

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, 16th March, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. B. R. Williams, Ms L. L. Craine, Messrs' A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, L. I. Singer and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs A. J. Oldham, R. D. Cowell and Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood.

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

In the absence of Mr. Oldham, Mr. Williams, deputy Chairman, occupied the chair.

The Town Clerk advised members that the meeting would include the trial for "live-streaming" and asked that members rise to speak, speak clearly and respectfully and refrain from using inappropriate language.

(2021/22:351) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16th February, and the Special Meeting held on 23rd February, 2022, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

It was further resolved to note that minutes of budgetary and special meetings held on 8th December, 2021, and 5th 24th and 26th January, 2022, had been brought into the public domain, at the Board's directive.

(2021/22:352) Matters Arising:

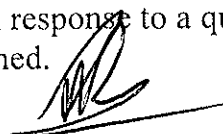
Mr. Singer referred to the Swimming Pool rate and queried if any increase in charges to pool user will be made. Mr. McGuinness advised that he would report further during any other business but advised that adult admission charges will increase by 5p to £4.00 but there will be no increase in charges paid by children.

Matters for Information:

(2021/22:353) Action Tracker March, 2022:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 10th March, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Ramsey North Prom Distance Markers – in response to a query from Mr. Singer the rationale of the distance markers was explained.



(2021/22:353) Action Tracker March 2022 Continued:

Toilet Art – Mr. McGuinness queried of the public conveniences would be closed during the time the art work is progressing and was advised not at the work only affects the exterior of the premises.

Empty Pubs – in response to a query from Ms Craine, the Deputy Town Clerk informed members that no date has yet been agreed for the meeting of officers with the Brewery.

Ms Craine asked that a new item be included “Ramsey South Prom Changing Huts” to which no objections were raised.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2021/22:354) Town Clerk’s Report – Feedback on the Community Hub Trial:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 9th March, 2022, advising of the limited success, because of the infrequency of the service, of the Community Hub Trial facilitated at the Town Hall.

(2021/22:355) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Street Traders Licence – “The Hutch”:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, advising of the request of the proprietors of “The Hutch” for a street traders’ licence to enable them to trade during the T.T. Festival ad MGP, when their premises have restricted access, and utilise a bicycle at various locations within the Town.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that a licence be granted. Mr. Singer queried if the licence was to be restricted to one area and was advised that it was only for those areas requested, namely in the area outside the Central Hotel/”Top2Toe” or at Albert Square.

(2021/22:356) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer’s general report dated 9th March, 2022, subject to the following:

Accounts - Mr. Signer queried the payment to DQ Advocates and was informed that this firm, whilst not our retained advocates, were used for matters of housing following an invitation some years ago for fee proposals, the firm offering the best rates and experience.



(2021/22:357) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notice Litter:

Resolved: To note and approved the Technical Assistant’s report dated 9th March, 2022, advising of a court appearance following issue of a fixed penalty notice for littering, at which the offender was found guilty and made subject to a six months’ conditional discharge.

Mr. McGuinness recognised the importance of bringing this prosecution to the attention of the public, as a deterrent against further incidents of littering, expressed concern at the judgement.

Ms Craine, whilst also glad that a stance was taken against littering queried the process, as she felt deeper enquiry by way of letter or direct contact, should be made with neighbours, et al. Ms Craine was informed that action is taken based on actual evidence and in this case the name of Mr. McCann was found on a box within the litter.

Works and Development:

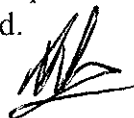
(2021/22:358) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 9th March, 2022, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, be noted subject to the following:-

REF NO:	3808	<u>AMENDED PLANS</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>20/01080/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Residential development of 138 dwellings with associated drainage, highway works and public open space	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Land at Lower Milntown (Fields 134278, 134279, 134280, 134281, 134282, 134283, 134284, 134288 & 134289) and Strip of Land Between Auldyn River & Auldyn Meadows, Off Lezayre Road, Lezayre & Ramsey	

Mr. Singer queried if the amendment had any reference to the number and style of the proposed 138 dwellings and was advised not and they referred to the construction of the flood alleviation pond and water catchment gullies.

A proposal from Mr. Kelly seconded by Ms Craine that the Commission object to the application because of lack of completion of previous phases in terms of the West Ramsey Development Framework, was agreed.



