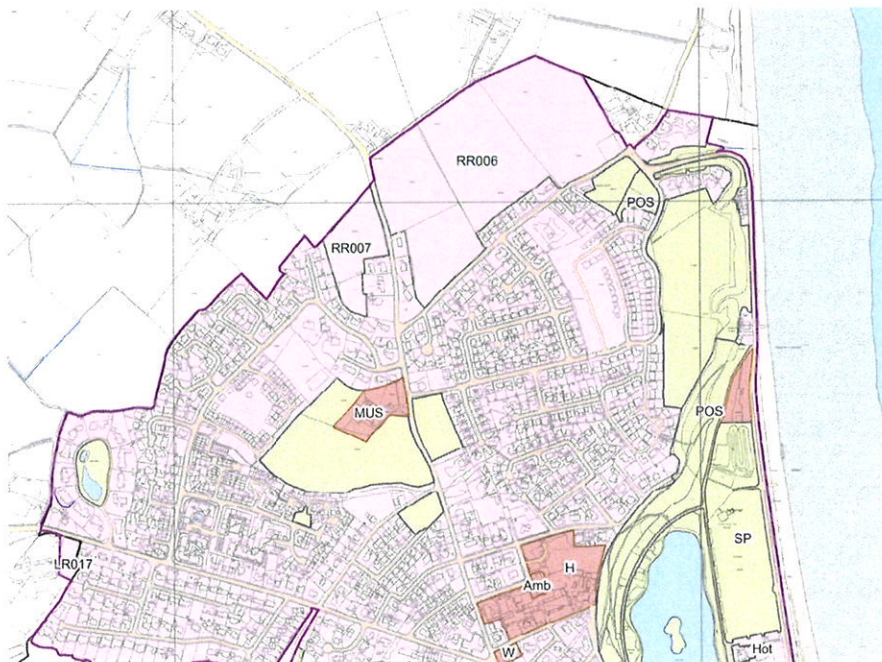
- Registration Forms - latest date for submission 10 May 2024
- Inspector publish Agreed Programme 20 May 2024
- Written Representations and Position Statements – latest date for submission 21 June 2024
- Inspector publish session Agendas 8 July 2024
- Inquiry opens 16 July 2024

Ramsey Town Commissioners are registered to speak at the public inquiry.

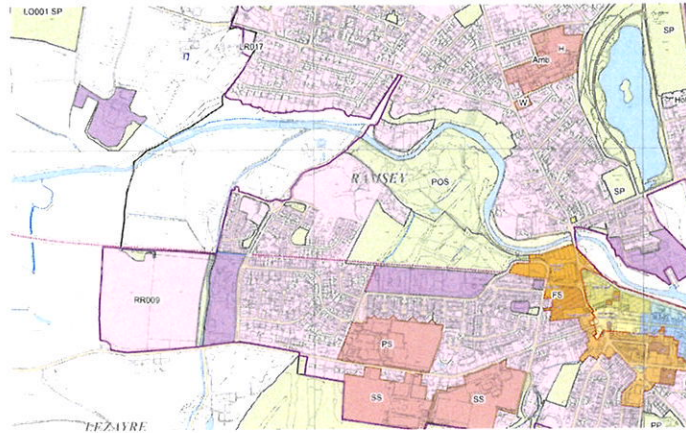
There are a significant number of changes to the documents and plans relating to the area plan (216 in total).

The main mapping issues for Ramsey are:

- The Vollan Fields have been included as has the adjacent field (they are in the 1998 Ramsey Development Plan but had been removed from the June 2022 Area Plan maps)



**Town Clerk's Report – Area Plan for the North and West
May, 2024 – Public Continued:**



- The 2 fields to the west of the Gardener's Lane industrial Area are zoned for residential development.
- The fields to the North of the above-mentioned fields were de-zoned (from the 1998 Ramsey Plan) and remain de-zoned.
- The Ballachrink Land adjacent to Poyll Dooey was de-zoned in 2022 and remains so. It is shown as Public Open Space, however this area of land is privately owned.
- The Mountain View Innovation Centre has been designated as industrial (it is worth noting that there is a proposal for an active travel route from the Whitebridge to the innovation Centre).

There is a net loss of development land within Ramsey compared to the position when the Ramsey Local Plan 1998 was enacted.

