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9th March, 2023.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

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

BUSINESS:

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matters Raised by the Public
 - ❖ None received
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ None received



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

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 15th February, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from 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.

(2022/23:322) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 18th January, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2022/23:323) Matters Arising:

Mr. Singer asked if a clause from the private business could be brought into public. The Chairman advised that this could be raised later in the meeting.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:324) Action Tracker February, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9th February, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

- ***Ramsey North Promenade Changing Huts*** – Mr. Cowell asked about these huts and was advised that Planning dated back from 2019, the scheme awaited suitable bathing water quality, now received; the matter would not detract from the provision of facilities on Queen’s Promenade; and that the matter could be discussed further at the Special Board meeting to be held on 22nd February, at which MUA and DEFA representatives would be in attendance.
- ***Bus Services*** – Mr. McGuinness referred to the bus service provision and proposed that Bus Vannin be again approached and asked to review and increase the service during TT and maintain or improve the On Demand Service and the Ramsey / Peel route. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams and carried.
- ***Seagulls in Mooragh Park*** – Mr. Kelly asked if anything could be done to deter nesting sites, particularly near the Bowling Hut. Members were reminded that budgetary provision for 2023/24 allowed only for the provision of bunting as a general deterrent.

Mr. McGuinness referred to the Commission’s ongoing review to pay all staff on a monthly basis and asked that this matter be included on the Action Tracker.

(2022/23:325) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 9th February, 2023.

It was further resolved to note the list of projects proposed for the rating year 2023/24.

Mr. Singer queried the target completion date of April 2024, for the provision of public conveniences at the Millennium Garden. The Housing and Property Manager informed members that subject to receipt of some detail from the provider of the toilets, the planning application is ready for submission, it is hoped that the completion date could be sooner than envisaged but no guarantees could be given.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:326) Town Clerk's Report – Climate Change Duties and the Climate Change Act 2021:

Discussion ensued with regard to the Town Clerk's report dated 17th January, 2023, advising of the requirements placed on the Commission in terms of the above-titled Act and that he will report further thereon to facilitate the required public report to be prepared. Mr. McGuinness commented that the Commission had the opportunity to be a leading example but that the Commission should have availability to grants to support this.

Mr. McGuinness proposed that Government Departments and Members of the House of Keys be lobbied to support Local Authorities by way of grant in their endeavours to meet climate change targets. Members were in concurrence with Mr. McGuinness's comments.

Mr. Singer also agreed with Mr. McGuinness but asked what happens if the Commission does not meet its targets, were any penalties for not doing so targets?

The Town Clerk informed members that he would investigate Mr. Singer's queries.

Miss Craine commended looking at the matter practically, the Commission should do as much as they possibly can, with support they could do more, but they cannot do the bare minimum towards climate change.

Mr. Williams seconded Mr. McGuinness's proposal, with the proviso that enquiry be made about penalties. This was put to the vote and carried.

(2022/23:327) Town Clerk’s Report – Control of Dogs on the Foreshore:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 6th February, 2023, advising of the payment of a fixed penalty fine in respect of a breach of the Control of Dogs Byelaws.

Whilst appreciating the report Mr. McGuinness suggested that the complainant’s concerns had not been fully answered with regard to areas where dogs are permitted, risks to be considered, monitoring and dogs being permitted on the foreshores as compared with the Mooragh Park area. Members were asked if they wished to discuss the matter now or wait until the byelaws are due for review in 2026.

Mr. Young reminded members of the current byelaw provision, asking if anything had changed; he reminded members that the North Beach has 6 miles accessible and suggested it was the onus of individuals to take care of their possessions.

It was further resolved, following a proposition by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that no review of the byelaws be undertaken until 2026.

(2022/23:328) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s general report dated 8th February, 2023, subject to the following:-

Accounts – queries from Mr. Singer with regard to goods/services received from 2 specific parties were explained.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:329) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 8th February, 2023, 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:	4041
P.A. NO.:	<u>23/00002/REM</u>
PROPOSED:	Reserved Matters application to PA 20/01386/A for the erection of a detached single storey dwelling
NOTES:	Reserved Matters
SITE:	Land adjacent to Fasque, Andreas Road, Ramsey

A proposal by Mr. Singer seconded by Miss Craine that the Commission do not oppose this application was carried.

(2022/23:329) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications Continued:

REF NO: 4044
P.A. NO.: 23/00066/B
PROPOSED: Change of use from public house (use class 1.3) to create ten apartments (class 3.4) while retaining original element of building, demolition of previous extensions and erection of new replacement extension
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4045
P.A. NO.: 23/00067/CON
PROPOSED: Demolition of previous extensions and erection of new replacement extension in association with application PA 23/00066/B
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **Britannia Hotel, Waterloo Road, Ramsey**

Mr. Kelly, as Lead Member for Works and Development, expressed the hope that members would be supportive of the applications with regard to the former Britannia Hotel. No objections / comments were raised other than general support of a proposal having been submitted for the site.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:330) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Fireworks Display:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th February, 2023, advising of progress being made with regard to organising the 2023 Fireworks Display.

A proposal was put by Mr. Court that the Commission hold the display on Sunday, 5th November, as is traditional in Ramsey, with a reserve date of 6th. Mr. McGuinness seconded the proposal.

Discussion continued members suggesting that a Sunday was not the best day for the business owners in the Town, or for children to attend, (having school the following day). Members queried whether we should ask Douglas if and when they propose to hold a fireworks display.

An amendment was put by Mr. Beighton that the display be staged on 4th November, which was seconded by Mr. Oldham. The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 4, Miss Craine and Messrs. Court, McGuinness and Young voting against.

(2022/23:331) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Sea Dip for Sanity:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th February, 2023, advising of request made by “Isle Listen” to stage an event “Sea Dip for Sanity” on Ramsey’s South Beach on 14th May, 2023.

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

Mr. Beighton referred to “stake holders” – the RNLI, Coastguard, Yacht Club, being advised of the event. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that it was the responsibility of the organisers to do this and he would draw their attention to the comments.

(2022/23:332) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – St. Geroge’s Day Service:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 7th February, 2023, advising of request made by the Isle of Man Scout and Guide Association to use part of the Mooragh Park to facilitate St. George’s Day Service and activities on Sunday, 23rd April, 2023, between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

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

(2022/23:333) Notices of Motion:

The Chairman advised members that he could see no reason why the Notices of Motion standing in the name of Mr. McGuinness could not be despatched during the current evening’s business. The Notices as hereunder were duly considered:-

333.1 Isle of Man Post Self-Service Kiosk – Notice dated 31st January, 2023.

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed by 7 votes to 4 that Isle of Man Post be asked to site a Self-Service Kiosk in Ramsey. Messrs. Beighton, Cowell, Oldham and Singer voted against.

333.2 Digital Image RTC Canvas Bags – Notice dated 5th February, 2023.

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Oldham voting against that a sum of £250 be allocated to fund art work for the Commission’s promotional “Bag for Life.”

Mr. Singer asked that the recruitment of an artist be extended to include the Schools in Ramsey.

(2022/23:333) Notices of Motion Continued:

333.3 Review and Modernisation of Rates – Notice dated 7th February, 2023.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed that the Cabinet Office be asked to reinstate the review of the Island's rating system.

Despite being in support of the proposition members felt that there would still be unwillingness on the part of the Members of Tynwald to undertake the review.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:334) Technical Services Manager's Report Ruinous Buildings Public Views:

It was proposed by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed that the Technical Services Manager's report dated 24th January, 2023, entitled "Ruinous Buildings Public Views" be brought into the public domain.