(2021/22:358) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

REF NO: 3946 AMENDED PLANS
P.A. NO.: 21/01561/B
PROPOSED: Installation of awning, disabled ramp access and new shop front
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **1, Dale Street & 2, Market Place, Ramsey.**

Mr. Singer queried if the ramp was to be situated on the public highway and if so the Commission should object. He was advised that the ramp is on the highway, the application having been considered at the January, 2022, meeting at which no objections were made and the amendment refers to the awning. Members were informed that no objections have been raised by the Department of Infrastructure with regard to the ramp.

Parks and Leisure Property:

(2021/22:359) Deputy Town Clerk’s Lifeboat Naming Ceremony:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, detailing the request made for the loan of chairs, dais and barriers and for logistical support in respect of the road closure for the forthcoming naming and dedication ceremony of the RNLI’s new lifeboat at Ramsey Station on 2nd July, 2022.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed that all and any assistance requested be provided.

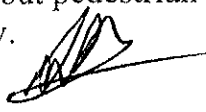
The Deputy Town Clerk declared a non-pecuniary interest in this clause as he is publicity-officer for Ramsey Branch RNLI

(2021/22:360) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Ramsey Motorcycle Club – British Enduro Championship:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 9th March, 2022, advising of the request made for assistance as provided in previous years for their event to be based on the Mooragh Estate and to be held over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July, 2022, by way of the loan barriers and logistical support in respect of the road closure.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed that the assistance requested be provided.

Mr. Singer queried whether the “parc fermé” would affect access to the promenade or the highway. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the “parc fermé” was the on promenade but pedestrian access and passage would remain, the road closure affected the highway.



(2021/22:361) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Sea Dip for Sanity:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, advising of the request made for permission to hold a charitable event on South Rasmey Beach at 8.00 a.m. on 14th May, 2022, as part of the “Sea Dip for Sanity” in aid of “Minds Matter” and “Isle Listen”.

It was noted that the organisers will marshal the event, arrange safety cover with the RNLI and liaise with others who regularly use the foreshore.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that permission be granted.

(2021/22:362) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Shelter Art:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, advising that the artists Karolina Pawlowska and Kate Summerville have commenced their work on the third shelter in the Mooragh Promenade Shelter Art project on 4th March, 2022.

Mr. Court reiterated thanks to the artists and to Mr. McGuinness and Mr. Glaister for their sponsorship.

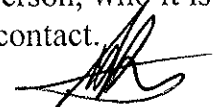
Any Other Business:

(2021/22:363) Proposals South Beach:

Mr. Singer queried if any further proposals had been received in respect of developments at the South Beach? The Town Clerk advised that Mr. Bromley-Martin has called him on occasions and from which he understands that the developer is still trying to progress his proposals and is looking for central Government funding.

(2021/22:364) “Stix” Ice Cream Products:

Mr. McGuinness queried if any approach had been made with regard to the sale of “Stix” ice cream products by a particular retailer within the town this year? The Deputy Town Clerk advised that he has had no dialogue from the person, who it is understood may be off the Island, but that he will attempt to make contact.



(2021/22:365) Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board:

Mr. McGuinness verbally reported on a recent meeting he attended with the Department of Education, Sport and Culture concerning the intension of funding for swimming pools and alternatives available. Three ways of raising income were identified rates, increased admission or reduction in services which would result in use of the pool almost being restricted to use by school children. None of these ways were considered realistic.

Mr. McGuinness referred to the Tynwald debate which he considered focused on the Southern Pool and which he felt “muddied the water”. Of concern to him was that the Department had not increased its budget. Mr. McGuinness explained that he was submitted this verbal report, as Chairman of and the Commissioners’ representative on the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board and in so doing requested the Commission to write to the Minister stating the importance of the Northern Pool and that it should be fully funded by Government.

It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that such letter be sent to the Minister with regard to swimming pool funding.

(2021/22:366) Live Streaming:

Mr. McGuinness took the opportunity to record thanks to Mr. Court and Mr. Glaister for their assistance in setting up and thereby enabling the trial of the live streaming to take place.

(2021/22:367) Consultation – Anti-Bribery and Corruption:

The Town Clerk verbally reported receipt on 14th March, 2022, of a fully public consultation concerning Anti-Bribery and Corruption the response to which closes prior to the April Board meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to distribute the link to this consultation to enable members to complete it, in their personal capacities, if they so wish.

