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13th April, 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, 19th April, 2023**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

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(by permission of Chairman)

- Matters Raised by the Public
 - ❖ None received
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board



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 March, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. G. S. Court, 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 Messrs. F. B. R. Williams 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 the Chairman, Mr. G. S. Court chaired the meeting.

(2022/23:361) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 15th February, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2022/23:362) Matters Arising:

Clause 326 ...Climate Change – Mr. Singer asked if the penalty for not reaching goals was yet known. The Town Clerk informed members that actual penalties are not clear but a course of action is indicated in that the Commission would have to provide further information, their actions overseen and then special measures introduced to hopefully enable compliance.

Clause 335 – Charges Swimming Pool – Mr. Beighton asked if Mr. McGuinness had brought his query about charges to the Swimming Pool Board. Mr. McGuinness advised that the Swimming Pool Board had not met since the query was raised.

Clause 348... Statutory Nuisance Changes – Mr. McGuinness drew attention to the number of referrals 12 via the Commission and 123 from others and commented that the matter remains driven by DEFA Food Hygiene and the service should continue to be undertaken by the Department.

A proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker that the Commission diarise to review the matter in April / May and that the support of other local authorities be sought in the matter was carried without division.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:363) Action Tracker February, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9th March, 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. Kelly drew attention to this matter suggested that radio coverage had been confused in their recent reporting on this matter. He advised members that the swimming group will email their proposals. Miss Craine queried budget proposals for both North and South Promenade. The Deputy Town Clerk reminded members that the planning approval for North Promenade expires in 2024 prior to which decisions will need to be made. Mr. Beighton queried why the swimmers did not prefer the North and asked if any suggestion had been made of fund raising. Mr. Kelly responded that tidal currents were a factor in the preferred swimming location and the club has indicated they would be prepared to help with funding but sought ideas on what type of fund-raising event could be held. Further general discussion ensued.
- ***Toilet Art*** - Mr. Cowell asked which toilets were involved and members were reminded that it was those at the rear of the Bowling Alley.
- ***Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park*** – in response to a query from Mr. Cowell the Town Clerk informed members that the matter remained with the Planning Enforcement Officers.
- ***Bicycle Shelters*** – Mr. Cowell queried the target completion date June 2023 – the Town Clerk reminded members that ground works required to be undertaken and a consideration still needs to be given for the site for the third shelter.
- ***Bags for Life*** – Mr. Beighton referred to the Commission’s bags for life and queried if the Commission should be in competition with local traders retailing similar commodities. He suggested talking to and involving local retailers. Mr. Singer’s comments that the matter was sufficiently insignificant to warrant further action was accepted.

(2022/23:364) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 9th March, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24.

Mr. Cowell referred to the proposal for the provision of public conveniences and was advised that the matter is included later within the agenda.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:365) Town Clerk’s Report – Local Authority Members Travelling Allowance Consultation:

Members considered the town Clerk’s report dated 6th March 2023, advising of receipt of the draft Local Authority (Travelling Allowances) Order 2023 having been drafted in line with the Tynwald Members Expenses Order.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed, the Commission support the introduction of the new Order.

It was noted that no member had claimed milage for many years but their right to do so if they so wished was recognised.

(2022/23:366) Finance Officer’s General Report:

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

Mr. McGuinness queried the implementation of the Commission’s policy for debt recovery and was informed that debts are being chased and full implementation of the policy is being progressed.

Works and Development:

(2022/23:367) Town Clerk’s Report – Manx Telecom Fibre Broadband Status:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2023, advising of the progress made by Manx Telecom in rolling out their fibre broadband service.

Miss Craine queried if fibre broadband had been installed at the Town Hall and was advised not and this needed to be investigated in conjunction with the provision of telephone service. Miss Craine asked if consideration could be given to upgrading the telephone service to facilitate fibre broadband.

Mr. McGuinness referred to concerns raised some time ago by residents of a particular estate and queried if any recent complaints / comments had been received from them and was also advised not.

(2022/23:368) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 7th March, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures.

The following matters were brought to members’ attention:-

Appeal by Hartford Homes had been given approval – the Technical Services Manager undertook to provide members with the details

Appeal “Bleak House” refused – members were advised that it was not the Commission’s place to appeal against the decision.

Dandara Development Lezayre – members were informed that this application had been refused. Mr. McGuinness expressed concern at the refusal and this would impact upon potential for development growth in the North of the Island.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:369) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Housing Performance and Statistics 2022/23:

Resolved: To note and approve the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 7th March, 2023, to which was appended the Housing Performance and Statics to 31st December, 2022.

Mr. Parker, Lead Member for Housing and Property, drew attention to the seasonal peak in maintenance costs, informed members that post “Covid” property inspections are getting back on schedule and looked forward to the future proposals to provide further public sector housing.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:370) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – 2023 Events / Radio Caroline:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th March, 2023, advising of dates for various events being organised during 2023.

The date of the Christmas Event (2nd and 3rd December) was queried and members were informed that this was the provisional date preferred after consultation with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Oldham informed members that The Hub is planning to hold Coronation Celebrations on 6th and 7th May.

Radio Caroline – it was proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed to permit the Radio Caroline event to be held in the Mooragh Park on 5th August, 2023. Members felt it was a perfect opportunity to combine events in anticipation of the 60th Anniversary commemorations of Radio Caroline.

(2022/23:371) Any Other Business:

371a) Motorhomes Permits:

Mr. Beighton informed members that Mr. Keith Pringle, on behalf a motorhome owners' club, had discussed the increased costs of the "Camper Van Permit" with him and expressed the wish to meet with the Commission and discuss the matter – Mr. Beighton proposed that a meeting be arranged.

Miss Craine queried if the matter could be "discussed" via email with officers. Mr. Beighton felt that was not the best way to progress this and his proposal to meet was seconded by Mr. Kelly and carried by 9 votes to 1, Miss Craine voted against.

371b) Dog Fouling North Beach – Social Media Comment:

Mr. Beighton referred to social media comments regarding dog fouling on the North beach. Members were reminded about the restrictions on the South foreshore and of general restrictions. It was noted that the Town Warden will be asked to increase his patrols in that area.

Miss Craine proposed that the Commission report or publish the number of fines and statistics thereby making people aware of the actions being taken to control dog fouling. Members were reminded that this course of action had already been agreed.

371c) Isle of Man Post Self-Service Kiosks:

The Town Clerk drew attention to a letter received from Isle of Man Post advising that the proposal to site a parcel post box is some way off and that they are not considering investment in self-serve kiosks. A copy of the letter had been circulated to members.

371d) Manx Radio Report – Breach Dog Byelaws:

The Town Clerk drew attention to a Manx Radio media report advising of a £400 fine with £280 costs awarded against a person having permitted dog to be at large and defecating. Members were provided with a copy of the report.

371e) Royal Navy Visit:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the "Meet your Royal Navy" a presentation and networking event to be held at the Town Hall on Monday, 27th March, 2023, for which the Commission are co-hosts. The invitation to attend the event was conveyed to members.

371f) Shennaghys Jiu Launch:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the Shennaghys Jiu Festival in April, 2023, and conveyed the invitation received to attend the Launch on 6th April.

372g) Mr. L. I. Singer Leave of Absence:

Mr. Singer informed members that he would be undergoing further medical treatment in the near future and sought leave of absence should he be unable to attend meetings. The Board conveyed it good wishes to Mr. Singer and agreed that the leave of absence be granted.

The Deputy Chairman thanked the media for attending and also those watching via the live-streaming service and closed the public session at 7.50 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.

(2022/23:373) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on 22nd February, 2023.

Matters for Information:

(2022/23:374) Policy Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 8th February, 2023.

(2022/23:375) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker” :

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 9th March, 2023, subject to the following:-
Rate Arrears – Mr. McGuinness queried progress in chasing rate debt. The Town Clerk advised members that following discussion with the Rating Section of Treasury it was agreed that the Commission could chase some debtors and this action is being commenced.

Town Branding – Mr. Kelly asked about Town Branding in response to which the Deputy Town Clerk advised members that he hopes to have more information during the week commencing 20th March.

Abated Sum – Mr. McGuinness queried if the play equipment to be purchased utilising the abated sum had arrived and was informed that work will be commencing shortly; he also queried if any other abated sums were pending and was informed not. Mr. Beighton asked if progression / completion of the play area could be considered suitable for a public relations opportunity.

(2022/23:376) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unightly Land and Buildings:

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

Water Street Boundary Wall - Mr. Cowell queried if the wall had any bearing to the planning application for 10, Albert Street and was informed not.

Sub-Station Tower Street – Mr. McGuinness queried if any response has been received from Manx Utilities / Conservation Officer. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the Conservation Officer knew nothing about the sub-station and it is not considered to be of high priority. Mr. McGuinness asked that pressure be retained on both parties.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2022/23:377) Town Clerk’s Report – Local Government Superannuation (Amendment) Scheme 2023

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 7th March, 2023, advising that the Department of Infrastructure is proposing changes to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme 2012 to provide the vires to enable Dougla Borough Council, who administer the scheme, to recover its share of the cost of reviewing the scheme, will amend typographical errors and will change the vesting period for entitlement to a deferred pension benefit from 3 months to 2 years.

(2022/23:378) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Fancy a Coffee Limited:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th March, 2023, advising of request made by Fancy A Coffee Ltd., for an option to extend their contract for a further 5-year period from 1st March, 2031.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, officers explore the request further with the Department of Infrastructure.

(2022/23:379) Finance Officer’s General Report:

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

2023 – 24 Rates Summary Statement - Mr. McGuinness proposed that any comments from members be conveyed to the Finance Officer on or before 22nd March, 2023. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Court and agreed. Mr. Singer commented that it should be included that the rate had been increased by only 4.97% and not the “rounded” figure of 5% included within the draft statement.

(2022/23:380) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices - Appeals:

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

Resolved: That the following be noted:-

- Penalty 0125 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed by 7 votes to 3 to reject the appeal. – Messrs. Cowell, Kelly and Singer voted against.
- Penalty 0711 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed to uphold the appeal.
- Penalties 0714 and 0715 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, second by Mr. Beighton and agreed to uphold the appeals.