Discussion ensued during which members expressed their appreciation of the correspondence which will enable their restrictions to be brought to the public's attention.

Members recorded that :

- they had recently had beneficial discussions with the Members of the House of Keys for Ramsey;
- they are trying to encourage and motivate redevelopment in the Town including having drawn attention to a grant scheme for brown-field sites being promoted by Government;
- their powers are restricted in many cases yet extreme in others which makes things difficult to progress.

Mr. Cowell asked if a response had been received by Government for grant aid for the redevelopment of brown-field sites? The Town Clerk advised that he did not know and suggested the information might not be forthcoming from Government.

(2022/23:335) Charges – Swimming Pool:

Mr. Beighton referred to an annual admission ticket for the NSC in the sum of £265 and commented that the equivalent for the Ramsey Swimming Pool would be approximately £1,000.

It was agreed that Mr. McGuinness be asked to bring this matter to the attention of the Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board.

(2022/23:336) Events 2023/24 – Budgets:

Mr. Court referred to events that took place in 2022 at various times throughout the year and proposed that officers be authorised to commence progressing events for 2023. The proposal was seconded by Miss Craine and carried.

The events would include Sprintfest; a Coronation Event; a Picnic in the Park; Ramsey Rocks; Fireworks Display and Ramsey in Bling.

The Chairman and Mr. Court asked organisations, members of the public to let the Deputy Town Clerk know if they had any ideas for additional events.

Mr. Singer asked if any grant was available to the Commission for any Coronation Celebrations – the Deputy Town Clerk advised not.

Mr. Oldham advised that the Community Hub is planning a Coronation Event at the Courthouse on 6th May, 2023.

(2022/23:336) Sundry Matters:

Attention was drawn to the following matters:

336.a) Open Day – Ramsey Community Hub – an open invitation has been received to attend the Open Day at Ramsey Community Hub (The Courthouse) on Saturday, 24th February, 2023.

336.b) Special Board Meeting – the Town Clerk reminded members of the Special Board Meeting on 22nd February, 2023, to meet at 7.00 p.m. the organisers of Ramsey Sprint; and at 8.00 p.m. Manx Utilities Authority and DEFA to discuss various matters.

336.c) Bus Vannin – Albert Road Site:

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that Bus Vannin had made enquiry about using the Albert Road Site during TT Fortnight and the MGP.

A proposal was put by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Mr. Cowell that Bus Vannin and motorcyclists generally be permitted to use the site.

An amendment was put by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Williams that only Bus Vannin be permitted on safety grounds. This was put to the vote and carried by 7 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton, Cowell, Kelly and Oldham voting against.

336.d) Deputy Chairman Activity:

Mr. Court informed members of events he had attended as Deputy Chairman: viz *Ramsey Grammar School 6th Form Prize Giving* – in so reporting he congratulated all the pupils for their hard work during recent difficult times.

Holocaust Memorial Service – in so reporting he commended Mr. Singer's role and the speech given at this Service.

The Chairman thanked the public and media for attending and also those watching via the live-streaming service and closed the public session at 8.12 p.m.

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

(2022/23:337) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meetings held on 25th January, 2023, and 30th January, 2023, subject to the following:-

25th January, 2023 – Mr. Singer queried bringing these minutes into public. It was proposed by Mr. Craine, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed that these minutes, the rate having now been set, be brought into the public domain.

30th January, 2023, - Mr. Singer raised the same query about bringing the minutes into public. Mr. McGuinness advised that the matter should first be discussed with the members of the House of Keys for Ramsey, who had been in attendance.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:338) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” :

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9th February, 2023.

(2022/23:339) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 9th February, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

Cannon Court – Mr. Cowell referred to the suggestion that the Commission might be interested in acquiring the site. The Technical Services Manager queried the Commission’s views on the suggestion. Members agreed they had no wish to acquire the site and agreed that the section of the item within the Register be removed.

Coffee Pot - Mr. Singer queried if a second letter had been sent and if any more slates had come off the property. The Technical Services Manager advised that it was not a second letter and that no further slates had come off and that other matters have now taken priority. Mr. Singer’s requested that further communication be sent did not receive further support.

Sub-Station Tower Street – Members were informed that there would be the opportunity to discuss this matter with Manx Utilities Authority at the Special Board meeting on 22nd February.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:340) Town Clerk's Report – Boundary Extension:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 17th January, 2023, advising of replies from Garff and Lezayre Parish Commissioners with regard to the Commission's wish to extend the Town Boundary.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams that the Commission proceed with the application; required Public Inquiry and engagement of Sarah Corlett, a Town Planning Consultant, and Dickinson Cruickshank Ramsey, Advocates.

Members were advised of the likely costs and the rationale for the extension.

The proposal was carried by 8 votes to 3, Miss Craine and Messrs. Singer and Young voted against.

(2022/23:341) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Amenity Area Car Park:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th February, 2023, advising of request made by Ramey Rugby Club to park their mini bus in the Amenity Area Car Park on the Mooragh Estate.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court that permission be granted. An extension to the proposal was put by Mr. Parker seconded by Mr. Beighton that the Club be informed that they might also consider parking by their container. The extended proposal was carried without division.

(2022/23:342) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest – West Quay:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 8th February, 2023, advising of correspondence received from licensees in the town seeking to extend their services to areas outside their premises during road closure times, accept that they will also need to seek the permission of the Licensing Court.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised members that he did not consider sufficient information had been provided to enable the Commissioners to fully consider the matter but he has advised the licensees that of the Commission's agreement in principle, having regard to previously made comments about the level of service required to be provided.

A proposal by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Williams that the Commission write to the licensees indicating their support and appreciation that they are willing to participate in Sprintfest but that the Commission need fuller details of their proposals before formally considering the proposals, was agreed.

(2022/23:342) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Sprintfest – West Quay Cont:

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed the areas affected by the road closures and assured members that the organisers will engage with local businesses well in advance. Members were assured that the Queen’s Promenade, Dale Street and Market Hill would remain open.

(2022/23:343) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Town Branding:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th February, 2023, advising that a meeting with the supplier of the “Town Branding” social media campaign was held on 10th February. The Deputy Town Clerk expanded on that meeting and members were pleased to note that further filming to promote retail and hospitality within the Town is being undertaken in the near future.

Mr. Court asked that the Deputy Town Clerk obtain “the uncompressed rushes” from any filming undertaken.

(2022/23:344) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s general report dated 8th February, 2023, subject to the following:-

Annual Insurance – Mr. McGuinness drew attention to the balance of insurance due because it was lower than originally suggested. The Finance Officer explained where the differences in premium occurred and advised members that a revaluation of all of the Commission’s properties will be undertaken in the next financial year.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that various of the debts had now been paid and that a problematic service user for commercial refuse had, it is hoped, found a way to ensure regular payments in the future. The largest debtor appearing on the list had paid and the debt due via the Attorney General’s Chambers is being chased.

(2022/23:345) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 7th February, 2023, advising of appeals submitted in respect of fixed penalties issued for littering offences.

Resolved: That, following a be noted:-

- Penalty 0138 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed to reject the appeal. – Mr. Beighton declared an interest and did not vote.
- Penalty 0699 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed to reject the appeal.
- Penalties 0700 and 0710 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, second by Mr. Beighton and agreed to reject the appeals.