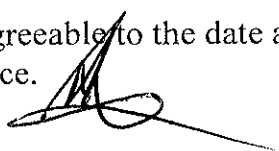
(2021/22:368) Consultation – Empty and Derelict Properties:

The Town Clerk verbally reported receipt on 15th March, 2022, of a consultation open to local authorities, concerning Empty and Derelict properties the response to which closes prior to the April Board meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to draft a response on behalf of the Commission for their comments, additions or approval.

(2021/22:369) Presentation Ambulance Service:

The Town Clerk referred to the recent meeting held with the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey and informed members that it is proposed that this be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 13th April, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Members were agreeable to the date and to the meeting being confirmed with the Ambulance Service.

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(2021/22:370) Proposed Ramsey Quayside Redevelopment:

The Town Clerk verbally report that the Department of Infrastructure has proposed a meeting be held at the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 6th April at 7.00 p.m., and suggest the meeting, to give a good cross section of interested parties, should ideally be made up of

- The Ramsey Town Commissioners (but a subset to limit and balance numbers)
- Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce
- DOI Harbours
- Representatives of the Manx Fish Producers

The Town Clerk informed members that the Establishment Committee is scheduled to meet on that evening and suggested that Committee represent the Commission at the meeting with the Department of Infrastructure, et al. Mr. Young expressed from the outset his wish to attend the meeting.

Members noted that no further proposals had been put forward by the Department.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton that the Commission meet in advance of the meeting with the Department to agreed principles and then have designated representatives at the meeting.

An amendment was put by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Young that the whole Board meet the Department and other parties. Mr. McGuinness suggested that the amendment was not necessary in that any member in support of it could do so by not voting for his proposal.

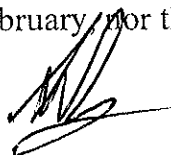
Mr. McGuinness's proposal was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. Singer and Young voting against.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and closed the public session at 7.46 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.

(2021/22:371) Minutes:

Resolved: To note, for record purposes, that no minutes from the Board meeting held on 16th February or the Special Meeting held on 23rd February, 2022, were recorded in private.



Matters for Information:

(2021/22:372) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 21st February, 2022.

(2021/22:373) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 8th March, 2022, subject to the following:

Clause 104b) Call Out Charge – in response to a query from Mr. Beighton, the Housing and Property Manager confirmed that the tenant was aware that call out charges would apply.

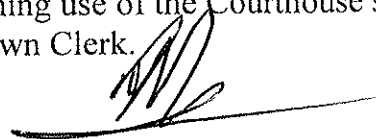
(2021/22:374) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” :

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 10th March, 2022, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- *Town Branding* – the Deputy Town Clerk indicated he would familiarise members on this matter.
- *Abated Sums* – Ms Craine queried the amount of abated sums and was advised that £4,500 had been received but the value of some amounts had yet to be determined.
- *Off-Street Parking* – the Town Clerk advised members of the present state of negotiations and the deadlines agreed by the Commission in respect thereof.
- *Ramsey Courthouse* – the Deputy Town Clerk advised members of his understanding that the party interested in progressing the Courthouse operation had met on 15th March and they are fully aware of deadlines imposed by the Commission in the matter.

Mr. Beighton informed members that he had been approached with regard to use of the Courthouse as a collection point for aid for Ukrainian refugees and those affected the conflict. Members whilst understanding the approach, felt that 5 existing collection points within the town were sufficient.

Members were reminded that enquiries concerning use of the Courthouse should at the present time be addressed to the Deputy Town Clerk.



(2021/22:375) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unightly Land and Buildings :

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 10th March, 2022, , subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- *10/11 West Quay* – Members were reminded of the current status of their concerns about this building, which is has now had some works undertaken to stop any legal action being progressed by the Commission.
- *The Holly* – the Technical Services Manager reported that Notices issued in have expired and queried what action the Commission now wished to pursue having regard to the fact that the owner is understood to be unwell at the present time.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Beighton seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed by 7 votes to 2, action be deferred. Ms Craine and Mr. McGuinness voted against.

- *Seymour House* – the Technical Services Manager drew attention to difficulties in communicating with the owner of this property, resident in the UK and to the deteriorating condition including a dangerous third floor window. Members queried the legal procedures involved in enforcing a sale of the building should the Commission be required to incur costs. The Town Clerk undertook to investigate and report further on this matter. Mr. Young volunteered to make good the window on the third floor at no cost to the Commission but was not given Board sanction to do so.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 7 votes to 2, Messrs. McGuinness and Parker voting against, to defer consideration of future action.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2021/22:376) Town Clerk’s Report – Rating Valuations:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated March, 2022, concerning rating valuations.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed to accept that the existing arrangement with regard to rating valuations continue and note that part of the report pertaining the referrals to the Rent and Rating Appeal Tribunal.

