

**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.

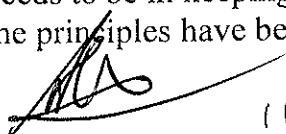
Mr. Young - Leave it as it is, add to it and add to the number of car parking spaces, this is what the Chamber of Trade want.

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.

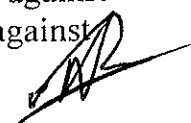
This left 5 members for 4 places (members did not vote for themselves)

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.