(2022/23:345) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices – Appeals Continued:

- Penalties 0703, 0704 and 0705 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed to uphold one penalty and repeal the other two.
- Penalties 0706 and 0707 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Singer to uphold the appeals
- Penalty 0711 – proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court and agreed to reject the appeal.
- Penalties 0714 and 0715 – proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed to defer consideration pending receipt of further information.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed that information be sought from the CA Site committee with regard to recycling of cardboard.

(2022/23:346) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices – Referral for Prosecution:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 7th February, 2023, advising of the lack of responses, including appeals or payment of fines, to fixed penalty notices issued.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that both cases be referred for prosecution.

The Town Clerk informed members that one of the fines had been paid and it was agreed that only the first detailed penalty be referred.

(2022/23:347) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – North Ramey Bowling Club:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s tabled report dated 14th February, 2023, providing details of the report submitted by North Ramsey Bowling Club for their lease of the Bowling Green and hut from the Commission.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness that the Club be granted a 5-year lease with immediate effect, they be permitted to place advertising boards, subject to planning, and they return equipment to the Commission.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that the terms may need to be amended from that proposed by Mr. McGuinness to facilitate the Club’s wish to apply for grant.

Mr. McGuinness amended his proposal to allow for a lease of up to but under 7 years, the other conditions remaining in place. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed without division. Mr. Kelly declared an interest owing to his membership of the Club and did participate in the debate nor did he vote.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:348) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Statutory Nuisance Changes:

Discussion ensued with regard to the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 24th January, 2023, advising that DEFA has indicated that they are suspending their services in investigating statutory nuisances for local authorities. Members felt that this was another instance where things were being passed back to local authorities and they could see no rationale for this action. The Department is quoting legislation under which local authorities should undertake the work but commented that legislation did not prevent the Department doing the work on their behalf.

It was proposed by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr Beighton and agreed that the Chief Minister and all members of the House of Keys be informed of the Commission’s concerns. Members felt that they did not have the staff or resources to undertake the services, nor were their staff qualified to undertake the duties. It was thought that fewer than 10 referrals are made each year to the Department for investigation.

An amendment was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that enquiry be made about outsourcing the duties to a third party be included within the main proposition.

The amendment was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 2, Messrs. Kelly and Oldham voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:349) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7th February, 2023, which were tabled, subject to the following:-

Clause 072c) Albert Street Flats – the Housing and Property Manager advised that the sale has gone through and necessary documentation signed.

(2022/23:350) Housing and Property Manager’s Report - Boiler Servicing and Maintenance Contract:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 8th February, 2023, advising of the tenders received for the provision of boiler servicing and maintenance.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Singer and agreed by 10 votes to 1, to accept the tender submitted by Paul Wheeler Ltd. Mr. Court voted against.

(2022/23:351) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: to note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 8th February, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:352) Beach Event:

Mr. Young queried an event held on the Mooragh Foreshore and was advised that it was a “Love Your Beach” event promoted by the Manx Wildlife Trust.

(2022/23:353) Storage – Riverside Yard:

The Town Clerk informed members that he had received a request from the Queen’s Pier Trust to store 50 railway lines in the Commissioners’ Riverside Yard.

Resolved: that following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, permission be granted, subject to the Trust being informed that such permission is only until such time as the Commissioners need the space.

(2022/23:354) Planning:

Mr. Cowell asked if there was any progress on the planning proposals for land abutting the Sulby River and was informed there was no update available.

Members were informed that Hartford Homes will be holding a presentation at the Town Hall on 7th March at which the public will be welcomed concerning proposed development in the vicinity of Bride Road.

(2022/23:355) Refuse Bins:

355a) Brookhill Area Mr. Williams referred to “Dalek” bins having been put back in place in the vicinity of Brookhill Road and from which complaints have been received that refuse is blowing out.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed the bins be replaced with the “Tardis” style bins.

355b) Market Place – Mr. Beighton referred to the bin near the “Gelatory” on Market Place and asked if it had been moved as it is understood to block the view of motorists. The Technical Services Manager was asked to investigate this but informed members that the bin is fixed into position.

RTC Board Meeting – 15th February, 2023, Continued:

(2022/23:356) One World Centre Emergency Collection:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed that the One World Centre be permitted to make street collections on land in the Commission's ownership during the weekend 17th / 18th February, 2023, in response to the UNICEF declared emergency in Turkey / Syria following earthquakes.

(2022/23:357) Road Markings:

Mr. Singer commented on the lack of road markings throughout the town. The Town Clerk informed members that the matter has been referred to the Department of Infrastructure.

The meeting closed at 9.42 p.m. giving a time of 3 hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 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.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Sep-23	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Bathing water status has been confirmed as Good. Planning is in place for shelters close to slip way at end of North Shore Road. Note the planning approval for the changing facilities expires in 2024.	At a meeting with the swimming groups on 6/3/23 they stated that they do not want a changing facility on the Mooragh prom, and that the focus should be south beach facilities.	PL	Feb-23	SB	Jun-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.		PL	Feb-23	SB	Apr-23	
	Toilet Art	On site, final wall to be completed now that ivy has been removed.		PL	Feb-23	SB	Apr-23	
	Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/22).Chased Dec 2022 and Feb 23- no change!	WD	Feb-23	TRKC	Jun-23	
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Petition for a Public Inquiry went to March 2022 Tynwald. Tynwald agreed the Inquiry could be held. Draft Order has been prepared. Meeting took place with Lezayre and Garff in August. Lezayre and Garff have submitted responses to the revised RTC document.	Advocate and planning specialist appointed awaiting date for inquiry from the DOI.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Mar-23	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22, 3/11/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia.	WD	Feb-23	SB	May-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	It is envisaged that there will be 285 houses that require poles in Ramsey. Fibre Broadband will not be complete in Ramsey until June 2024.	Update report in March's board pack.	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Agreed at August board meeting that RTC will install the shelters at its cost.	Town Hall shelter complete.	WD	Feb-23	MC	Jun-23	
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.	Dandara have started work on the playground, as yet not finished!	FGP	Feb-23	TRKC	Jun-23	
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 was cleaned prior to 11/11/22.	WD	Feb-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.	Lead member has met with representatives of the swimming clubs. Discussions have taken place with DOI about the overall amenity of the area. Included in 2023-24 budget. Following the meeting with the swimming groups on 6/3/23 they will come back with potential designs by 21/3/23.	PL	Feb-23	SB	Sep-23	

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
May-22	Bus services	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.		FGP	Feb-23	SB	Apr-23	Green
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	87 out of 100 bags sold Fresh batch purchased end Nov 2022, the new batch of bags are here.	Expressions of interest to be run for the new bag design.		Feb-23	SB	Jul-23	Green
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	A further quote for the works to the shelters is required so that DFE can assess our grant application.	PL	Feb-23	SB	Jun-23	Green
Aug-22	Recycle conference	Recycle conference in Sept is too early and other priorities to be addressed first.	Review which is the most appropriate recycle conference and confirm that the travel and attendance represent value for money.	PL	Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Orange
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park	Agreed that bunting will be put up to deter seagulls.		PL	Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Orange
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate			Feb-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Orange
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Project to be started.				TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	Green