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

- Penalty 0716 - Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed to uphold the appeal.
- Penalty 0720 – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Miss Crane that the Commission reject the appeal. Discussion ensued during which it was felt that in the circumstances of this penalty there had been no intention to commit an offence and Mr. Beighton proposed an amendment that a formal warning be issued, this was seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 6 votes to 4, Miss Craine and Messrs. Court, McGuinness and Parker voting against.
- Penalty 0721 – Proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. Singer to uphold the appeal. The proposal failed by 3 votes to 7 – Mr. Cowell voting with the proposer and seconder.
- Penalty 0722 – proposed by Mr. McGuinness to uphold the appeal, seconded by Mr. Court; Mr. Beighton proposed an amendment to extend the proposal to include an approach to the offender to provide a suitable receptacle for “litter”. Mr. Parker seconded the amendment. A further amendment was put by Mr. Cowell that the Commission reject the appeal and insist on placement of a bin did not receive a seconder. Mr. Beighton’s amendment was put to the vote and was carried by 6 votes to 4 Miss Crane and Messrs. Cowell, McGuinness and Young voting against. Mr. Singer referred to the Litter Act which included a provision that shop / business owners have a responsibility for litter outside their premises and asked that this be brought to the appellant’s attention.

(2022/23:381) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Provision of Flowers for Cummal Mooar:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 8th March, 2023, advising of the request made for the supply of plants for the residents / staff at Cummal Mooar. Whilst sympathetic to the request members were concerned that agreeing to the request might create a precedent.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed that enquiry be made with sponsors involved with Ramsey in Bloom competition to seek assistance for Cummal Mooar.

(2022/23:382) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Street Lighting – Lanes:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 6th March, 2023, concerning lighting in the lanes between Parliament Street and the quay. The report includes various options and quotations from two companies for the provision of lighting.

A proposal to accept the option to cap off up-lights and change street light fittings was proposed by Mr. Kelly. Discussion ensued during which reference was made to the Regeneration Scheme, which includes the lanes and the apparent lack of “back up funding”.

(2022/23:382) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Street Lighting – Lanes Continued:

Mr. McGuinness referred to the report and queried why it had been presented in private, he felt the matter was not urgent and proposed that it be brought into public would raise awareness of the matter. He queried if any additional funding was available for regeneration areas. Mr. McGuinness’s proposal was seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed.

(2022/23:383) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Street Lighting – Maintenance Contract:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 6th March, 2023, concerning the 2023/24 Street Lighting Maintenance Contractor. The report details the quotations submitted by Manx Utilities Authority and a private firm. Members were informed that other authorities, Douglas and Onchan, do not use MUA and queried the length of contract offered by the private firm. The Technical Services Manager advised that the contract could be for a 1-year option and thereafter for 3 years.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 9 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voted against, that the Commission enter into a street lighting maintenance contractor with the company “EALL”.

(2022/23:384) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Street Lighting – Spend to Save:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 7th March, 2023, concerning quotations received to replace street lighting that would result in cost savings. Members were reminded that borrowing powers had been sought for street lighting works from which a balance will remain to fund these proposals.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed to accept the quotation submitted by “EALL”.

(2022/23:385) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Updated Highway Maintenance Service Level Agreement:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 1st March, 2023, advising of the provision by the Department of Infrastructure of an updated Service Level Agreement. The report advised of inclusion of a reporting / feedback flow chart and differences from the agreement reported in January, 2023.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that the Commission reiterate their rejection of the proposals as stated in January, 2023.

(2022/23:386) Technical Assistant’s Report – Camper Van Cassette Disposal:

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 7th March, 2023, advising of the request made by the Clerk, Lezayre Parish Commissioners, to notify users of campsites within their Parish of the availability of cassette disposal facilities at The Vollan.

A proposal by Mr. Kelly that the request be rejected was seconded by Mr. Cowell. Mr. Beighton drew attention to the disposal facility being open to the public and, as such, felt rejecting the application would be a flawed decision. An amendment to the proposal was put by Miss Craine that permission be granted to use, but not advertise the facility which was withdrawn. Miss Craine then resubmitted the amendment - that the Commission permit use but the Parish Commissioners be asked not to formally advertise the facility. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Young.

Mr. Beighton drew attention to the disposal facilities being open to the public and as such, felt rejecting the application would be a flawed decision. Members were reminded that the request had been to “inform” about the facility and not “advertise”.

The amendment having was put to the vote and carried by 6 votes to 4, Messrs. Kelly, McGuinness, Parker and Singer voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2022/23:387) Housing Committee:

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 7th March, 2023.

**(2022/23:388) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Consultations
Amendments to Public Sector General Needs Housing Income Thresholds:**

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 8th March, 2023, advising of changes to the income thresholds for applicants for public section housing, proposed to be introduced, if approved by Tynwald on 1st July, 2023.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker the Commission accept the proposal to increase thresholds by approximately 15%. [Members were reminded that the Commission had originally sought an increase having regard to the “living wage”.] Mr. McGuinness amended the proposal to include that the Commission is comfortable with the revised applied “points allocation” – this was seconded by Miss Craine. A further extending amendment – that the Commission make no comment on the appeals procedure was agreed by consensus.

The proposal as extended was agreed without division.

(2022/23:389) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

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

(2022/23:390) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Provision of Public Conveniences – Millennium Garden:

Resolved: to note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 8th March, 2023, providing an update on the proposal to submit planning application for the provision of public conveniences at the Millennium Garden site on Bowring Road.

In response to queries members were informed that the services offered by the company detailed within the report prove to be more suitable services and at better costs. Members were asked to advise the Housing and Property Manager if they had any particular opinions with regard to the exterior finish of the conveniences.

Members queried also how discussions had gone with the Shoprite Group and were informed that it had not been possible to arrange an evening meeting. It was agreed that a day time meeting, at which representatives of the Commission would attend be arranged.

Parks and Leisure:

(2022/23:391) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Ramsey Sprint and Sprintfest:

Resolved; To note the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th March, 2023, requesting further feedback from members prior to the submission of a fuller report to the April Board Meeting.

Mr. Cowell referred to the need to bring the matter of concessions to the attention of the business community and particularly the Chamber of Commerce.

(2022/23:392) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Sprintfest Food Concession:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 8th March, 2023, advising of submissions received for the provision of catering facilities at Sprintfest. Members noted that the firm trading as “Rumblin-Tum” are prepared to vary their menu to avoid conflict with nearby catering premises; and agreed that further information is required from the Fynoderee Distillery as to their proposals.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised of receipt of a further submission, after the closing date and, following a proposal by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. McGuinness it was agreed to progress the third application. Mr. Oldham voted against this proposal.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that Standing Orders be suspended to permit the meeting to continued, beyond 10.00 p.m., to its conclusion.

(2022/23:392) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Sprintfest Food Concession Cont:

Discussion progressed with regard to the individual applications. It was proposed by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Court to permit the application by Fynoderee subject to a suitable site being identified. Mr. Singer voted against.

It was proposed by Mr. Court, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that the application of “The Rumblin-Tum” be approved subject to negotiation on the menu being offered.

Matters of Establishment:

(2022/23:393) Minutes – Meetings of Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 8th February, 2023, subject to the following:-

Complaints – the report from the Ombudsman, referred to had been subsequently received and circulated. It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed that no comment be made on the report. Member were reminded of the confidentiality of the Ombudsman’s report.

Resolved: To note and approve the tabled minutes of the Meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 8th March, 2023.

Any Other Business:

(2022/23:394) Sundry Items:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following:-

394a) Social Media Awareness – the Town Clerk informed members that social media awareness training has been arranged for 10th May, 2023

394b) Dandara Development – the Town Clerk informed members that the proposal of Dandara to develop 100 properties out with the Town Boundary had failed.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ 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. Developer contacted our advocate proposing the the POS is transferred. The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated.	FGP	Apr-23	TRKC	Sep-23	Yellow
	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	Apr-23	SB	Jun-23	Green
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter, the school has been contacted and asked to complete the work.	The school have been contacted about the missing sea gull!	PL	Apr-23	SB	Apr-23	Green
	Toilet Art	On site, final wall to be completed now that ivy has been removed.	Awaiting artist completing the work.	PL	Apr-23	SB	Apr-23	Green
	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	Apr-23	TRKC	Jun-23	Yellow

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	Boundary Extension (Commission 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.					
	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.					
	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.					
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Agreed at August board meeting that RTC will install the shelters at its cost.	Site agreed for a shelter at the tram station and revised location at Station Road Car park. Planning applications being prepared.					
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldyn 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. Still not finished.					
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.					

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
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 have supplied a potential design for the shelter.	PL	Apr-23	SB	Sep-23	Green
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.	Revised timetable for summer 2023 has been developed and should be available in the public domain shortly.	FGP	Apr-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.	Competition complete and entries will be judged this month.		Apr-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.	Grant application submitted to DFE for works to prepare the shelters. Response from DFE anticipated by 15/4/23.	PL	Apr-23	SB	Jun-23	Green
Aug-22	Recycle conference	The main UK Recycle conference in Sept.	TC and Technical Services Manager to book places at September conference.	PL	Apr-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow
Oct-22	Seagulls in Mooragh Park	Agreed that bunting will be put up to deter seagulls.		PL	Apr-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Still awaiting quotes from advocates.		Apr-23	TRKC/ BW	Jun-23	Yellow
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Project started.	Met with HR advisors and preparing option appraisal ahead of a plan. There will be consultation with the workforce.		Apr-23	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	Green

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
3	Mar-22	Station Road Car Park re surface	Almost complete area outside front of store yet to be completed.	Complete works	WD	Apr-23	BW	Apr-23	
7	Mar-22	Street Lights replacement heads	Quotation received. Loan petition approved.	Petition approved, orders placed 8 week lead time for material.	WD	Apr-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	Apr-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	Apr-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	Apr-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 currently on display.	HP	Apr-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	Apr-23	MC	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	Confirm specification.	Still awaiting confirmation re grant availability for Local Authorities.	HP	Apr-23	MC	Jul-23	
3	Feb-23	Park Machinery	Preparing to place orders		WD	Apr-23	BW	May-23	
4	Feb-23	Zero Turn mower	Purchased and available	Complete	WD	Apr-23	BW	Apr-23	
5	Mar-22	Town Hall rear entrance			WD	Apr-23	MC	Apr-24	
6	Mar-22	Fencing Mooragh Park			HP	Apr-23	MC	Jul-23	
7	Mar-22	Vehicle Trackers	Preparing to place orders		WD	Apr-23	BW	Jul-23	
8	Mar-22	Tree Survey			WD	Apr-23	BW	Dec-23	
9	Mar-22	Street Name Plates	Confirming supplier		WD	Apr-23	BW	Dec-23	
10	Mar-22	Decorative Lighting (fastoon)	Obtaining 3 quotes		WD	Apr-23	BW	Jul-23	
11	Mar-22	Fleet replacement	Obtaining Quotes		WD	Apr-23	BW	Sep-23	
12	Mar-22	South Prom Changing Facility		Finalise design	HP	Apr-23	SB/MC	Jun-23	
13	Mar-22	North Prom Changing Facility		Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.	WD	Apr-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
INPUT – ISLE OF MAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION
April, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Isle of Man Electoral Commission has been appointed and tasked by Tynwald to review the number and boundaries of constituencies and on other matters, to which a questionnaire has been presented. Draft responses are submitted in the appendix to this report.