The Town Clerk explained the circumstances with regard to the temporary reductions applied because of now completed buildings works and now cancelled but appealed on grounds out with the control or remit of the Commissioners.

(2021/22:377) Town Clerk’s Report – Street Trader’s Licence Parish Pantry:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, concerning the application made by “The Parish Pantry” for a street trader’s licence to enable them to trade for up to two days each week on the Mooragh Promenade, either from the Promenade or the grassed area by the BMX between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against, that a licence be granted to enable the Parish Pantry to operate on land on the Mooragh Estate in the proximity of the BMX track for no more than 2 days each week at a fee to be agreed based on the area of land utilised.

(2021/22:378) Town Clerk’s Reports – Peveril Court:

It was agreed that two reports represented by the Town Clerk concerning requests for a temporary wayleave agreement and to fell a tree be considered at the same time.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that permission be granted to both requests subject to agreement being in place with regard to the reimbursement of costs incurred by the Commission in making Peveril Court safe.

It was further resolved that the Commission do not undertake the tree felling themselves, merely permit application being made.

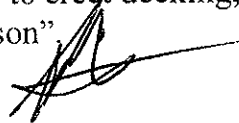
Mr. L. I. Singer did not vote as he was temporarily absent from the meeting.

(2021/22:379) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Conrods ATBH:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, concerning the correspondence received from “Conrods ATBH” concerning future proposals for their tenancy of the “Boathouse Café” in the Mooragh Park.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed, the company be informed as follows:

- the Commission is agreeable to the change of pattern of rental payments and that the lease be suitably amended.
- the Commission is not prepared to permit dogs to be allowed into the Mooragh Park.
- the Commission is agreeable to their proposal to erect decking, flooring and a marquee subject to it being removed “off-season”



(2021/22:380) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approved the Finance Officer's Report dated 9th March, 2022, subject to the following:-

Aged Debtors – in response to a query the Finance Officer explained the process in chasing aged debts and confirmed that some of the debts listed in appendix 3 presented had been paid.

Potential Bad Debt Write-Offs – it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission write off those debts presented within Appendix 4. Mr. Beighton queried one specific debtor and proposed an amendment that the debts be written off with the exception of one debtor against whom proceedings be instigated. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Williams, put to the vote and carried.

Works and Development:

(2021/22:381) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – The Hutch Street Scene:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th March, 2022, conveying requests made by the proprietors of "The Hutch" with regard to the surroundings of their premises.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed by 7 votes to 2, that the Commission refer the proprietors to the Department of Infrastructure and raise no objection to the proposals. Ms. Craine and Mr. Beighton voting against being in favour of being supportive of the proposals.

It was further resolved to inform the proprietors that the Commission have no plans to repaint the lamp standard outside their premises at the present time.

(2021/22:382) Technical Services Manager's Report – Northern Civic Amenity Site:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager's report dated 8th March, 2022, concerning the Agreement with the Northern Parishes for the operation of the Northern Civic Amenity Site. Particular reference was made to 2 clauses within the agreement which are recommended be put to the Committee for removal, namely one concerning redundancy costs should the Joint Committee operating the site cease to function and a second recommending the removal of voting power of officers of each authority in attendance.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Singer voting against that the Clauses be removed be suggested to the parishes comprising the Joint Committee.

Discussion continued with regard to future management of the site. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine and agreed to recommend the appointment of a Supervisor.



(2021/22:383) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Parent and Child Parking Space, Shoprite:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 7th March, 2022, concerning a request received to provide “parent and child” parking spaces at the Commissioners’ Station Road Car Park. It has been suggested that the width of the parking spaces generally be increased to 2.6 m and 4 “parent child” spaces be provided.

It was proposed by Mr. Singer, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed by 7 votes to 2 to agree to the increase in width of spaces and provide the parent child spaces. Messrs. McGuinness and Williams voted against.

A proposal by Mr. McGuinness that the width be increased to 2.5 m and no parent child spaces be provided did not receive a seconder.

Housing and Property:

(2021/22:384) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Albert Street Flats:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report concerning the Albert Street Flats including the repairs / improvements required and the estimated costs for such works.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Kelly and agreed, the Commission investigate the principle of selling the site, such action would require liaison with and ultimate re-homing of the residents.