Projects 2022-23

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Mar-22	RCV replacement	Imminent arrival	Await arrival of RCV March/April 2023.	WD	Mar-23	BW	Apr-23	
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	Complete works	WD	Mar-23	BW	Apr-23	
6	Mar-22	Street Lights NDT	NDT testing and reporting complete.		WD	Mar-23	BW	Mar-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Mar-23	BW	Mar-23	
8	Mar-22	Street Lights Lezayre Road	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Mar-23	BW	Mar-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Lights upgrades	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Mar-23	BW	Mar-23	
10	Mar-22	Street Lights New Street Lights	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Mar-23	BW	Mar-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	Planning application has been prepared	HP	Mar-23	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	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Prepare petition.		HP	Mar-23	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Confirm specification.		HP	Mar-23	MC	Jul-23	
3	Feb-23	Park Machinery	Preparing to place orders		WD	Mar-23	BW	May-23	
4	Feb-23	Zero Turn mower	Preparing to place orders		WD	Mar-23	BW	Apr-23	
5	Mar-22	Town Hall rear entrance			WD	Mar-23	MC	Apr-24	
6	Mar-22	Fencing Mooragh Park			HP	Mar-23	MC	Jul-23	
7	Mar-22	Vehicle Trackers	Preparing to place orders		WD	Mar-23	BW	Jul-23	
8	Mar-22	Tree Survey			WD	Mar-23	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	Mar-23	BW	Dec-23	
10	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting (festoon)	Obtaining 3 quotes		WD	Mar-23	BW	Dec-23	
11	Mar-22	Fleet replacement	Obtaining Quotes		WD	Mar-23	BW	Jul-23	
12	Mar-22	South Prom Changing facility			HP	Mar-23	SB/MC	Sep-23	
13	Mar-22	North Prom Changing Facility		Finalise design Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.	WD	Mar-23	SB/MC	Jun-23	

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE
CONSULTATION
MARCH, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Local Authority Members are able to claim travel allowances for travel that is associated with local authority business (meetings, workshops etc). The current legislation that is in place to deal with this, is the Local Authority Members (Travelling Allowances) Order 2000.

Local Authority Members Travelling Allowances haven't been updated since 2000 and with the recent changes made to the Tynwald Members Expenses Order it is felt that is an opportune time to look to update this Order. The Department has been contacted by a number of LA's asking if this may be looked at. Therefore we have prepared a draft Order entitled Local Authority Members (Travelling Allowances) Order 2023. This has been checked and approved by the Attorney General's Chambers drafting team

The purpose of this Order is to increase the mileage rate that can be claimed by local authority members in line with the level within the Members' Expenses Order 2022. The intention is that the Local Authority Members (Travelling Allowances) Order 2023 should reflect the Payment of Members' Expenses (Travelling Allowances) Order 2022 which itself reflected the 14.9% increase in CPI, since the last Order was made in 2014, and was intended to protect workers from inflationary pressure and rising cost of fuel.

There used to be a link between the Tynwald Members Expenses Order and the Local Authorities Members' Order. This draft Order is intending to re-establish that link.

The plan will be to take this Order to Tynwald by the end of this Tynwald session (July 2023).

RTC have been asked to inform the Department of Infrastructure of the authority's views on the draft Order **by the end of Friday 31st March 2023.**

**Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority Members Travelling Allowance
Consultation – March, 2023, Public Continued:**

The new milage rates are:

Within a 12 month period commencing 1 April		
	First 6,000 miles	Over 6,000 miles
Motor car	57.0	39.0
Motor cycle	30.0	20.0

For each eligible passenger, an additional allowance of 5 pence per mile may be claimed by the member sharing his or her own motor car or motor cycle with the eligible passenger.

It should be noted that there has not been a milage claim made by a Ramsey Commissioner for over 6 years.

Proposed response:

That bringing the Local Authority Members travel allowance rate in line with the Tynwald Members Travel allowance rate is appropriate. However, members of Ramsey Town Commissioners seldom if ever claim travel expenses.

Recommendations: for noting.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

6th March 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
MARCH 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following documents are appended for review and / or information:

1. A summary of accounts paid and suppliers used in February 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 28th February 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £565,273.98 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £33,208.01 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in February 2023. Details of the accounts paid and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation : To be noted.

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure

A summary of the 2022-23 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 28th February 2023 together with associated graphical depiction is attached at Appendix 2. The graphical disclosures are both month-by-month and cumulative figures.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account and are to be financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2022-23 Income and Expenditure figures and graphs, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£822,306.
Acquisition of Albert Road site	£415,939.
New litter bins	£103,614.
Replacement lighting schemes	£91,207.
New vehicles	£54,964.
Station Road car park re-surfacing	£48,711.
Refuse vehicle bin weighing equipment	£41,558.
High risk street light columns	£9,400.
Initial prof. fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£19,299.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

During February 2023 a £94,293 payment from the Treasury was received being the seventh instalment of rate income for the 2022-23 financial year (for comparison £150,950 was received in February 2022 – a fifth instalment).

At 28th February, 2023, the total rate income receipts relating to 2022-23 was £2,866,437 (2021-22 £2,615,310). Further rates income is expected in March 2023.

Recommendation: To be noted.

8th February 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

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Accounts paid to the 28th February 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	£ 215,864.40
Various	Housing - Cronk Elfin refurbishment programme	105,119.35
Rosborough Insurance	Insurance premiums	82,049.24
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW plant	34,025.82
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	30,348.38
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	20,580.21
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	15,814.14
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	11,477.24
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	9,668.50
Manx Utilities	IT costs	9,030.00
Various	Street lighting maintenance	6,266.85
Various	Xmas decorative lighting maintenance	5,418.60
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	4,598.03
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	2,618.35
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	2,075.97
Account transfers	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Banks	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	1,902.61
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Bank & debit card charges	1,492.45
Various	Phones	1,200.47
Various	Park goods & materials	905.76
Various	Media & advertising	697.61
Manx Utilities	Machinery repair & maintenance	690.01
Various	Electricity & Water supply	581.77
Various	Security & safety	378.22
Various	Town events	360.00
Various	Gift vouchers	110.00
		565,273.98
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	12,150.13
Various	Recycling charges	9,032.40
IOM Govt.	Qtr. 4 rent	6,096.00
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage - Dec.	4,781.16
Various	Equipment maintenance	973.68
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	83.22
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	68.29
Bank	Charges	23.13
		33,208.01

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Suppliers utilised during February 2023

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	MannVend Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Axis Consulting Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Martin & Watson Ltd.	IOM
BHW Print Group Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
City Electrical Factors (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Colas IOM Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Corlett Building Materials Ltd.	IOM	Paragon HR & Recruitment Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Croner Group Ltd.	UK	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Community Hub	IOM
Easy Mix Concrete Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ecology Vannin Consultancy Services	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Eden Park Garden Centre	IOM	Rosborough Insurance	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	SafetyNet Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Seton UK Ltd.	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
GK & N Spares Ltd.	UK	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Go Marketing Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Co. Ltd.	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	Viking UK Ltd.	UK
IOM Government	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
JAC Stores Ltd.	IOM	WF Education Group Ltd.	UK
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	W. F. Howes Ltd.	UK
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Workwear Express Ltd.	UK
Legg Surfacing Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM	Yess IOM Electrical Ltd.	IOM

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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28th FEBRUARY 2023 - Appendix 2

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	3,472,660	4,132,000	(659,340)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	218	0	218	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	18,632	7,748	10,884	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	42,200	16,339	25,861	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£3,533,710	£4,156,087	(£622,377)	£4,302,124	£4,382,645	(£80,521)