In terms of the wider plan there have been significant changes to other areas since the June 2022 draft plan was released:

- 16 fields (36Ha) have been added for residential development in Peel,
- 5 fields have been added for residential development in Andreas,
- 4 fields have been added in Jurby for residential development,
- 4 fields have been added in Kirk Michael for residential development,
- 2 fields have been added in Sulby for residential development.

Proposals for consideration:

- 1) Hold a special board meeting to discuss and define the RTC response.
- 2) Have Policy Committee consider the issue.
- 3) Due to the substantial number and significant impact of the changes ask that the process is delayed (note the Draft Plan from June 2022 should have been modified by Spring 2023 and in place by the end of 2023. (There is little or no risk to Ramsey as this plan is a net reduction in development potential for Ramsey in comparison to the Ramsey Local Plan 1998).

Recommendations: Discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

8th May 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MAY, 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: 4146
P.A. NO.: [24/00417/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of a sunroom to the rear of the property and extension of the rear patio area
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **88, Royal Park, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4147
P.A. NO.: [24/00450/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional Use of Apartment 4, 6, 10, 12 and 15 as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **Flats 4, 6, 10, 12 & 15, The Elms, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4148
P.A. NO.: [24/00334/B](#)
PROPOSED: Extension of existing dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Lheaney Grove, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4149
P.A. NO.: [24/00462/B](#)
PROPOSED: Single storey rear extension
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Kyalami, Windsor Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4150
P.A. NO.: [24/00473/B](#)
PROPOSED: Remove existing lean-to entrance canopies and erect flat roof GRP entrance canopies
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **5 - 6, Cronk Elfin, Ramsey**

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

REF NO: 4151
P.A. NO.: [24/00474/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of two detached dwellings with garaging and alterations to existing vehicular access
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land to the rear of The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4152
P.A. NO.: [24/00476/B](#)
PROPOSED: Conversion of former bank (class 1.2) to office (class 2.1)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **11 - 12, St Paul's Square, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

3rd May, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
"DESTINATION FIRST BOARD"
May, 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Mr. S. Willoughby, Executive Officer, Local Government Team, Department of Infrastructure, has brought to the Commission's attention the wish of "The Visit Isle of Man Agency" to create a "Destination First Board". A Power point presentation provided is enclosed for members' information.

The Agency asks if the Commission would:-

- like to nominate an individual to join the "Destination First Board";
- if the authority would like to attend evening Destination Workshops; and
- if the authority would be amenable to completing a brief audit questionnaire on services challenges and successes, et c.

Recommendations: for discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

8th May, 2024.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LIBRARY REPORT 1ST QUARTER 2024
MAY 2024 – PRIVATE

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Number of new members

January	13 adult	16 junior
February	14 adult	23 junior
March	<u>17 adult</u>	<u>14 junior</u>
Total	<u>44 adult</u>	<u>53 junior</u>

Number of registered members

Town	491
Country	185
Junior	655
Staff	8
Visitor	<u>11</u>

Total 1,350

**Number of items borrowed
(by reader category)**

Town	3,201
Country	1,517
Junior	2,346
Staff	62
Visitor	<u>1</u>

Total 7,127

Type of items borrowed

Text	6,375
DVD	513
Audio	<u>239</u>
	<u>7,127</u>

During this period library staff handled paper copies of the survey regarding the IOM Constitution Bill for Lawrie Hooper, assisted with the election for a new Commissioner, and celebrated World Book Day with a display and by dressing up as book characters.

The library took delivery of new beanbags and display units for the children's area (all within our existing budget). This has created more space in the area and has been very enthusiastically received by both parents and children.

Recommendations: For noting.

T. R. K Cowin

Town Clerk

16th April 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
ORIENTEERING MAPPING MOORAGH PARK
MAY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from the “Isle of Man Orienteering Klubb” to have an area of the Mooragh Park mapped for future orienteering use. The Club has several other areas across the Isle of Man mapped – including forests, plantations, glens, parks and school sites. Ramsey Grammar School is in the process of being mapped.

The cost of the mapping would be in the region of £500-600 and the Club would be applying to Manx Lottery Trust for funding for this.