An amendment by Ms Craine that the view of the tenants be sought and the matter be reconsidered thereafter was retracted.

(2021/22:385) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Government’s Northern Tenants Rent Collection:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s tabled report dated 11th March, 2022, concerning the request made by Government that the Commissioners assist by facilitating rental payments for approximately 20 tenants at the Town Hall.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed, the Commissioners agree to the request but reserve the right to charge the Department.



(2021/22:386) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Ukrainian Refugees:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s tabled report dated 15th March, 2022, concerning the request made that the Commissioners consider the possibility of using vacated properties at Close Woirrey for emergency housing for Ukrainian refugees.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed by 6 votes to 3, the Commissioners defer detailed consideration of this matter until Government’s standing on the provision of emergency accommodation has been made known and further report be provided. Messrs. McGuinness, Parker and Williams voted against.

Parks and Leisure:

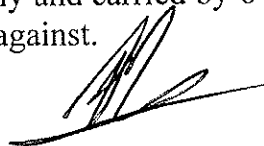
(2021/22:387) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report Fireworks Display – November, 2022:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2022, seeking the Commission’s views for the 2022 Fireworks Display. A proposal and various amendments were put, viz:

1. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Ms Craine that the Commission have only a fireworks display and increase the budget for fireworks by not having accompanying music.
2. Proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Williams that the Commission stage a “quiet” display.
3. Proposed by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Williams that the Commission hold a “quieter” display with music.
4. Proposed by Ms Craine seconded by Mr. Williams that the Commission investigate whether the Town wish to stage a fireworks display, with or without music.

Voting took place starting with the last moved amendment and all of the above failed to receive a majority vote.

The suggestion contained within the Deputy Town Clerk’s report that the Fireworks Display include 60’s-based music to coincide with a Radio Caroline event was proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried by 6 votes to 3, Messrs. Beighton, McGuinness and Williams voting against.



(2021/22:388) Deputy Town Clerk's Report Radio Promotions:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th March, 2022, advising of approaches made with regard to advertising initiatives in respect of two radio stations.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed by 6 votes to 3, the Commission reject the offer of 3FM to enter into partnership with regard to a Christmas Light Switch On in 2022, and dispense with the event totally. Messrs. Beighton, Parker and Williams voted against.

It was further resolved following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 7 votes to 2, to inform the Chamber of Commerce that the Commission is not prepared to enter into an agreement for promotion by Energy FM. Messrs. Beighton and Parker voted against.

In response to a query the Deputy Town Clerk undertook to provide members with the details of an on-going Town Branding exercise.

(2021/22:389) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – "Sprintfest":

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9th March, 2022, advising of an enquiry from Advocates, on behalf of their clients, for support of an application from two public houses to extend their licensed areas during "Sprintfest".

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed, support be offered.

In response to a query from Mr. Singer the Deputy Town Clerk advised members that with permission vehicles, included public transport, could travel along a highway temporarily extinguished because of a Road Closing Order.

(2021/22:390) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – TT Fan Zone:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 1st March, 2022, advising that no TT Fan Zones will be progressed in 2022, and following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed inform the Department of Enterprise that the Commission would like to be considered as a venue for a TT Fan Zone at future TT Festivals.



Any Other Business:

(2021/22:391) Ramsey Marina Development:

The Town Clerk drew attention to his concerns that because of email correspondence being received from Mr. R. Bromley-Martin, developer of a proposed marina development in Ramsey, he was being drawn into a tacit agreement as a result of which he would be unable to bring matters to the Board's attention.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Young and agreed that Mr. Bromley-Martin be informed that future proposals or communications from him will be reported to the Commission and considered in public.

Matters of Establishment:

(2021/22:392) Minutes Meeting of Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 2nd March, 2022, with the exception of that part concerning the Northern Civic Amenity Site about which fuller report to a future meeting was requested.

The meeting closed at 10.40 p.m. giving a time of 4 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.


Chairman.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
PUBLIC**

A Special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Thursday 24th March, 2022, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Messrs' A. J. Oldham, A. Beighton, R. D. Cowell, G. S. Court, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Ms. L. L. Craine, Messrs. L. I. Singer, L. Parker and F. B. R. Williams.

The Town Clerk was in attendance.