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	191,311	24,984	166,327	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	103,055	0	103,055	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	46,357	0	46,357	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	19,248	3,925	15,323	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	4,838	10,937	(6,099)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	3,889	9,153	(5,264)	6,220	11,630	(5,410)
Parklands Day Nursery	2,496	18,492	(15,996)	2,605	18,610	(16,005)
Bowling Alley	2,198	11,250	(9,052)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	5,914	0	5,914	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	16,617	0	16,617	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	697	0	697	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	758	0	758	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	16,624	2,467	14,157	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	11,698	12,471	(773)	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	13,012	0	13,012	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£453,512	£93,679	£359,833	£522,019	£121,001	£401,018

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	5,356	0	5,356	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	20,331	25,505	(5,174)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	660,352	94,742	565,610	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	215,760	0	215,760	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	78,305	78,305	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	89,600	0	89,600	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	8,715	0	8,715	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	29,006	0	29,006	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	156,254	0	156,254	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£1,263,679	£198,552	£1,065,127	£1,460,725	£230,005	£1,230,720

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	81,222	22,075	59,147	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	171,765	113	171,652	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	1,493	0	1,493	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	132,690	7,968	124,722	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£387,170	£30,156	£357,014	£459,302	£33,675	£425,627

	2022-23 to date			Estimate for 2022-23		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	45,066	0	45,066	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	937,657	91,882	845,775	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	9,645	0	9,645	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	55,842	47,993	7,849	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	18,791	0	18,791	44,020	0	44,020
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,754	896	1,858	1,300	0	1,300
Sub Total	£1,071,755	£140,771	£930,984	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£6,709,826	£4,619,245	£2,090,581	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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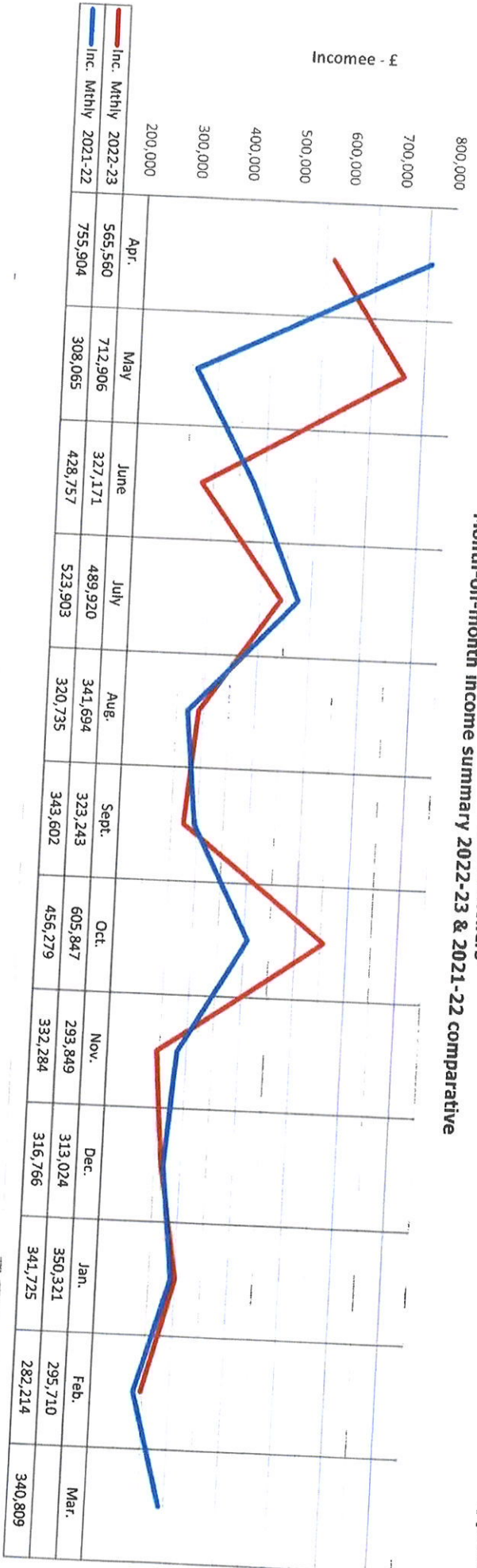
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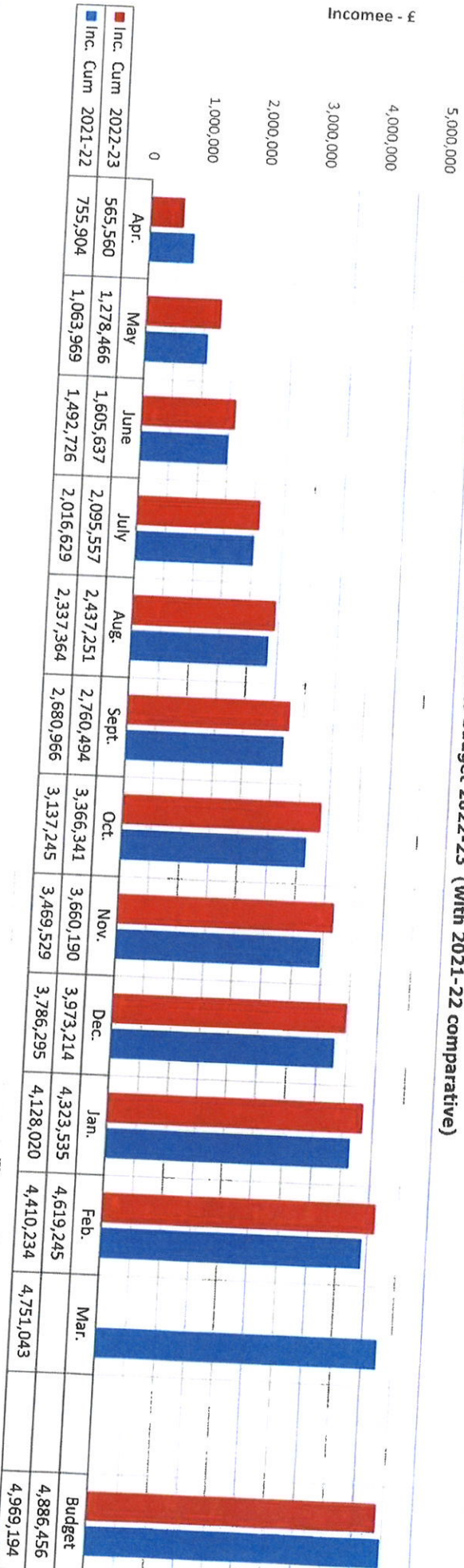
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Month-on-month income summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative

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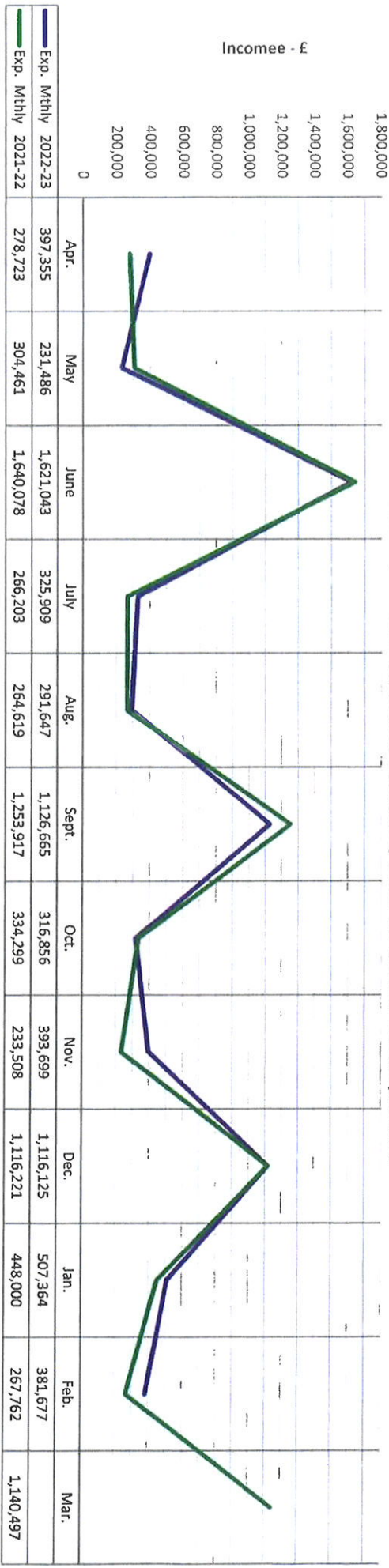
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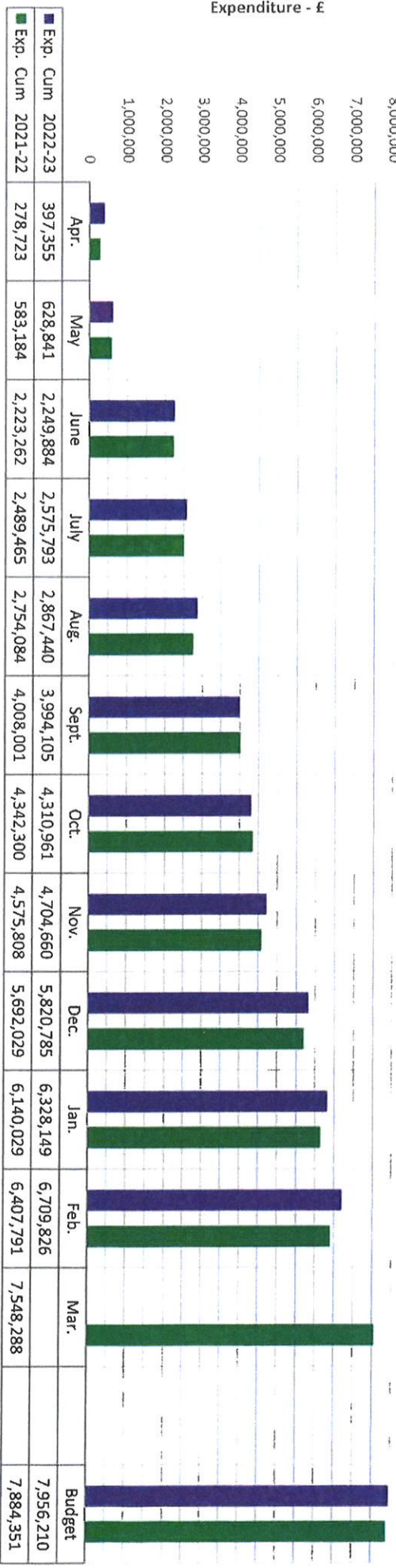
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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28th FEBRUARY 2023

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Month-on-month expenditure summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



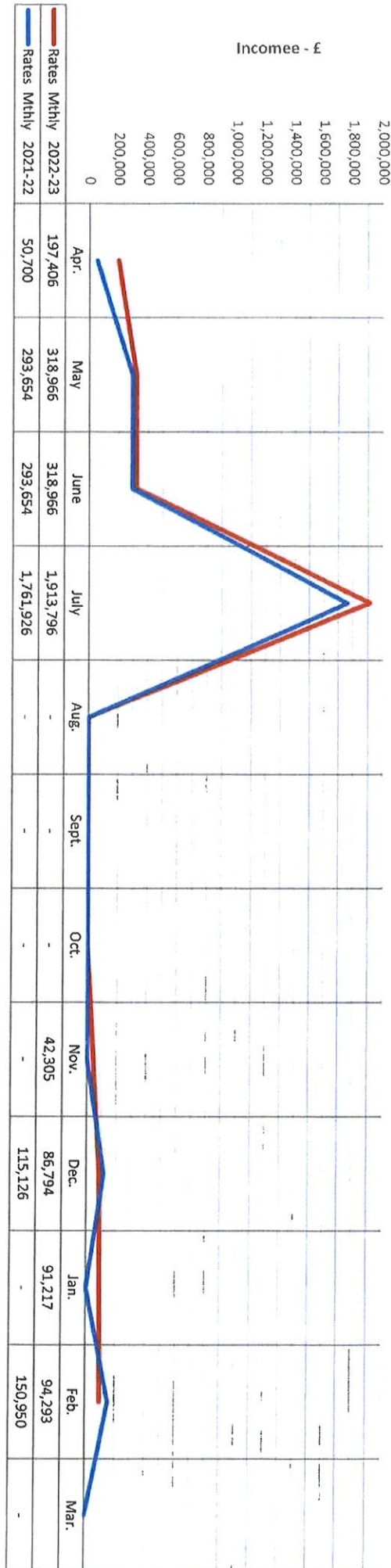
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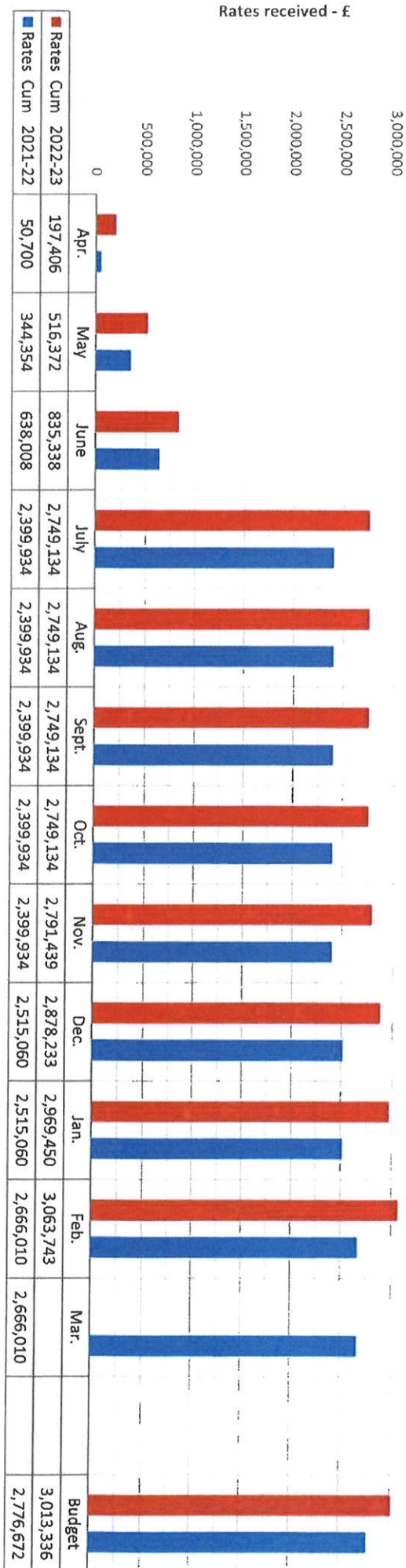
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SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28th FEBRUARY 2023

Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month rate receipts summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Town rates received 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MANX TELECOM FIBRE BROADBAND STATUS
MARCH, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Enclosed is a map showing the status of the Fibre Broadband rollout in Ramsey.