The addition of such a feature to Mooragh Park would add to the vast array of activities and could be incorporated within future Green Flag Award applications.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to grant permission to Isle of Man Orienteering Klubb to map the Mooragh Park.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

9th May 2024

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

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion, dated 2nd April, 2024, is submitted in the name of Ms S. Cottam-Shea, Town Commissioner. The Notice was presented to the April, 2024, meeting but consideration thereof was deferred to the May, 2024, meeting because of the volume of business on the Public Agenda in April.

“Communication

In the process of canvassing and seeking election prior to being elected on the 7th of March it became obvious that clear and effective communication is essential to the efficient running of Ramsey Town Commissioners.

This effective communication includes:

Information that is easily available and current.

That there is a suitable forum created for the rate payers of Ramsey to meet us, their representatives, to discuss desires, problems and worries.

That every question, query and contact achieve acknowledgment and a substantive answer.

I know that RTC desire to be open and transparent as clearly demonstrated by the live streaming of our public meetings, but I feel that the rate payers’ voices could be heard in an additional meeting that they are part of.

I therefore propose three things...

1. Quarterly meetings/surgeries set up where the public have the opportunity to talk to us.
2. The website is completed, utilized to its fullest potential and managed within a timeframe of 3 months.
3. The Town Clerk to monitor and report on responses to questions and queries raised via email and the enquiries@rtc.gov.im email address.”

S. Cottam-Shea

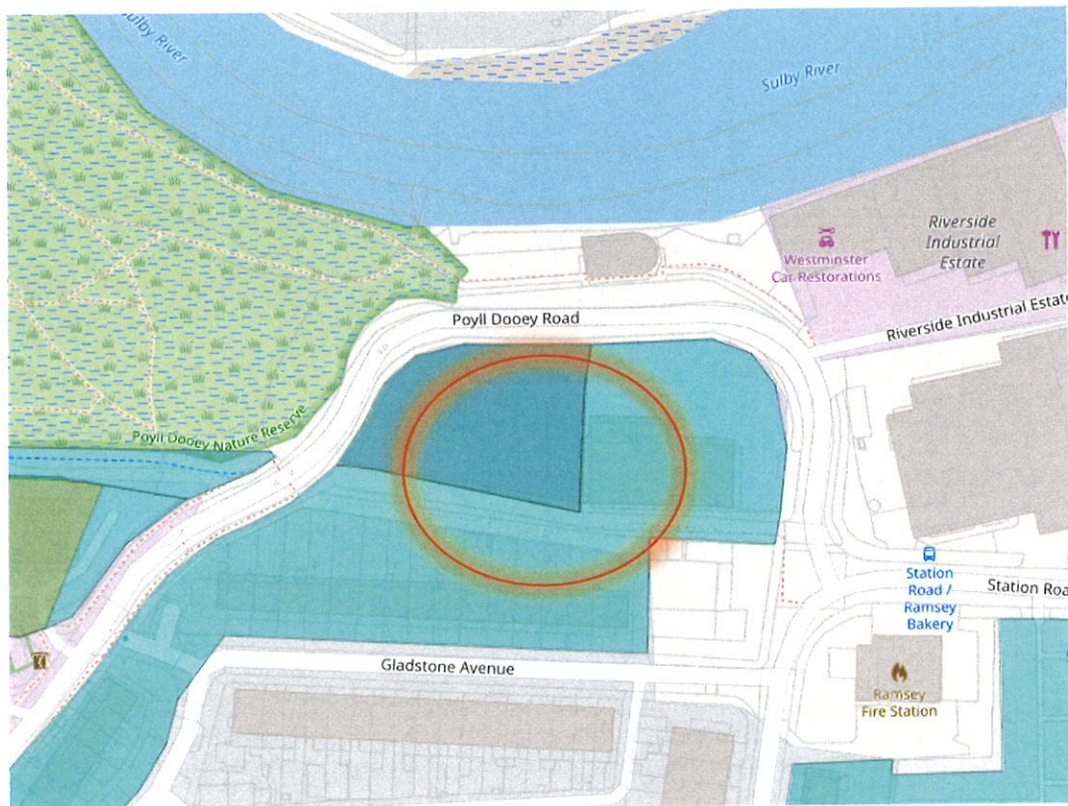
Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides that every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended 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.”