The remit to the Electoral Commission requires them to submit a report to Tynwald no later than March 2024.

Recommendation: For discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

4th April, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
INPUT – ISLE OF MAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION - APPENDIX
April, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Points for consideration

As approved by a Resolution of Tynwald, the Electoral Commission will produce a report for Tynwald, no later than 18 months after appointment, detailing their finds as a result of the following consideration, which should not be considered to be exhaustive:-

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
Review the number and boundaries of constituencies including the number of members per constituency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should there be a change to the number of constituencies? 2. Size and population of constituencies – are current boundaries appropriate? Is representation fair and equitable? 3. Do current constituency boundaries work – if not, why? 4. Should population be the sole guide to constituencies and boundaries? Are boundaries based on population or electors the most equitable way to set boundaries? 5. Are the size of constituencies still relevant? If not, how best should they be adjusted? Are the number of allocated seats per constituency still appropriate? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No there should not be a change to the number of constituencies. 2. The size of the constituencies should be a combination of population and physical location, i.e. even where an imbalance in population numbers is seen people living in a town or village should not be split to simply balance the population figures. 3. The current constituency boundaries do work but they need to be adjusted to take account of changing settlement boundaries and increasing population. 4. No population should be only one part of the guiding constituency boundaries. 5. As our City and Towns get larger then there needs to be recognition that there needs to be potential re-balancing of the constituency boundaries.

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
Review the number and boundaries of constituencies including the number of members per constituency	6. Are two seat constituencies working?	6. & 7. The Current system of 2 seats per constituency would appear to work however if city and town populations increase and rural populations decrease or stay constant then maybe single seat constituencies should be considered.
	7. Would single seat constituencies work better than constituencies having two or more seats?	
Accessibility of elections to voters	8. Review of the 2021 General Election and how well it complied with the Equality Act?	8. Not Applicable
	9. Should there be any mandatory venue attributes identified for future voting locations?	9. Yes every venue should be capable of being accessed by the entire population
	10. Are there any additional accessibility measures which should be incorporated into future election planning and administration?	10. As above
	11. Issues identified with accessibility to voting – both in advance and at polling stations.	11. There are 2 years to plan for the next General Election this is sufficient time to ensure polling stations are accessible to all
	12. Barriers found and for which groups/individuals?	12. This question needs to be more fully formed.
	13. Examples of poor physical accessibility to polling stations.	13. Steps, width of doors, access that is not level, obstacles that are difficult for the visually impaired.
	14. How might accessibility be improved?	14. See above and avoid obstacles. Accessibility can also be improved by actively encouraging different groups to be involved in the voting process be they young, old or a disenfranchised group.
Sub-Heading	Accessibility issues around candidature.	
	16. Comments as to groups that may not be participating in voting process – e.g., low levels of registration within minority or youth groups. How to improve this engagement?	16. A programme of outreach and working with poorly represented groups or disenfranchised groups should be started now. No. 1 ensure they are on the Electoral Register.

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
	17. Do elections engage a sufficiently broad representation of the Island community?	17. The higher the percentage turn out to an election the better the representation of the people's views and the better and clearer the mandate of the elected official is. Elections are for everyone and it is important to engage with the entire population.
Sub-Heading	18. Views on how more groups might be encouraged to vote.	18. This should be down to candidates in any election – encouragement, other than very generally by any election officials could be mis-interpreted.
The organisation of Pre-Election Meetings	19. Should Government be involved with/lead pre-election meetings?	19. Yes, Government or Local Authorities (where capable) should set up and lead pre-election meetings.
	20. Optimum number, frequency and timing of pre-election meetings?	20. There should be sufficient meetings to give a number of dates and possibly having regard to the number of candidates standing in an election. There are cost implications in hall hire and advertising and audio / loudspeaker type equipment.
	21. Who should chair these meetings?	21. The Chairman of the Local Authority (if not seeking election, the Clerk, if not acting as "Returning Officer" or a Captain of a Parish could chair and be impartial.
	22. Where should these meetings take place (links with above to be considered) Effectiveness of pre-election and requisition meetings	22. The meetings must be at a time and place where people in a constituency can easily access them. Ideally in an evening at a venue in the constituency with sufficient capacity. The venue should also have no link to any candidate.
	23. Awareness of meetings held/attendance levels	23. This is not a fully formed question – but making candidates and the public aware of meetings has never presented any problems. Often the electorate submit a requisition notice calling for such meeting(s).

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
Alternative to in-person voting – postal and proxy voting	24. Was postal voting successful during 2021 General Election? Were the systems clear?	24. This is not a matter upon which this local authority can fully comment but postal voting seemed to be successful in that a large number of postal votes seemed to have been applied for. The system used at the General Election 2021 did slow the count considerably in Ramsey. The system (as compared to existing application for “Absent Votes” is more complex. The best respondent for this question should be either the Returning Officers for the 2021 General Election or anyone who applied for a postal vote.
	25. Understanding of electorate as to ability to access alternative vote?	25. It is difficult to pre-empt anyone’s level of understanding. The process is clear in the Notice of Election. The electorate tend to look for the information in the Notice of Poll. The electorate do not fully understand the application process for proxy voting.
	26. Is this facility necessary?	26. Yes it is essential to ensure maximum participation when there is an election.
	27. Could this process be improved?	27. Yes – the receipt of postal votes and reconciliation with postal votes ballot paper accounts could be improved. Pressure could be reduced by permitting postal votes envelopes (other than the ballot paper itself) to be opened and reconciled in advance and retained securely prior to the ballot papers being opened on the day of the election. Proposed use of a third colour and a ballot paper of a different overall size for postal votes is unnecessary and costly (it is easier to use Postal Votes from the main number of ballot papers obtained.) The proposed triple “tear-out” is again costly and unnecessary – simple forms work just as well.

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
28	28. Should postal votes be permitted to be counted prior to election date?	28. Not necessarily counted – but certainly processed to a point where they need minimal attention on election Day.
29	29. Views on the need for verification of postal votes	29. Lack of verification does leave the matter vulnerable to fraud – but in these times fewer people have access to the professionals formerly able to verify “absent Votes”.
30	30. Potential for fraud. Current/future risks?	30. Lack of verification and slackening the process for postal / proxy voting leaves the election vulnerable to fraudulent action.
31	31. Non availability of advance voting / certifying officer role – impact?	31. The non-availability of advance voting would not find favour but extending the process could reduce the impact of election day. The role of a Certifying Person was helpful as it negated the need to find a suitably qualified professional and reduced pressure on the Returning Officer.
Ability to vote at any polling station across a constituency		
33	32. Should the Douglas (South) pilot scheme be rolled out across all the constituencies? 33. Should live activity data be made public so voters could view how busy each polling station is?	32. No. 33. Yes this will help people decide when in the day to vote. Ideally it should be coupled to data predicting busy times so that people can make decisions about when they will vote at the start of the day.
34	34. Are polling districts required? Should voters be able to vote at any polling station within their constituency?	34. Yes polling districts are required. Having the opportunity to cast a vote at any polling station in the district should be encouraged – but only if secure, speedy and accurate communications between polling stations can take place to ensure that a voter does not abuse the system. Is there a breach in Secrecy in conveying this information to another polling station in the same constituency? (as to who has voted)?

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
	35. Should there be an all-Island polling stations for any voter to access?	35. An All-Island polling station on the face of it seems very positive. The control and administration of the Polling Station will be the key details. (same comments as above about communication and also – the bigger question of provision of ballot papers across the Island would be very difficult.
	36. Digital accessibility issues and inclusivity?	36. People manage their lives and finances on their phones. Voting on their phones seems the next logical step. This would not be popular however across all age groups and would leave a huge question about the ease of fraudulent voting for less confident computer users. Attendance at a Polling Station “enhances” the occasion / election experience.
	37. Benefit of options to those with accessibility needs	37. Strangely worded statement. There are postal and proxy voting options are open to everyone.
Feasibility of All-Island voting stations;	38. Should there be a facility for votes to be cast for any constituency in various locations around the island?	38. Yes – see answers 34 and 35. Although very major concerns about ease of fraud and breach of secrecy.
	39. Would transferring ballot boxes around the island pose any significant risk to the integrity of the electoral process?	39. This would have to be assessed and comply with best practice. It will delay counts; could lead to misplaced ballot boxes and is not “green”. It could lead to security risks and questions, additional staff and costs. Ballot boxes historically should not leave the sight of the Presiding Officers.

Tynwald Resolution Focus Area	Candidate Campaign Materials:	Outline Discussion Questions	Comments / Response
		40. Could the authority to display campaign materials be streamlined?	40. This is a vague question – a general approval to all candidates to display material within the constituency might be helpful – subject to equality of placements, care of bias and insistence of removal within a specified time frame.
		41. Is there clear and appropriate guidance on campaign materials and their display?	41 – 44. There needs to be clear and consistent rules for all canvassing materials to ensure that the candidates produce factual information and that the display and methods of disseminating the information are consistent for each candidate.
		42. Is there consistent and effective enforcement of campaign material rules? Problems?	The rules in place are not the easiest to find in the legislation. Better practise is for the Returning Officer to inform candidates of legal restrictions and of any local restrictions that may be in place.
		43. Candidate manifestos	
		44. Application of rules for campaign materials	Big query is publishing of manifestos by a local authority fair / equitable if some candidates do not produce them? It is their choice but is publishing them disenfranchising the non-manifesto candidates.
Any Other Commentary		The new Election Rules are overly complex for Local Authority Elections – far more consultation should have been undertaken with experienced election staff prior to them being introduced. A lot of training will have to be undertaken. The new rules will have increased cost implications. A lot need to be calculated fairly – for example, the fees for “counting clerks” should be the same as those paid to Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks for the count – or vice versa – the duties will be the same. (Using 2020 Order figures a counting clerk equates to £17.40 per hour and a Poll Clerk £14.54.) Does there need to be a “secrecy/position in place” for staff helping the Returning Officer in the administration of election duties.	