There are some changes to their original programme:

- Fibre is now available in the Parliament Steet area
- Manx Telecom have teams working in Cloughbane area currently, which is due for release this April
- They will start at the start of March on Lheaney Road and Crescent Area, along with Ballure Road which are planned for completion July - December 23.

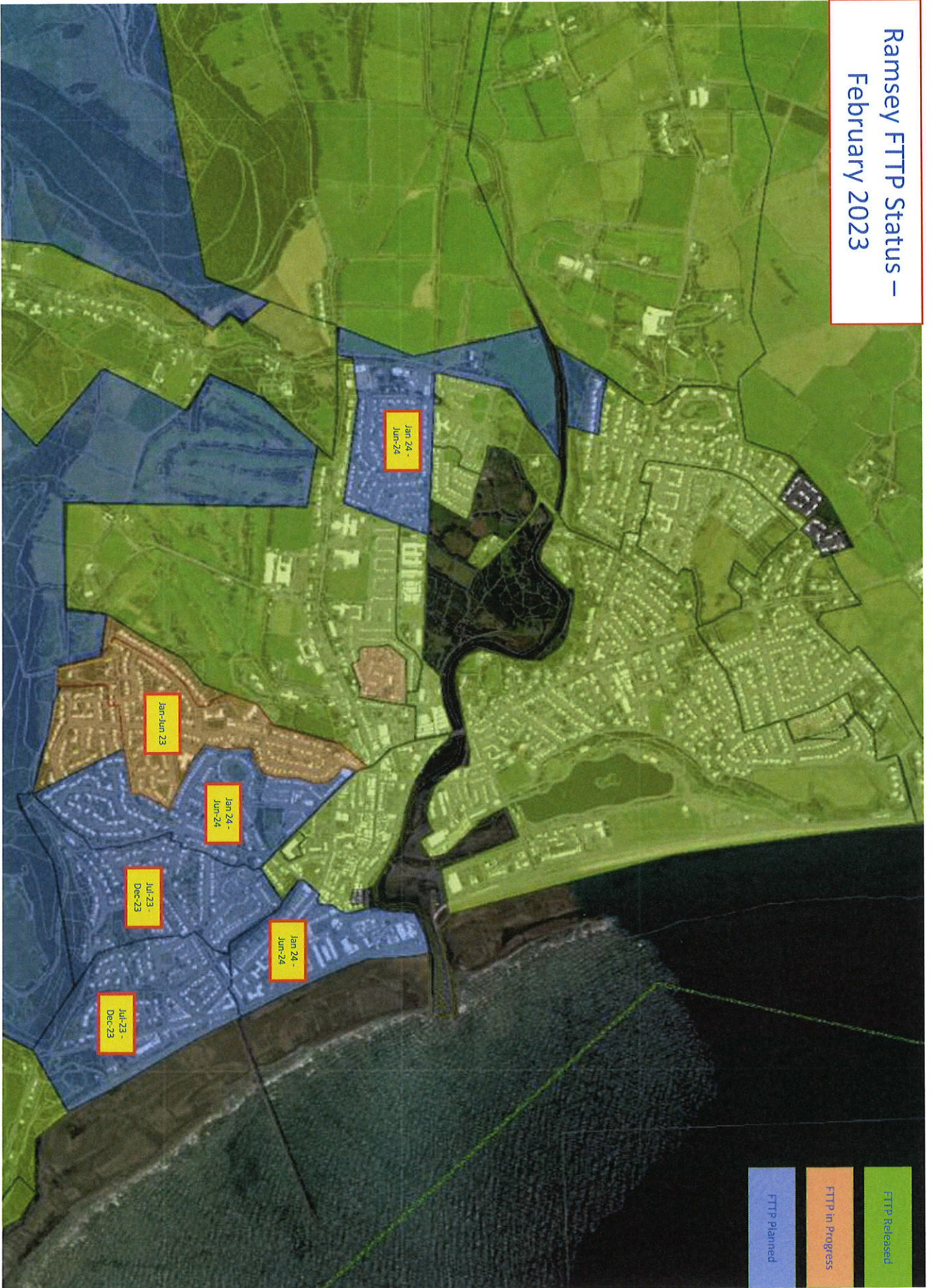
On the 1st March Manx Telecom wrote stating that the works at Bircham Avenue to install poles and offer the residents fibre broadband will be starting in the very near future. Some of the poles will be installed on RTC land as agreed in 2022.

Recommendations: for noting.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

7th March 2023.

Ramsey FTTP Status –
February 2023



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MARCH, 2023 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following applications have been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The applications are listed for consideration subject to comments where appended. Hyperlinks are provided on the P.A. No. to link to the plans which are available on the IOM Government website.

REF NO: 4041 **ADDITIONAL INFO/AMENDED PLANS**
P.A. NO.: 23/00002/REM
PROPOSED: Reserved Matters application to PA 20/01386/A for the erection of a detached single storey dwelling
NOTES: Reserved Matters
SITE: **Land adjacent to Fasque, Andreas Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4050
P.A. NO.: 23/00145/B
PROPOSED: Extension to existing balcony & alteration to existing external door opening
NOTES: P. A. in Detail
SITE: **Croit Ny Roseyn, The Crescent, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4051
P.A. NO.: 23/00173/B
PROPOSED: Removal of two existing chimneys and erection of a rear dormer
NOTES: P. A. in Detail
SITE: **Ballaghennie, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4052
P.A. NO.: 23/00212/B
PROPOSED: Installation of replacement roof slates
NOTES: P. A. in Detail
SITE: **Public Conveniences, Queen's Pier Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4053
P.A. NO.: 23/00216/GB
PROPOSED: Installation of a replacement window to the rear of the Church (in the vestry) (in association with PA 23/00217/CON)
NOTES: Registered Building/Conservation Area
SITE: **St Paul's Church, Market Place West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4054
P.A. NO.: 23/00217/CON
PROPOSED: Registered Building consent for the installation of a replacement window to the rear of the Church (in the vestry) (in association with PA 23/00216/GB)
NOTES: Registered Building/Conservation Area
SITE: **St Paul's Church, Market Place West, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4055
P.A. NO.: 23/00246/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a replacement rear wall
NOTES: Conservation Area
SITE: **10, Albert Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4056
P.A. NO.: 23/00247/CON
PROPOSED: Registered Building consent for demolition elements to PA 23/00246/B
NOTES: Conservation Area
SITE: **10, Albert Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4057
P.A. NO.: 23/00250/B
PROPOSED: Removal of garage door and installation of replacement window and door with associated works (retrospective)
NOTES: P. A. in Detail
SITE: **6, Lheaney Grove, Ramsey**

B. Wallace, Technical Services Manager

7th March, 2023.

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

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
22/01071/B R.T.C. 4014	Conversion of redundant public house space (class 1.3) on basement and ground floor to residential accommodation (class 3.4) including installation of balconies and window / door alterations to rear	Peveril Court / Bleak House, Mooragh Promenade	Meeting held: 21/09/22 No Objection	02/02/23 Application REFUSED 27/02/22 Request for APPEAL

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
HOUSING AND PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT
HOUSING PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICS 2022/23
MARCH 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Attached with this report are the Housing Performance and Statistics 2022/23 - for Quarter Three for year-end 31st March 2023.

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

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

Recommendation: To be noted.