8th May, 2024.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF MOTION MAY, 2024 - PUBLIC

The land to the rear of Ramsey Town Commissioners Riverside Workshop is currently empty with temporary fencing surrounding the area.



It has been used by various parties in the past ten years to facilitate roadworks in the vicinity but has lain relatively dormant in recent time other than storing some items for the Queens Pier Restoration Trust and equipment for the Commission. I note that in recent weeks the area has been tidied up and I believe that officers are in the early stages of reviewing the use of the site. I would like to formalise this work with clear early board direction.

It makes logical sense to prepare a business plan ahead of the 2025/26 budget process setting, in December 2024, considering the various options for Ramsey Town Commissioners use and the costs required in order to better understand what utilisation opportunities are available both now and planning for future developments. With the potential development in the area it is of urgent importance for Ramsey Town Commissioners to have reviewed the site as a whole and considered the best ingress and egress for the site.

I would expect the options report to consider and provide cost/benefit analysis for all potential options which would include (but would not be limited to) extension of the existing facilities (be that permanent fencing, tarmac, the workshop facilities or a combination), repurposing of land under RTC ownership (such as community green spaces or rental to commercial third parties), sale of the land, maintain the status quo etc

By making a board resolution now it provides the officers with clarity of direction and over 6 months to bring a comprehensive set of options to the board. It is also an opportunity to explore whether the Commission has the appetite to invest in its assets should the opportunity and benefit present itself. Furthermore the decision made on the future of the land will have been thoroughly considered and fully informed on the potential benefits and costs so we can anticipate challenges and mitigate risks early in the planning process.

I bring this motion to the board for discussion but it will be my proposal to;

Request that officers produce, in time for the budget setting process in 2024, an options report for the use of the land situated behind the Riverside Workshops to enable a decision that is not just reactive but proactive, shaping the future of the area with foresight and ambition and making Ramsey a better place to be.

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.

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The Notice was presented to the April, 2024, meeting but consideration thereof was deferred to the May, 2024, meeting because of the volume of business on the Public Agneda in April.

9th April, 2024.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE OF MOTION

MAY, 2024 - PUBLIC

Street Art Project – Lamara Craine, Town Commissioner

Background

Street art can benefit towns in many positive ways. It can attract tourists and visitors, boosting local economies. People often visit towns specifically to see famous street art pieces or to explore vibrant street art scenes. Street art can transform neglected or rundown areas into lively and culturally rich spaces. It can breathe new life into neighborhoods, making them more attractive for residents and businesses. Projects often involve local artists and community members, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in the neighborhood. Collaborative murals and graffiti projects can bring people together and strengthen community bonds. Art reflects the unique identity and culture of a place. It allows artists to express themselves and convey important messages, sparking conversations about social issues, history, and cultural heritage. Festivals, workshops, and events can create opportunities for local artists to showcase their talents and generate income. Additionally, businesses near popular street art sites may benefit from increased foot traffic and visibility. It adds vibrancy, cultural richness, and economic value to towns and cities, making them more dynamic and appealing places to live, work, and visit.



Pictured above – 10 artwork boards displaying conjoined pictures depicting the word CASTLETOWN. Located outside the Town Hall in Castletown.

Further details

Free of charge canvas material with prominent siting provides artists with incentive, motivation, publicity and outreach for their outwork at no upfront cost. Reimbursement for painting materials will be based on a scale of £100, £150 and £200 for small, medium and large canvasses. Marine Plywood 2440 x 1220 x 12mm, priced at £51.48 inc VAT per sheet, can create between 1-8 artwork board canvasses. Many artists and local businesses, such as Studio Umami and Pink Seawood, are keen to work on this project. Property owners have granted permission to erect boards on some walls in the town centre. Further permissions will be sought upon project approval and publicity. Artwork boards may be auctioned or sold in future to raise funds for further art projects.



Pictured above: Artwork from the Onchan Mural Festival is on display around the village.

Proposal

- To approve the project as outlined above;
- To approve that the project be coordinated by Ms. Lamara Craine TC with the assistance of RTC staff;
- To allocate £2,000 to purchase materials and reimburse artists for costs.

The Notice was presented to the April, 2024, meeting but consideration thereof was deferred to the May, 2024, meeting because of the volume of business on the Public Agneda in April.

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9th April, 2024.