4th April, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LIBRARY REPORT QUARTER 1 2023
APRIL, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Library Statistics

Number of new members

January	23 adult	10 junior
February	14 adult	12 junior
March	12 adult	29 junior
Total	49 adult	51 junior

Number of registered members

Town	487
Country	189
Junior	607
Staff	9
Visitor	5
Total	1,297

Number of items borrowed (by reader category)

Town	3,154
Country	1,613
Junior	1,946
Staff	83
Visitor	3
Total	6,799

Type of items borrowed

Text	5,950
DVD	587
Audio	263
Total	6,800

Additional information

During this quarter the library has taken delivery of new chairs and noticeboards, which have smartened up both floors of the Library.

There have been displays to mark both Mother's Day and Valentine's Day.

For World Book Day the Library welcomed three school groups from Bunscoill Rhumsaa, some of whom were not already Library members and joined on the day.

The Library ran the Warm Hub here at the Town Hall over the winter period, the Warm Hub scheme finished on Thursday 30th March and the Library has reverting to normal closing hours.

Recommendations: For noting.

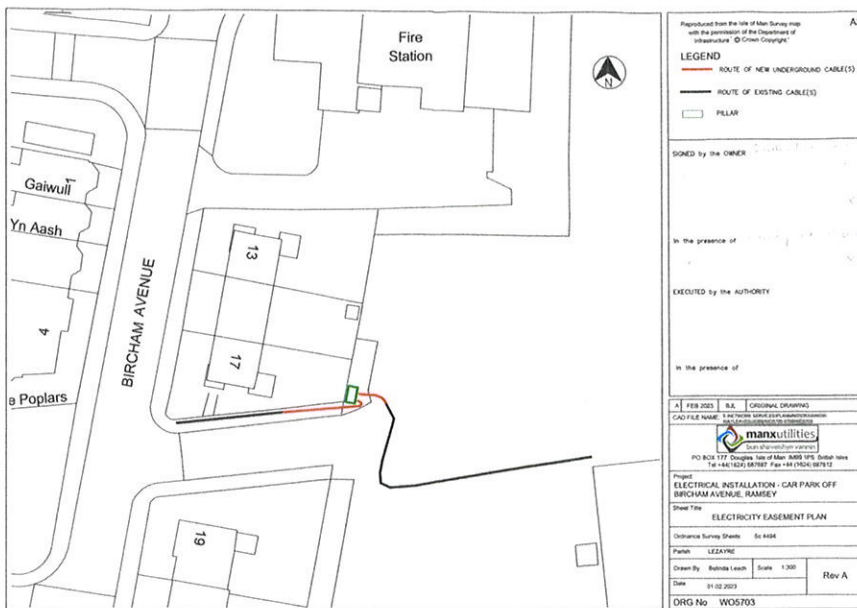
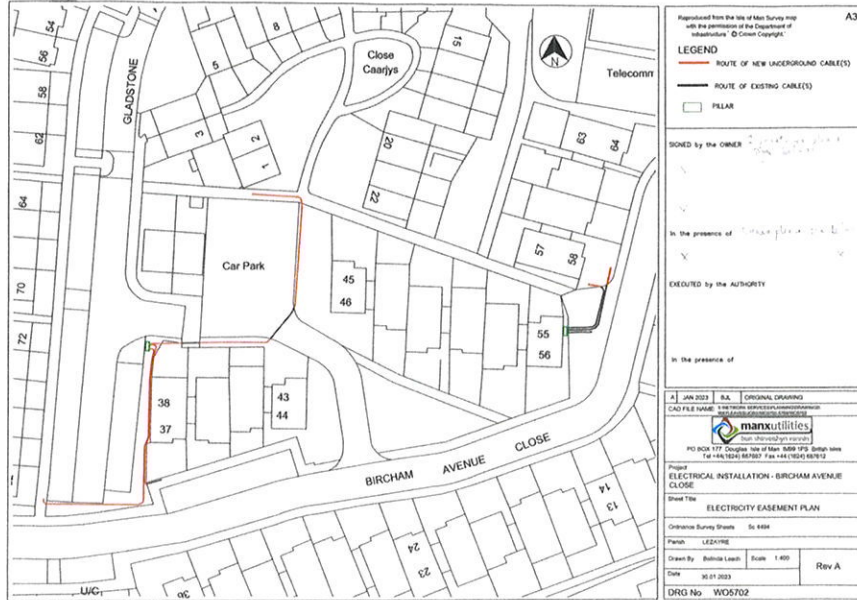
T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

11th April 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
MUA WAYLEAVES
April, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The MUA wish to install underground electricity cables on our land at Bircham Avenue Close and Station Road Car Park. The drawings below show the route of the proposed cables. The red line represents the line of the new proposed new cables.



The MUA agreement is for £0.25 for each of the two wayleaves that they propose.

Recommendations: That the agreement be entered into, subject to the approval of the Department of Infrastructure, in terms of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1985.

22nd March 2023.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
APRIL 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 March 2023 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summaries of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st March 2023 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £1,234,935.41 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £22,110.66 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in March 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 2022 to 31st March 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	£823,415.
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	£44,730.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

Treasury has supplied a 1st Supplemental Rating List for 2023-24 which indicates some slight changes in the gross and rateable values for the Town as follows :

	Gross	Rateable
	£	£
Existing list	852,700	738,325
Valuations to be added	9,650	7,721
Valuations to be cancelled	<u>(9,955)</u>	<u>(7,966)</u>
Revised list	<u>852,395</u>	<u>738,080</u>

Recommendation: To be noted.

12th April 2023

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid to the 31st March 2023

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Banks	Loan capital payments	460,178.40
Banks	Loan interest payments	396,110.40
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	189,961.86
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	35,773.33
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	31,937.39
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	30,098.22
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	16,277.98
Various	IT costs	12,235.01
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply	9,301.35
Manx Utilities	Street lighting maintenance	7,199.62
Various	Staff training	6,855.00
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	6,535.52
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	6,290.81
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	3,747.57
NLASPB	Balance of 2022-23 rate contribution	3,667.22
Account transfers	Rent refunds and R & N DHC rents collected by card	3,611.07
Evolution Accounting Ltd.	Internal audit	3,600.00
Various	Contract cleaning	2,000.00
Various	Town events	1,944.80
Various	Park goods & materials	1,477.89
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,267.68
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,227.12
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	1,224.44
Various	Legal & professional fees - prosecutions	1,213.35
Various	Security & safety	629.55
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	474.83
Various	Gift vouchers	95.00
		<u>1,234,935.41</u>
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	9,303.22
Various	Recycling charges	4,751.02
Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,143.68
Various	Site maintenance	1,885.48
Various	Equipment maintenance	1,420.42
Manx Utilities	Heat & light	425.11
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	83.76
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	77.29
Bank	Charges	20.68
		<u>22,110.66</u>

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during March 2023

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM
ADT Fire & Security plc	UK	Logistics UK Ltd.	UK
AP Plastics & Supplies Ltd.	IOM	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Maintenance Free Building Products Ltd.	IOM
Argon Office Systems Ltd.	IOM	Magnet (IOM) Ltd.	IOM
Arven Chemicals Ltd.	UK	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Ashcrofts (1997) Ltd.	IOM	MannVend Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Axis Consulting Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Sharp Blades Ltd.	IOM
Ball Colegrave Ltd.	UK	Manx Roots Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
CE Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
City Electrical Factors (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Marksmann Locksmith	IOM
Country Paving & Ornamental Ltd.	IOM	McGarrigle Architects Ltd.	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Cuplas Callow (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
Data Processing Network (1989) Ltd.	IOM	Monarch Roofing Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	NLASPB	IOM
Diverse Signs Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Domicilium (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Ecology Vannin Consultancy Services	IOM	P & J Dust Extraction Ltd.	UK
Eden Park Garden Centre	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Paragon HR & Recruitment Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Evolution Accounting Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Exceed Business Services Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Roc Vannin	IOM
Fayle Safe Security Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Specialist Coatings Ltd.	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	St Johns Ambulance	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery (IOM) Ltd.	IOM
Gough Electrical Ltd.	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
Gray Law Advocates	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Co. Ltd.	IOM
ICR Retail Services Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	IOM
Ijcad Services	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	W. F. Howes Ltd.	UK
JAC Stores Ltd.	IOM	Workwear Express Ltd.	UK
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Jones Services Ltd.	IOM	WS Mezeron Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Keep Britain Tidy	UK		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st MARCH 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	4,306,927	4,551,148	(244,221)	4,246,834	4,337,145	(90,311)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Gglass	300	0	300	270	0	270
Brookfield Court	21,711	7,757	13,954	19,795	13,450	6,345
Close ny Mooragh	46,765	16,360	30,405	35,225	32,050	3,175
Sub Total	£4,375,703	£4,575,265	(£199,562)	£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	238,514	25,717	212,797	220,300	22,160	198,140
Workshops	137,643	0	137,643	72,810	0	72,810
Public Conveniences	50,672	0	50,672	58,890	0	58,890
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	19,867	3,925	15,942	10,955	4,000	6,955
Mansail Lease	4,838	10,937	(6,099)	4,510	10,430	(5,920)
Lakeside Centre	4,011	11,816	(7,805)	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	15,000	(12,802)	1,760	15,000	(13,240)
Non-Lease Properties	6,220	0	6,220	5,395	0	5,395
Prom shelters, benches, signs	17,854	0	17,854	14,315	0	14,315
Private Property Repairs	547	0	547	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	1,507	0	1,507	1,134	0	1,134
Apprentices	18,010	2,467	15,543	0	0	0
R.N.D.H.C.	12,517	12,902	(385)	35,610	39,171	(3,561)
Park assets	20,729	0	20,729	62,215	0	62,215
Sub Total	£552,423	£101,256	£451,167	£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	8,616	0	8,616	1,955	0	1,955
Car Parks	23,004	25,505	(2,501)	22,689	25,505	(2,816)
Refuse Removal	701,530	94,742	606,788	828,295	100,000	728,295
Civic Amenity contribution	215,760	0	215,760	215,758	0	215,758
Sewers & Pumps	104,380	104,380	0	104,500	104,500	0
Street lighting & maint.	95,776	0	95,776	111,356	0	111,356
Decorative maint.	9,201	0	9,201	16,830	0	16,830
Decorative lighting new items	29,006	0	29,006	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	176,103	0	176,103	134,342	0	134,342
Govt Department Agencies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub Total	£1,363,376	£224,627	£1,138,749	£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	84,402	22,075	62,327	76,865	24,375	52,490
Parks & Gardens	191,322	113	191,209	238,267	600	237,667
Games Concessions	1,577	0	1,577	2,030	0	2,030
Public Library	145,419	8,462	136,957	142,140	8,700	133,440
Sub Total	£422,720	£30,650	£392,070	£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	49,079	0	49,079	99,700	0	99,700
Office Expenses	1,031,601	92,991	938,610	1,016,210	94,530	921,680
Sundry Expenses	9,645	0	9,645	11,330	0	11,330
Miscellaneous	60,660	68,553	(7,893)	37,480	24,600	12,880
Swimming Pool	22,458	0	22,458	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	£1,178,197	£162,440	£1,015,757	£1,212,040	£119,130	£1,092,910