(2021/22:393) Ramsey Quayside:

Members met in advance of a meeting to be held with the Department of Infrastructure et al on 6th April, 2022, and considered the following:-

1) Design Principles

- a) Parking will be retained along the quay
- b) Appropriate flood protection will be put in place
- c) The highway will be reconstructed
- d) There will be access provided to the working portion of the harbour
- e) That the sense of place is recognised and enhanced in the design

The design principles were discussed; Mr. Young stated that not a single parking space should be removed, and that he would be going to the meeting anyway. Mr. Court said that accessibility should be added to the design principles. It was discussed and although this should be a given it was agreed that this should be added to the list.

Each member was asked their opinion of the design principles.

Mr. Cowell - The area needs to be regenerated, electric car parking and be prepared to lose some parking

Mr. Beighton - There is a need to get the project under way and address flood risk, ~~there will be compromises along the way, it needs to remain viable for Mezeron and~~ boat users, the end result needs to be a level of regeneration to do the job and do it well.

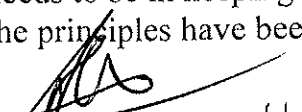
Mr. Young - Leave it as it is, add to it and add to the number of car parking spaces, this is what the Chamber of Trade want.

Mr. Kelly - Similar views to Mr. Cowell and Mr. Beighton the roadway is falling apart, lose some spaces but try and gain them elsewhere.

Canon Greenwood - the road needs to be done, and he had experienced the flooding first hand.

Mr. Court - Agreed the principles with the additions of accessibility, keep parking and that the scheme needs to be in keeping with Ramsey

Mr. McGuinness - The principles have been discussed and agreed previously so we need to stick to them.


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2) Materials

The Town Clerk explained that talking of materials at this stage is premature, however there was agreement that red tarmac was not an appropriate material as it has performed poorly and been repaired badly in Parliament Street.

3) Extent of works

It was agreed from the start of the concrete road on Derby Road by the roundabout to the end of the concrete road at Market Square.

4) Sub Group and Working Principles

Mr. Young stated that he wanted everyone (all of the Commissioners) there at the meeting, that he and the Chairman had worked in construction and as such they had the knowledge for this type of project. Mr. Beighton countered by saying that the Town Clerk should and could help and comment on technical issues as he has worked for the DOI.

There was discussion on whether the Establishment or Policy committee should form the basis of the sub group, a proposal was put forward and seconded that the group be lead members (Messrs. Court, Kelly, McGuinness and Young), this was voted upon and failed 3 for and 5 against.

A second proposal was put forward and seconded that it be the Establishment Committee (Messrs. McGuinness, Oldham, Cowell and Williams who attends but is not a formal member) this failed 3 for and 5 against.

The issue of if it should be all members of the commissioners attend the meetings or 4 members was discussed again and a proposal was put forward and seconded that the sub group is made up of only 4 members. This was passed unanimously.

As 4 members of the Commissioners were missing a proposal was put forward and seconded that only members present at the meeting would be considered for the sub group. This passed 5 for 3 against.

Each member present was asked if they would like to be a member of the sub group Messrs. Court, Greenwood and McGuinness said that they did not want to be considered.

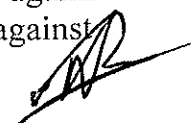
This left 5 members for 4 places (members did not vote for themselves)

Mr. Cowell was proposed and seconded and received 6 votes for 1 against

Mr. Beighton was proposed and seconded and received 5 votes for 2 against

Mr. Young was proposed and seconded and received 2 votes for 5 against

Mr. Kelly was proposed and seconded and received 7 votes for 0 against



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Messrs. Beighton, Cowell and Kelly were passed to become members of the group. Mr. Oldham was proposed and seconded and received 7 votes for 0 against

The members of the sub group therefore being Messrs. Oldham, Beighton, Cowell and Kelly.

5) Reporting

The Department of Infrastructure meetings will be minuted.

A proposal was put forward and seconded that the sub group report back to the Board for decisions this was unanimously agreed.

Any Other Business:

(2021/22:394) Radio Caroline Event:

The Chairman advised that there is a Radio Caroline event that will be held at Arbory Church on the 7th April, 2022, and anyone wishing to attend should see him for tickets.

(2021/22:395) Regeneration:

The Regeneration of the Parliament street from Parliament Square down to the regeneration area was brought up. The Town Clerk was requested to investigate and report back on grants that may or may not still be available under the Regeneration Scheme.

(2021/22:396) Raft – Ramsey Foreshore:

It was requested that the raft be put back in the water for Easter.

The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m. giving a time of 1 hour for the payment of attendance allowances.


Chairman.