Notice of Motion
Mr F Williams
Merging of Wards

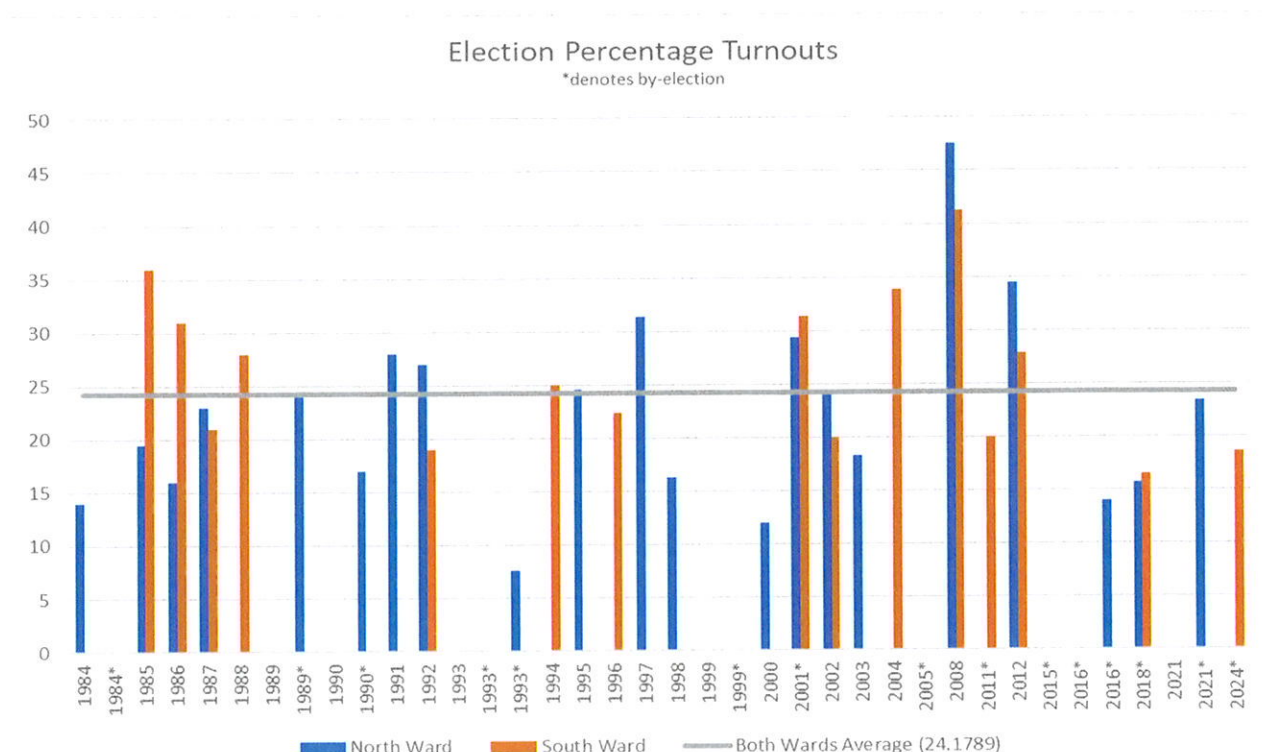
Mr Chairman and Members,

Under Section 14 of our Standing Orders, I propose a motion for the merger of South Ward and North Ward to create one voting district for local authority elections in Ramsey.

We have recently, again, been through the process of electing a member to serve the town of Ramsey where less than half of the constituents they represent have had the opportunity to vote. I have again had comments and discussions from community members questioning why this is the case. Aside from monetary discussions, there appears to be no logical reasoning behind the Wards system. The most recent by-election had associated costs of the following;

Item	Cost	Notes
Poll cards postage	£2,254.20	2652 @ 85p
Poll cards cost	£434.67	0.16p per card
Advertising	£2,000.00	3 Notices
Staff Fees	£1,179.73	
Total	£5,868.60	

When this issue has been discussed previously, we have assumed that merging wards would double these costs plus the need for a second polling station. The average percentage of voters in elections since 1984 is 22% for North Ward and 26% for South Ward which has been fairly consistent throughout these years – the average of both wards combined being 24.2%:



Blank years denote a vacancy (or more) where not enough stood to trigger an election. There are currently 3609 and 2652 voters registered in North and South Ward respectively in 2023, data from the 2021 House of Keys general election shows a higher number of voters at a total of 6288 so this figure has been used as a worst-case scenario for my figures below. If wards were merged and there was a 26% turnout (as the higher percentage of the two wards) that would mean 1,627 voters or 136 an hour passing through the town hall.