TOTAL	£7,892,419	£5,094,238	£2,798,181	£7,956,210	£4,886,456	£3,069,754
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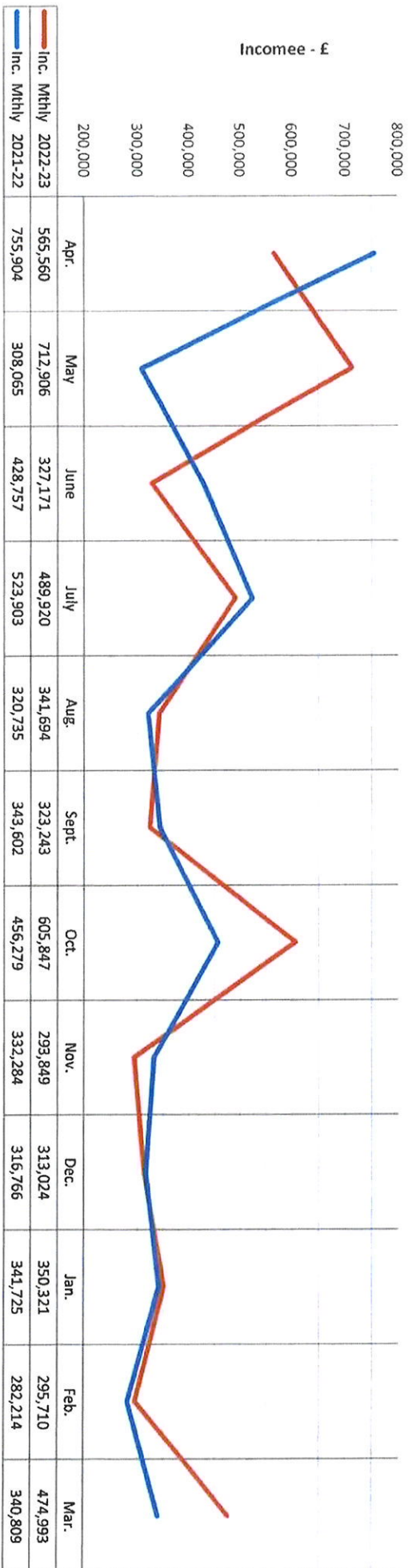
Town rates	£ -	£ 3,063,743	£ (3,063,743)	£ -	£ -	£ 3,013,336
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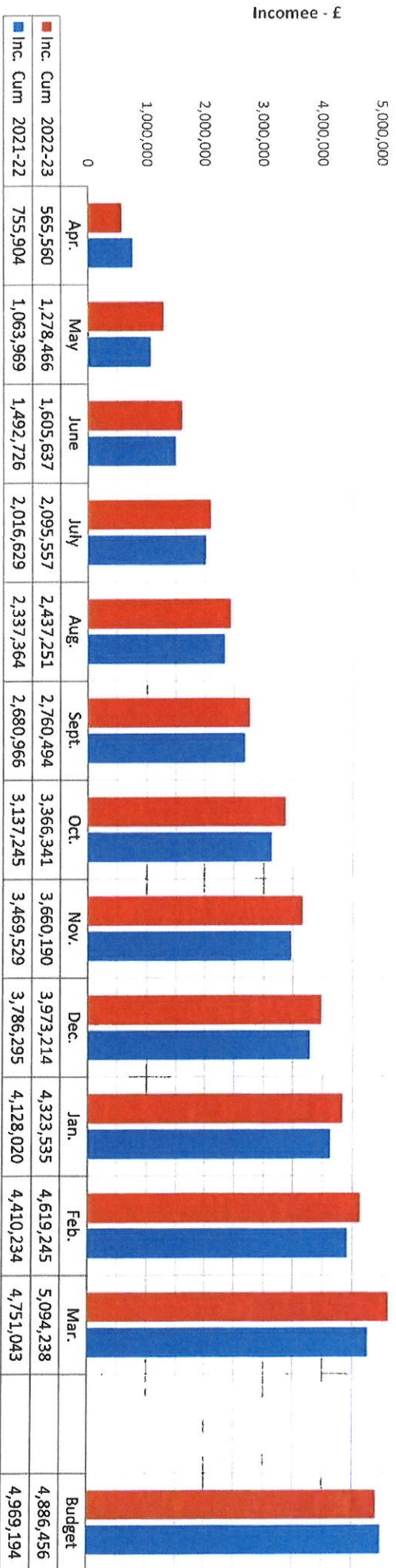
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month income summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative

Appendix 2



Ramsey Town Commissioners
Comparing income to budget 2022-23 (with 2021-22 comparative)

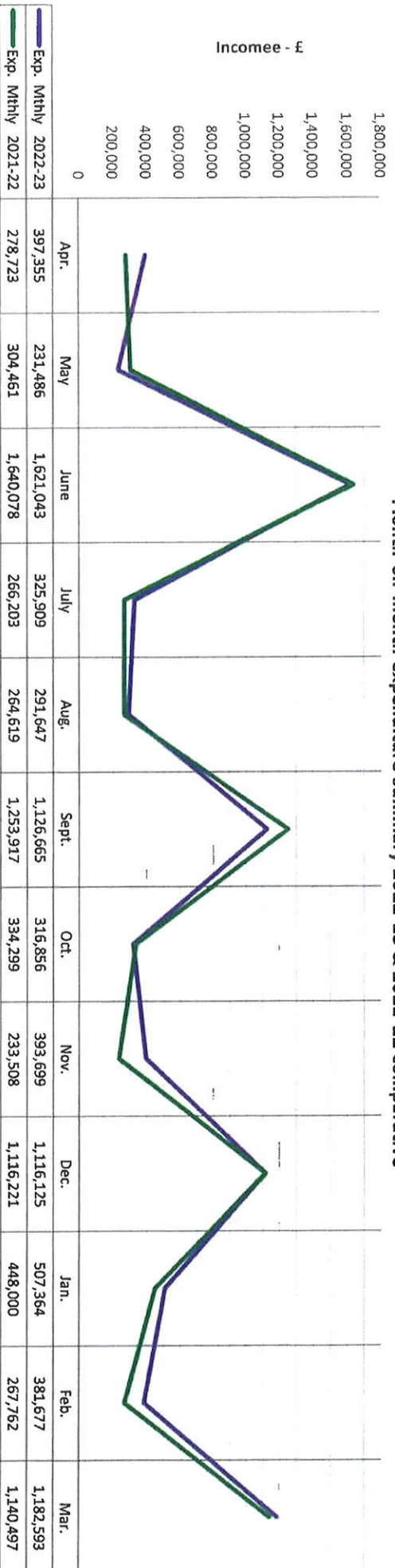


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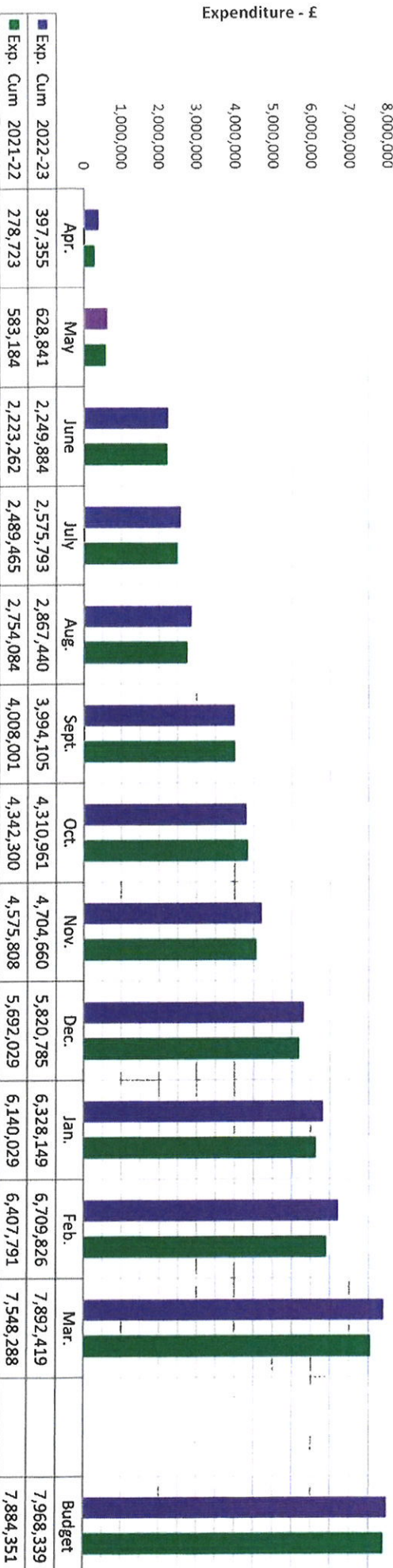
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Ramsey Town Commissioners
Month-on-month expenditure summary 2022-23 & 2021-22 comparative