Mark Close
Housing & Property Manager

7th March 2023.



Housing Performance and Statistics

2022/2023 – Q3

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

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2022/2023

1	Allocation Data	21/22	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	22/23	Notes
A	Total number of housing waiting list applicants	91	98	91	93	-	-	There are 67 applicants on the one-bedroom waiting list, 25 on the two-bedroom list and 1 on the three-bedroom list. 7 new applicants have been added in the last quarter.
B	Total number of transfer waiting list applicants	18	15	15	18	-	-	Number on list at end of each quarter. The average is given per annum.
C	Number of housing waiting list allocations	33	4	5	4	-	-	Number of applicants from the housing waiting list that have been allocated a property within quarter.
D	Number of transfer list allocations	9	2	1	2	-	-	Property transfers adversely affect the voids list and incur re-let costs.
E	Number of new Lodgers in RTC properties	9	0	2	0	-	-	New approved paying lodgers during the period. There are currently 7 paying lodgers in total.
F	Number of terminated tenancies	35	2	7	5	-	-	Tenants surrendering their tenancies. 1 possession has been taken within this period. Tenants transferring to Mayfield affected the 2021/22 data.
G	Number of applicants withdrawn from the housing waiting list	6	5	5	12	-	-	Applicants voluntarily withdrawing their applications or removed from the list following a review.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2022/2023

2	Maintenance Data	21/22	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	22/23	Notes
A	Number of responsive repair requests	1322	298	356	454	-	-	Reported property repairs.
B	Percentage of responsive repairs completed on time	95%	89%	94%	92%	-%	-%	Responsive repairs and void property re-let work takes priority over non-urgent work and planned projects.
C	Total number of void properties completed	45	7	7	7	-	-	Properties that have been brought to a re-let standard.
D	Percentage of void properties completed on time	87%	95%	100%	100%	-%	-%	Target - 5 weeks standard, 12 weeks major (i.e. requires new kitchen, bathroom, damp remedial work). Void work was slowed during the Government's Covid-19 lockdowns.
E	Percentage of properties with valid boiler safety certificates	483 100%	130 27%	110 23%	114 24%	- -%	- -%	Boilers are serviced every 11 – 12 months to remain safe and compliant within the 12-month target period. There are 480 boilers in total.
F	Percentage and amounts spent on maintenance budget	\$721,064 93%	\$165,688 21%	\$170,169 43%	\$278,916 82%	\$- -%	\$- -%	The annual maintenance allowance equates to 26.1% of the overall rental income.
G	Total number of out of hours emergency repairs carried out	191	26	44	48	-	-	Only emergency calls and repairs that are the responsibility of the Landlord are reacted to with an action.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2022/2023

3	Management Data	21/22	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	22/23	Notes
A	Percentage of gross rent arrears	\$67,358 2%	\$54,221 2%	\$53,167 2%	\$58,281 2%	\$-	\$-	The average figures are shown within the previous year column.
B	Percentage of property inspections carried out	61 11%	25 5%	23 9%	32 15%	- -%	- -%	Property inspections provide a good line of communication and engagement with tenants.
C	Percentage of rent paid by cash, debit card including by telephone, cheque and Standing Order	36%	36%	35%	34%	- -%	- -%	Cash 32%, cheque 3%, debit card 34% and Standing Order 31%.
D	Percentage of rent paid by direct debit	48%	48%	48%	48%	- -%	- -%	
E	Percentage of rent paid direct by the DHSC	16%	16%	17%	18%	- -%	- -%	
F	Housing newsletters issued	1	0	1	0	-	-	Issues normally distributed every March and September.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2022/2023

4	Capital Projects	Notes
A	Cronk Elfin External Refurbishment of 50 properties	The project commenced on site on the 21st February 2022 and is a 104-week contract. The bathroom remedial works and the external refurbishment work are well under way.
B	Close Woirrey Re-development	Please see 'F' below. A redesign of the entire site is underway. A further update report is due to be presented to the Board for approval. A new Business Case and petition will be required once a design and costs are established and approved.
C	External refurbishment of 7 properties situated on Upper Queens Pier Road	Practical completion was achieved on the 5 June 2020. The works have been monitored to establish if the remaining 37 properties on the estate would benefit from the same refurbishment treatment. A Business case is to be prepared for this.
D	Replacement PVCu windows to 16 dwellings Gladstone Avenue & 10 dwellings Vernon Road	Tender process complete and works to commence early 2023.
E	Refurbishment of Footpaths & Landscaping - Vernon Road	Tender process complete and works to commence early 2023.
F	Purchase of the former Albert Road School site for Public Sector Housing	The purchase of the site has taken place and is now under the ownership of the Commission. The plan is to extend the Close Woirrey site with this site for a combined redevelopment.

HOUSING PERFORMANCE DATA

2022/2023

5	Large Revenue Projects	Notes
A	External re-decoration of the Lezayre estate	This decoration work will continue throughout the Lezayre estate and will be spread over several years as budget allows. It will be funded through the Housing Maintenance Allowance. The decoration is being carried out in-house with an independent scaffold company employed to supply, erect and dismantle the scaffold. This work will recommence during the summer.
B	Roofline, external decoration and fence and footpath improvements at Close Cairlys	This work will be carried out in-house and funded from the Housing Maintenance Allowance/Housing Maintenance Reserve Fund during 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.
6	Strategic Plan	Notes
A	To work with the Department of Infrastructure (DOI) in introducing a combined housing waiting list for the North of the Island.	The waiting list is in place and working well with applicants within Ramsey and in the Northern Region outside of Ramsey taking advantage of the broader scope of available properties.
B	To work with the DOI in taking on the management of a limited number of Government properties (pilot scheme).	On 12 July 2021 the Commission entered into a 2-year pilot scheme agreement to take on the management of 12 of the DOI's properties at Lambhill, Bride. There have been no known issues to date.
C	Maintain high level of rent collection.	See notes below.
D	Review and develop Housing policies.	In progress. Current policies are being reviewed periodically and there are no issues to date.

Housing & Property Managers notes:

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

Rent arrears are continually being monitored and pursued.

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

Property inspections have proven to be a good line of communication and engagement with our tenants. Although inspections have been reduced during the Covid-19 pandemic, they continued for end of tenancies, transfers and where there are any general concerns.

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
2023 EVENTS / RADIO CAROLINE
MARCH 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

2023 Events

The Lead Member for Parks and Leisure has met with officers to draw up a provisional list of Ramsey Town Commissioner for the 2023/24 year. These events are listed below:

- Coronation Day In Park – date to be confirmed
- Sprintfest – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th June 2023
- Picnic In the Park – July 2023
- Ramsey Rocks – 27th August 2023
- Firework Display – 4th November 2023
- Christmas Grotto at the Courthouse – 2nd / 3rd December 2023

A progress report will be provided each month in respect of these events.

Radio Caroline North

The 60th anniversary of the commencement of broadcasting of Radio Caroline North will take place in 2024. Officers have met with representatives of the Radio Caroline group regarding events for 2023.

The organisers are seeking permission to use the Mooragh Park on Saturday 5th August 2023 for a Radio Caroline Day which it is hoped will encompass car displays, music and other activities. This would involve no public highway closures and does not clash with other events in the Park. The organisers are requesting logistical support from the Commission.

The organisers are looking to stage another disco during the weekend – this was well supported in 2022. In addition they will work with local businesses to see how they can be included in events over the weekend.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

8th March 2023