For reference during a general election, two polling stations are used; there was a 53.55% turnout of 6288 voters in 2021; meaning one station had to facilitate 280 an hour. Therefore, one voting station in the town hall should be sufficient for a merged ward and 136 voters an hour however, additional staff would presumably be needed – but not double.

Furthermore, the amount of advertising would not likely change whether one ward or both wards voted. Therefore, whereas if we assumed double the costs plus venue hire (assuming hire charge of £360 per day – based on £30 per hour) we would be looking at £12,097.20 in reality it would be as follows:

Item	Cost	Notes
Poll cards postage	£5,344.80	6288 @ 85p
Poll cards cost	£1,066.82	0.16p per card
Advertising	£2,000.00	3 Notices
Staff Fees	£1,474.66	Added 25% for additional staff
Total	£9,886.28	

While the price is increased, it is not double, I think it should also be noted when calculating expenses that the majority of expenses are on poll cards with previous election figures taken from South Ward, which is nearly 1,000 voters less than North Ward.

I do not believe the budgetary concerns are as steep as we have previously assumed, this aside I do not believe it to be a fair democratic system where potentially less than half of the town a commissioner is elected to represent *actually* have the ability to vote for that representative.

I accept the role of a commissioner is to ensure Ramey's finances are utilised appropriately, it is also the role of a commissioner to ensure democracy is defended in all our actions as a board, this is not the case with a split Ward system, particularly when the number of voters in each Ward is not even. The recent consultation for the Draft Area Plan for the North showed a great number of potential sites put forward for consideration, all of which were to the North of Ramsey, showing there is a clear want for Ramsey to expand and also if it did (and if the boundary followed accordingly) the divide between North and South numbers would further increase. As it stands there is still further development to be undertaken in the existing North Ward with Poyll Dooley fields and the Hartford Home Development.

I have made it clear that I do not think a split system is fair or democratic, but to have a split system where it is feasible that a South Ward only containing 30% of the voting population, is responsible for electing members to serve the rest to me seems minoritarian or vice versa when North Ward are electing, oppressive.

Finally, as a comparison, from the data of elections since 1984 there have been 21 elections held in North Ward, whereas there have only been 15 in South Ward. Again, this means that the town's collective voice is being skewed unequally by 33% regardless of future development. I, therefore, think the merging of wards is a move to protect our constituent's right to vote and have their voice heard.

Information on the 2021 general election can be found here:

<https://www.gov.im/media/1379924/2021-general-election-turnout-v2.pdf>

Information on the Draft Area Plan for the North can be found here:

<https://www.gov.im/categories/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/development-plan/draft-area-plan-for-the-north-and-west/>

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."

10th April, 2024.

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

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received the following request from Mr. J. Callister, for response, under Standing Order 13(1)(i) on the subject matter of the area of the Mooragh Estate at the Vollan used as an area where motorhomes are permitted to stop; viz

“Please may you get your heads together and discuss ways in which we can tackle the flooding concerns for the campervan site at the Mooragh Park.

As the climate changes we can expect these months to only get wetter, regardless currently nothing seems to be in place for flooding. I’d say some investment should go towards this service, this extending your season and profit, and as not to let the service users down.

Do we need a larger hardstanding area? Can we install proper drainaing? Can another area be used temporarily? (eg. your yard on Old River Road, or the carpark by the skatepark) How do other places mitigate the weather?”

Members are reminded that this matter was considered as part of the budget setting process on 3rd January, 2024, as below:-

“Vollan Camper Van area

The potential for creating 25 designated vehicle bays, the types of materials etc. and the installation of a grey water discharge drain were discussed.

Mr McGuiness proposed, Miss L Crane seconded, to not progress the designated bays but proceed with the drain installation; agreed unanimously.”

The projected cost of the discharge drain was £5,000 and £60,000 for the creation of bays.

Recommendation: For discussion and further reporting.

T. R. K. Cowin,
Town Clerk

8th May, 2024.