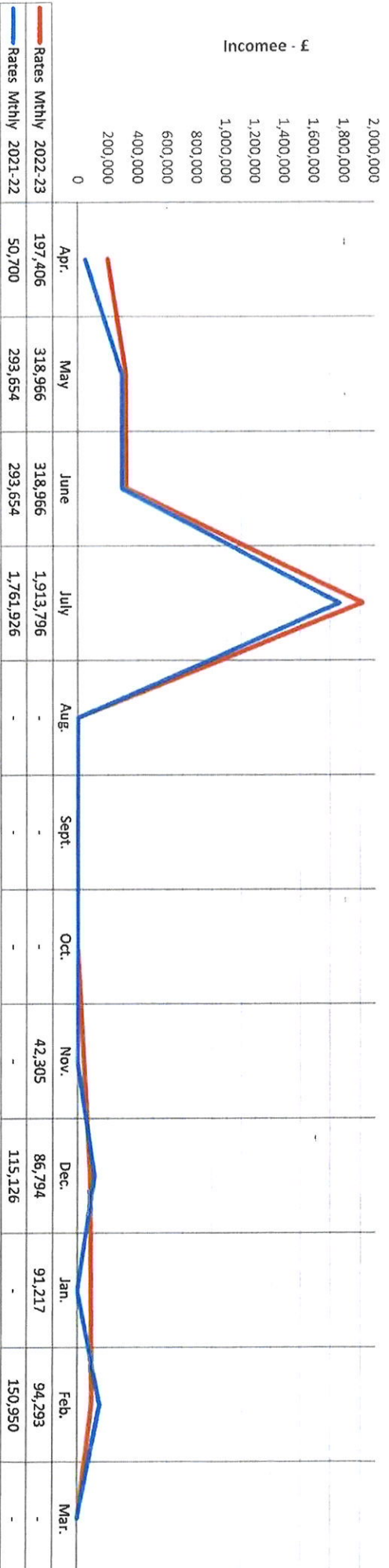
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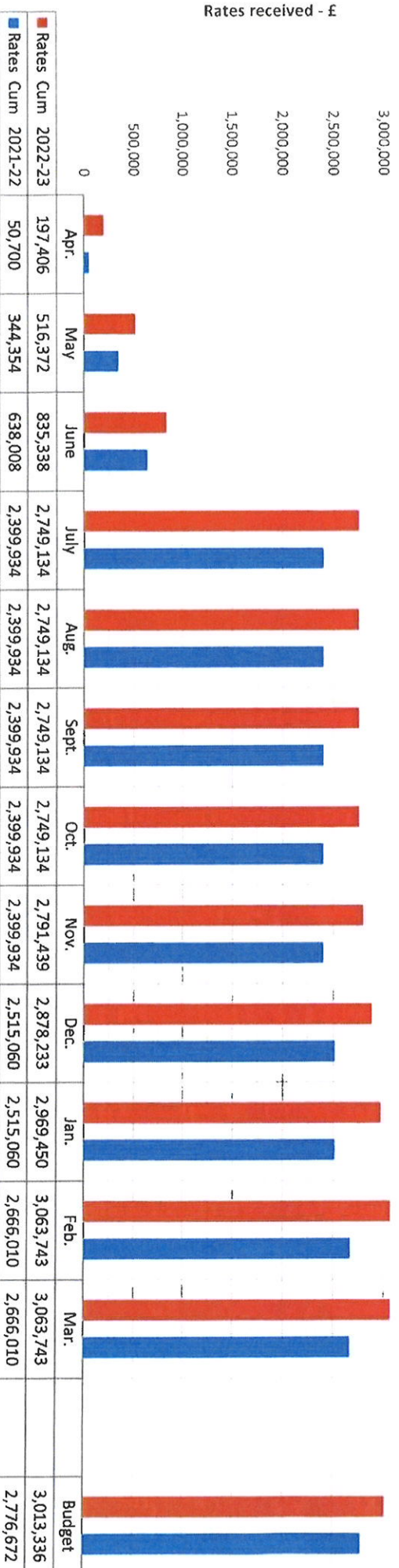
RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st MARCH 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)

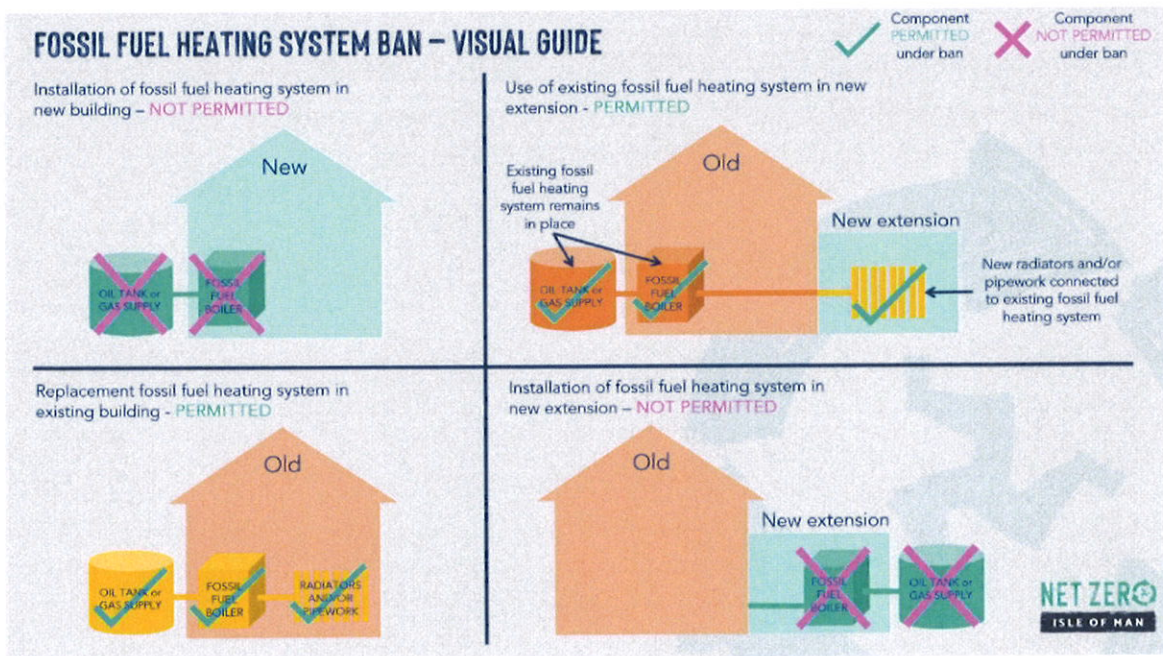


**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
CONSULTATION ... BUILDING CONTROL REFUSAL...FOSSIL FUEL
APRIL, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Climate Change Transformation Team are seeking views on proposals to refuse Building Control approval on applications for new buildings containing fossil fuel heating systems from 1st August 2023, as a way of effectively bringing forward the 1st January 2025 ban prohibiting installation of such systems.

The proposal is following an action within the Climate Change Action Plan 2022 – 27, approved by Tynwald last year to “Bring forward the ban on fossil fuel heating systems in new builds to 2024”. The diagram below shows graphically what would and would not be permitted if the Building Control regulations are changed.



The formal consultation seeks views on this proposed change. The questions from the consultation are appended for information.

- 1) Do Ramsey Town Commissioners wish to comment on the consultation?
- 2) Ramsey Town Commissioners need to develop a Strategy/Policy in relation to Net Zero and Climate Change (required as part of Net Zero reporting) should a committee be formed or should the Town Clerk prepare a plan for review?

Recommendations: For discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

4th April 2023.

5. Are you or your business/organisation involved in the property development, construction, or heating industries?

Yes No

If yes, please choose from the following options, which best describes your involvement:

- Design or preparation of plans eg. Architect
- Development company – engaged primarily in large projects, eg. Estates
- Development company – engaged primarily in small projects, eg. individual buildings
- Private individual undertaking a development eg. building own home
- Construction business/workforce
- Estate agent
- Heating system installer, engineer or retailer
- Heating fuel retailer
- Other

Please specify other

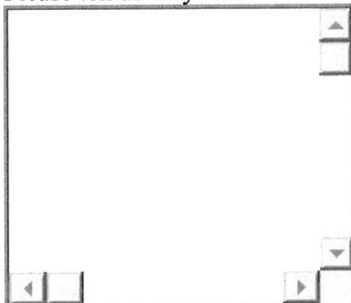
6. How would it affect you or your business if new Building Control applications, containing fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings, were refused from 1 August 2023?

[Please read before you answer](#)

Please note that if planning permission had already been obtained, this would not apply.

- NEGATIVELY - a small amount
- NEGATIVELY - a large amount
- POSITIVELY - a small amount
- POSITIVELY - a large amount
- It would not affect me/my business.
- I don't know

Please tell us why



7. I am concerned that the refusal of new Building Control applications, containing fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings, from 1 August 2023, will: (Choose all that apply)

[Please read before you answer](#)

We acknowledge that refusing new Building Control applications, containing fossil fuel heating systems in new buildings, from **1 August 2023**, will impact some individuals and would like to understand what concerns you may have.

Please select any areas of concern from the following list to assist us in our implementation planning.

- Delay construction of new buildings
- Delay to processing of Planning or Building Control applications
- Increase the cost to build new buildings
- Increase the sale price of new buildings
- Not reduce the number of fossil fuel heating systems being installed before 2025
- Create additional work or costs for affected businesses
- Not provide enough time for affected businesses to adapt
- Not reduce emissions quickly enough
- Not enough installers trained in low carbon heating options
- Me/my staff won't be adequately trained in time to fit alternatives

Please tell us why:

8. Do you agree that, if planning permission has already been obtained by 1 August 2023, building control approval should still be granted even if the development includes a fossil fuel heating system?

[Please read before you answer](#)

The proposals provide an **exception for developments in respect of which planning permission has already been granted by the cut-off date, 1 August 2023.**

This means that if, by the cut-off date, you have already obtained planning permission for a new building containing a fossil fuel heating system you will still be able to obtain Building Control approval for that development.

This is intended to avoid applicants having to resubmit plans.

NOTE: On 1 January 2025 it will become illegal to install a fossil fuel heating system in a new building – whether or not you have already obtained Planning or Building Control approval.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

Please tell us why:

9. Do you agree with the proposed meaning of 'fossil fuel heating system'?

[Proposals for what is meant by a 'fossil fuel heating system'](#)

IS a fossil fuel heating system (ie. will NOT be permitted)

New or pre-used boilers capable of providing heat and/or hot water through the combustion of fossil fuels (other than for high temperature applications for commercial or industrial purposes).

NOTE: This includes fossil fuel heating systems that *could* use low carbon fuels, such a hydrogen ready gas boilers or oil boilers that *could* use biofuels.

At present, neither hydrogen nor biofuels are available for building heating on the Isle of Man.

Allowing the continued installation of such heating systems would mean allowing the continued use of natural gas and oil to heat buildings, until low carbon alternatives become available.

Once the future of hydrogen and biofuels for home heating becomes clearer, these provisions could be revisited.

Supply and storage components of fossil fuel heating systems (eg. oil tank, gas supply), whether or not the boiler component is also installed.

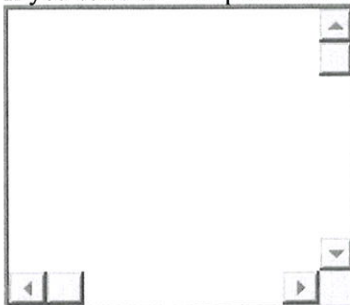
NOTE: These parts of a heating system, although they do not themselves burn fossil fuels, are included within the ban to discourage retrofitting with fossil fuel heating systems.

Oil or gas fired appliances that can also be used for cooking, if they are connected apparatus that supplies heat or hot water.

Anything that fits those descriptions will be affected by the 2025 ban **and** the current proposals.

- Yes, I agree with the proposed meaning.
- No, I disagree with the proposed meaning.
- I don't know / I'm not sure

If you selected 'No' please tell us why:



10. Do you agree with the list of exclusions?
Do you agree with the list of exclusions?

[Proposed list of exclusions](#)

IS NOT a fossil fuel heating system (ie. will be permitted)

Any low emissions heating system, including:

- air or ground source heat pumps;
- heat networks;
- solar thermal and solar thermal storage systems;
- electric storage heaters;
- electric boilers;
- fuel cells; and

- direct electric heaters (including electric panel heaters, electric fan heaters, thermal fluid-filled radiators, and electric radiant heaters).

Systems designed for high temperature applications for commercial or industrial purposes.

Freestanding heating appliances (eg. electric oil filled radiators, gas heaters that house a small bottle of gas etc.)

Components of heating systems that do not themselves burn fossil fuels eg. internal pipework, radiators, valves etc. (with the exception of supply and storage components).

Open fires and multi-fuel/wood burning stoves, whether or not connected to apparatus that supplies heat or hot water.

This includes AGAs and similar appliances that do not use oil or gas.

Biomass boilers (ie. boilers that use renewable biomass fuels such a woodchips)

Anything that fits those descriptions will **not** be affected by the 2025 or the current proposals

- Yes, I agree with the listed exclusions
- No, something needs adding to the list.
- No, there are items on the list that should be removed.
- I don't know / I'm not sure

If you selected 'No' please tell us why:

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11. Do you have any other comments on the proposed definition of a 'fossil fuel heating system'?
Please comment

12. Do you feel that you understand the implications of the 2025 ban?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' please tell us what you are unsure about

13. Do you feel that you understand the proposals made in this consultation?

- Yes
- No

If you selected 'No' please tell us what you are unsure about:

14. Are you concerned about how the 2025 ban will affect you or your business?

- Yes, I am concerned that I may need to resubmit for planning or building control approval
- Yes, I am concerned about how my business will be affected
- I am not concerned

If you selected 'Yes' (for any reason) please tell us about your concerns:

15. Are there any ways, not already mentioned, that the proposed changes might affect your business?

- Yes
- No
- I am not responding in relation to a business

If you selected 'Yes' please tell us about the ways your business might be affected by the proposals:

16. If you are NOT responding in relation to a business – why are these proposals important to you?
Please choose from the following options (you can select more than one):

- I am concerned about climate change
- I am concerned about the impact these proposals might have on house prices.
- I want to submit a planning or building control application soon
- I am considering buying a new-build property and would like more options with low emissions heating systems.
- I am considering buying a new-build property and want to retain more options with fossil fuel heating systems.
- I don't think we should be making changes to reduce emissions.

Please tell us why:

Overall, do you support the proposals to refuse Building Control applications from 1 August 2023 to prepare for the fossil fuel heating systems ban in new buildings by 1st January 2025?

- Yes I support these proposals
- No I don't support these proposals

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
HAIR PIN CAR PARK
APRIL, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

DEFA are planning to create a car park containing 13 spaces in the old quarry adjacent to the Hair Pin on the A18 Mountain Road. The car park is to enable improved access to the Glen and wooded area. There will be works to support the edges of the lane that runs from the Hair Pin to the old quarry. DEFA will undertake the works and the plan is that Manx Wildlife Trust would maintain the area following completion of the works.

The land is not in Ramsey but the lane running to the site delineates the Ramsey border. The Commissioners' views are being sought in advance of DEFA formally submitting the planning application.

The intention is that all materials will be retained on site and that the carpark surface will be compacted 50mm rolled stone.



Recommendations: For discussion.

T. R. K Cowin
Town Clerk

4th April 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 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: 4058
P.A. NO.: [23/00245/B](#)
PROPOSED: Conversion and extension to existing barn to form new dwelling, including associated hard and soft landscaping
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Existing Barn, Poyll Dooley House, Poyll Dooley, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4059
P.A. NO.: [23/00248/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of residence as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **3, Mafeking Terrace, Taubman Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4060
P.A. NO.: [23/00268/B](#)
PROPOSED: Extension to dwelling to provide en suite, materials to match existing
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Coil Beg, Cloughbane Walk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4061
P.A. NO.: [23/00296/B](#)
PROPOSED: Erection of extension to provide sunroom and dining room
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Pomeroy, Richmond Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4062
P.A. NO.: [23/00298/B](#)
PROPOSED: Removal of front and rear conservatories and erection of front porch, rear extension and replace existing roof with concrete tiles
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Woodbury, Grove Mount West, Ramsey**

Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
April 2023 – Public Continued:

REF NO: 4063
P.A. NO.: 23/00306/B
PROPOSED: Proposed variation of condition of approval No. 1 to PA 19/00778/B for an extension of time, proposed conversion and extension to outbuilding to create a residential dwelling
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Former Barn to the rear of The Auburns, 19, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4064
P.A. NO.: 23/00309/B
PROPOSED: Removal of central chimney stacks and replace with matching slate tiles
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **6/7, Albert Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4065
P.A. NO.: 23/00313/B
PROPOSED: Erection of a detached single garage in the rear garden
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **3, Auburn Place, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4066
P.A. NO.: 23/00369/B
PROPOSED: Alteration to reroof with concrete grey mini stonewold tiles, fitting dry verge and ridge system
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **16, Balleigh Mews, Alkest Way, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4067
P.A. NO.: 23/00370/B
PROPOSED: Erection of proposed garage and front porch extensions
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **33, Fairway Drive, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

11th April, 2023.

**R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL, 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>
20/01080/B R.T.C. 2808	Residential development of 138 dwellings with associated drainage, highway works and public open space	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	Meeting held: 21/10/20 Objection	04/05/22 Application REFUSED 13/05/22 Appeal requested 13/03/23 REFUSAL upheld at Appeal
22/00520/B R.T.C. 3992	Erection of dwelling	Land to the West of 17, Royal Park	Meeting held: 15/06/22 Objection	03/10/22 Application APPROVED 24/10/22 Appeal requested 13/03/23 APPROVAL upheld at Appeal

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
STREET LIGHTING - LANES
APRIL 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

During the March Board meeting members resolved to bring this issue to the public arena in April's Board meeting. For several years now the lighting in the lanes between Parliament Street and the quay have been quite problematic. The DOI initially undertook the refurbishment of the lanes before 2010 as a precursor to the main refurbishment of the street.

Over the years people have taken to storing items in the lanes such as refuse bins and barrels, blocking the uplighters. Due to the cellars in the area, it was not possible to place ducting in the ground to enable any future works to be undertaken without the need to lift a majority of the stonework.

The stone slabs come from China, are very expensive and have an extremely long lead in times for deliveries as they are cut to order now. Whilst every endeavour would be taken to protect the slabs during lifting it cannot be guaranteed that the slabs can be preserved. There are no spare slabs for any remedial works. The lights are also not of the best quality and several of them were placed outside the flood protection exposing them to saltwater ingress during times of flooding, degrading the cable and the fittings.

Initially all three lanes had a streetlight in the middle of them, two of which were fitted to buildings. With the demolition of Auldyn House the street light head in Courier Lane was removed. Whilst it is not ideal to fix lights to buildings consideration should be given to consulting with the owner of Auldyn House about fixing a streetlight to the side of his building.

The lanes are popular as a short cut through the day, but the lighting is not necessarily required through the day. There are a number of properties that have access off the lanes, and they do look very appealing lit up.

The Local Government Act 1916 provides the Commission with the power [but not the duty] to provide and maintain street lighting for any of the streets or places within the area of the town as defined within the Town Boundaries.

Section 254 states: *Commissioners may contract for lighting streets. The Commission may, from time to time, enter into any contract with any company or persons for lighting any of the streets or places within the district with gas or other light, or for the supply of gas or other means of providing light; or for the supply of pipes, burners, meters, lamps, lampposts, or other apparatus or appliance for lighting the said streets and places, and for the repair thereof, in such a manner and upon such terms as shall be agreed upon between the Commissioners and such company or person.*

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Street Lighting - Lanes -
April, 2023, - Public Continued:**

If the board wish to consider replacing the up-lights, then consideration should be given to resurfacing all three lanes. With uncertainty over the lifting and replacing of the slabs it could give rise to issues and affect the appearance and the useability of the lanes and quicken the maintenance period. It is unknown the number of replacement slabs required, and for future maintenance it may be worthwhile ordering additional slabs to prevent a recurrence of this situation if the Board decided they wished to keep the same appearance in the lanes.

With such a costly and long lead in time it is not practical to consider keeping the slabs. Alternative materials would be cheaper, quicker resourced for ongoing maintenance issues. At a time of increasing financial pressure, it is not thought to be a practical consideration to be purchasing stone to replace like for like or to consider resurfacing the lanes completely.

There are a number of options available to the board going forward for the lanes:-

- Leave them as they are and do nothing, and as the lights gradually go out do not replace them.
- Change the fitting on the 3 streetlights that are in the 3 lanes and cap off the up-lighters.
- Put additional street light columns in and cap off the up-lights.
- Put festoon lighting down the lanes and cap off the up-lights.
- Change the street light fittings and keep the up-lights at either end until such times as they are no longer viable.
- Put bollards in the lane – the lanes are narrow at either end and already restrictive for access.
- Put wall lights up – waivers would be required from building owners
- Replace up-lights
- Cap off the lights and do nothing.

Price options start from £3,500 by simply replacing the exiting street light fittings to £33,000 to replacing the uplighters in the lane and allowing for a small stock of stone to be purchased to replace any breakages.

Recommendation: For discussion

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

28th March 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
2023 EVENTS / CORONATION
APRIL 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

Coronation Events

Ramsey Community Hub are staging events on 6th and 7th May 2023 at Ramsey Courthouse. Queen's Pier Restoration Trust are staging an event on 8th May 2023.

The Cabinet Office has advised that a "Coronation Event Fund" has been created for events which are associated with or themed around the Coronation. Local Authorities can apply for a grant of up to £2,000 towards 80 percent of eligible costs.

Applications can be made up to 28th April for an event to take place by 31st May 2023 and events must demonstrate a clear link to the celebration of the Kings Coronation in terms of the theme/event. Officers will liaise with the Lead Member for Parks and Leisure to prepare a report on a possible Coronation event to be tabled at the Board Meeting on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

Picnic In the Park & Radio Caroline North - 5th August 2023

Officers have met with the organisers of Radio Caroline North to agree aspects of the joint Picnic In the Park and Radio Caroline North event to take place on 5th August 2023.

Ramsey Rocks – 27th August 2023

Officers will meet with the Lead Member for Parks and Leisure in early May to agree an outline for this event.

Firework Display – 4th November 2023

Officers will liaise with the Lead Member for Parks and Leisure to agree a theme for the 2023 fire work display.

Christmas Grotto at the Courthouse – 2nd / 3rd December 2023

Officers will liaise with the Lead Member for Parks and Leisure to agree an outline for this event.

Recommendation: for noting and further reporting.

H S Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

12th April 2023

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION
APRIL, 2023 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness; viz

11th April, 2023 – Airport Parking Fees

Notice of Motion under Standing Order 14

I would like to move that the board write to the Isle of Man Airport and Department of Infrastructure objecting to the proposed change in Airport Parking free parking from 60 minutes to 15 minutes.

Ramsey residents are already disadvantaged with off island travel due to the lack of public transport that can ensure attendance at a port for the early morning departure and if connection is possible the cost of two bus journeys due to connecting in Douglas.

As a result travel by car to the airport is a necessity and this change will disproportionately impact residents of Ramsey and the North who are restricted in timing their arrival at the airport to collect a passenger and have to allow a wider window of waiting time.

There is no practical advantage to restricting free parking to 15 minutes and the enforcement of this seems to be an unrealistic task. There is no evidence to suggest that the car park is filled with people abusing 60 minutes of free parking for alternative purposes other than attending the airport to pick up or drop off family and friends. To introduce a £3 charge for anyone staying longer than 15 minutes is just a money grabbing operation at the expense of people waiting on delayed flights or baggage claim.



Isle of Man
Government
Sullagh Ellias Trench

Department of Infrastructure Highway Services Public Notices

You may request copies of any proposed TROs by email to: highwayregulations.doi@gov.im

Details of upcoming roadworks and events affecting roads can be found online at www.gov.im/upcoming-roadworks

Douglas Orders - The Department gives notice that it proposes to make the following Orders the effect of which will be - **Douglas, Traffic Regulations Consolidation (Amendment) (No 4) Order 2023** – to impose a section of no waiting on the north-east side of Broadway, Douglas at the entrance to Mannin Hotel car park. **Central Douglas (Parking Places Designation) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Order 2023** - to amend the time a vehicle may wait on a section of disc parking on the north-east side Broadway and Sherwood Terrace, Douglas. Draft copies of the Orders and plans are available upon request by email to highwayregulations.doi@gov.im or the offices of **Douglas Borough Council** during normal office hours. Any person wishing to make representations on or object to this proposal should do so by notice in writing to **Department of Infrastructure, Highway Services, Regulations Team, Sea Terminal Building, Douglas, IM1 2RF** on or before **Friday 21 April 2023**. Ref: PER148

Department of Infrastructure Off-Street Parking Places Order 2023 - The Department gives notice that it has made an Order, the effect of which was on and from **7 April 2023** to consolidate all the individual parking orders that regulate use of many of its car parks on the Island into a single comprehensive order. A copy of the Order is available for inspection by email to highwayregulations.doi@gov.im or in person at the **Department's Highway Services, Regulations Section, Sea Terminal, Douglas, IM1 2RF** by appointment only and during normal office hours. Ref: PER168

St Johns to Glen Wyllin (Public Right of Way No.361) Public Path Order 2023 – The Department gives notice that it proposes to make an Order under Section 91(3) of the Highways Act 1986, the effect of which will be to widen the footpath, made up of the existing Public Right of Way No.361, from the Heritage Trail at St Johns to Glen Wyllin, Kirk Michael. A draft copy of the Order and plan is available for inspection, free of charge, during normal office hours, at; **The Department of Infrastructure, First Floor, Sea Terminal, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2RF**, or at the offices of **Michael District Commissioners, Main Road, Kirk Michael, IM6 1ER**, or by contacting **German Parish Commissioners** by email, gpc1@manx.net, or by telephone 01624 816112. Any person wishing to make representations on or object to this proposal should do so by notice in writing to the **Highway Services Division**, address in the paragraph above, or by email to prow@gov.im. Objections must be received on or before **Friday 5 May 2023**. Ref: PER161

Isle of Man Airport Parking Places (Amendment) Order 2023 - The Department gives notice that it proposes to make an Order the effect of which will be to amend the principal order as follows – (1) Reducing the period during which the parking is free of charge (from 60 minutes to 15 minutes); and (2) Setting out the scale of charges and clarifying what, and when, charges are to be paid to the Department. A draft copy of the Order and plan is available upon request by email to Admin.Airport@gov.im. Any person wishing to make representations on or object to this proposal should do so by notice in writing to **Commercial Officer, Isle of Man Airport, Ballasalla IM9 2AS** on or before **Friday 21 April 2023**. Ref: PER169

Standing Order 14 - Notices of Motion provides:

“Notices of every motion relating to any new subject or matter not already before the Board, other than a motion which under Standing Order 15 may be moved without notice, shall be given in writing at the ordinary meeting preceding the one at which it is intended to bring it forward or it shall be delivered in writing, duly signed by the member giving the notice, at the office of the Town Clerk at least 5 clear days before the next meeting.”

Standing Order 14 also provides that “the Chairman may, if conducive to the despatch of business, allow the motion to be dealt with at the meeting at which it is brought forward.”

Town Clerk's Note – a copy of the Draft Isle of Man Airport Parking Places (Amendment) Order 2023, pertinent to this Notice of Motion is enclosed for Members' information. The document is watermarked “Draft for Consultation” – but it would appear that this is a “selective” consultation as it does not appear in the Government Consultation Hub.

11th April, 2023.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT(S)
APRIL, 2023 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following Reports have been submitted by Mr. McGuinness:-

Northern Local Authorities Swimming Pool Board

“I attended the March board meeting of the NLASPB on 27th March. Unfortunately due to a variety of reasons only 2 other members were able to join the meeting so it was not quorate, however the meeting proceeded and the decisions taken will be ratified at the next board meeting.

The manager’s report shows attendance numbers consistent with 2022 and the warm spaces initiative has been considered to be successful with over 1000 admissions during the period. The facilities role as providing a service to the people of the north was once again considered and the staff praised for their flexibility with ensuring the public first focus.

The minor capital works to fix the paving subsidence to the east of the facility have finally been completed although other projects are still awaiting progress from department including a replacement learner pool cover which is integral to the retention of heat overnight and therefore less energy costs being spent. Future investment in replacement heat exchangers for the pool has been raised with DESC.

The finances for the facility were discussed in length. Whilst the gas price is reduced for residential consumers this is not the case for commercial properties making the increase in electricity prices an even greater blow to operational costs. The silver lining is that it evidences the project to change lighting to LED’s has paid for itself in reducing a portion of the increases compared to what they would have been on the previous light array. This also reinforces the need for government to help local authorities and statutory boards fund feasibility studies into the potential for solar panels or other energy generation models.

In addition to rising costs the board were made aware that of the 7 Local Authorities that contribute rates to the facility only 3 increased their contributions to 6p as requested, with 3 maintaining 2.5p and 1 LA increasing to 3p. This has created a £12k deficit in the projected budget for the year ahead with the DESC not covering this difference in projected income. It evidences that the recently passed amendment to legislation is not fit for purpose and has in reality created more of an issue due to the lack of consistency or reliability of funding, one of the board members advised that a Minister made reference to the discretionary nature of the payment to LA’s at a recent roadshow as well as the reference to this not being enforceable in Tynwald debate.

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In order to meet this £12k reduction in income the pool attendance costs were reviewed and a variety of alteration options considered, whilst increases were agreed it is pleasing that once again the concession entrance fee of £2.50 was maintained to ensure that families and young people did not find cost a barrier to being able to gain access to safe swimming. As part of this review the possibility of an annual membership was discussed in depth from the perspectives of administration required to deliver the membership and the impact on the income of the facility. After much debate it was decided that at this juncture such a scheme would not be a viable option as the facility does not have access to the Gladstone Leisure Management platform that enables the NSC to manage memberships nor the buffer in the budget to respond to fluctuations in projected income, the board were open to reviewing this in the future should these positions change.

Despite these financial challenges the staff at the pool continue to provide excellent service and an incredibly positive attitude. Recent issues with the boiler that resulted in a number of days closure were handled professionally and proactively with the closure of the facility not going to waste and an impromptu deep clean being undertaken. This “can do” approach is a credit to the pool and the whole north of the island and I have been immensely proud to have served as Chairman over the past year.”

6th April, 2023.