

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, 21st June, 2023, at 7.00 p.m.

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

Canon Greenwood has been granted leave of absence.

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

(2023/24:037) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 17th May, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(2023/24.038:) Matters Arising:

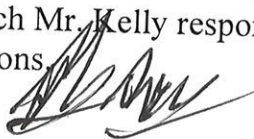
The following matters, not specifically appearing within the Agenda were raised by members:

038a) Airport Parking Charges – Mr. McGuinness queried if a further letter had been sent with regard to proposed changes to airport parking charges. The Town Clerk confirmed that it had and an acknowledgement of the correspondence had been received.

038b) T.T. Week Events – Mr. Kelly took the opportunity to convey thanks to all involved in the success of events in the Town during TT and also those involved in looking after the Town, he also recorded thanks to those members of the Chamber of Commerce who opened on the Sunday. Mr. Kelly commented that there were positives and negatives to the events, mainly positives, but hoped that negatives could be looked at and improved upon for future events.

038c) Provision of Ice Cream Mooragh Park – Mr. McGuinness recorded his praise of the new tenants at the Boathouse Café particularly in their provision of ice creams.

039) South Foreshore – References were made to the cleanliness of the South foreshore – Mr. Young commented that there were no birds nesting; Miss Craine commented that actions with regard to the beach must be done within the law; Mr. Singer referred to the smell which Mr. Kelly responded were due to accumulation of seaweed and recent tidal conditions.



Matters for Information:

(2023/24:039) Action Tracker June, 2023:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 15th June, 2023, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

North Promenade Changing Huts: Mr. Cowell suggested it might be worthwhile to have this item removed from the Tracker and divert funding to the South Promenade changing huts. Discussion ensued with regard to meetings that have taken place with sea swimmers concerning provision of changing huts on both promenades and progress on planning applications. Mr. McGuinness referred to the time factor of discussions and commented that Standing Orders should technically require to be suspended to allow discussion. Mr. Cowell commented he was content to wait and no further discussion took place.

Mooragh Promenade Shelter Public Art – Mr. McGuinness referred to the need to complete one shelter. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that the school will complete the artwork, by way of including a seagull.

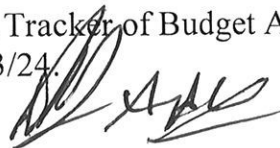
Planning Enforcements – Mr. Singer referred to the lack of action by Planning Enforcers – the Town Clerk undertook to refer the matter to the Minister in attempt to progress action.

Mooragh Park Shelter Public Art – Mr. McGuinness queried progress on this matter – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that as reported no response has been received from DFE but he will attempt to seek a response.

Miss Craine queried the format of the “Action Tracker” particularly the “reporting date” – the Town Clerk undertook to review the format and to either drop the date or ensure it is included elsewhere.

(2023/24:040) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 15th June, 2023 and that for proposals for 2023/24.



Finance and General Purposes:

(2023/24:041) Town Clerk’s Report – Consultation on the Removal of Low Value Coinage:

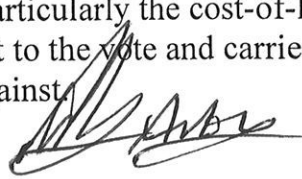
Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 12th June, 2023, which contained questions put within the Treasury’s Consultation with regard to proposals to remove low value coinage.

Mr. Cowell suggested that the following responses (summarised) to the consultation be submitted on behalf of the Commission:-

Question 1: Do you agreed that 1p, 2p and 5p coins no longer have any real purchasing power?	Response – yes
Question 2: Do you agreed that some or all of the 1p only, 2p only, 1p and 2p only; or 1p 2p and 5p coins should be withdrawn from circulation?	Response – no in all cases
Question 3: Do you agree with the proposal to introduce rounding?	Response - no

Mr. Cowell qualified the unfairness of the proposals particularly for the demographics of the population who still prefer paying in cash. Mr. McGuinness agreed with Mr. Cowell’s comments and added that charities would be suffer if the proposals were introduced.

Mr. Singer referred to the priorities of Treasury in promoting the consultation when there are far more pressing measures to which this consultation was irrelevant; he felt the round-up proposals were a method of introducing inflation. Mr. Singer proposed that the Commission oppose the proposals and make comment that the consultation is an unnecessary waste of Government’s time and the concern at the lack of attention to priorities affecting the Isle of Man particularly the cost-of-living crisis. Mr. Young seconded the proposal which was put to the vote and carried by 9 votes to 2 – Messrs. Beighton and McGuinness voting against.



(2023/24:042) Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Electoral Commission:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 7th June, 2023, advising of receipt of a public consultation, following meetings held around the Island. The consultation is aimed at individuals, the Commissioners' having made a substantive response to the proposals in April, 2023.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed, the Electoral Commission be invited to attend a further public meeting in Ramsey to fully inform the residents of proposals with regard to constituency boundary changes. It was further resolved and agreed that the Electoral Commission be informed that the Commissioners challenge the arbitrary percentage variance as a driver for constituency boundaries and highlight the importance of community and geographical ties as well as the potential for negative effects of changes which do not make cultural or local sense to residents impacted. It was also agreed to reinforce the views conveyed in April that the constituency boundary changes need to take account of population numbers Island-wide and Government's goal to grow the population by 15,000 should be taken into consideration particularly as area plans are still in a state of flux.

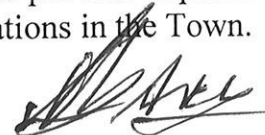
(2023/24:043) Town Clerk's Report – Local Government Amendment Bill 2023:

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk's report dated 14th June, 2023, advising of receipt of a details of the progression of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023. The Town Clerk drew attention particularly to reference to boundaries and codes of conduct. Mr. Singer reminded members that they could discuss the Clauses with Members of the House of Keys if they felt particularly strongly about any matters. A copy of the Bill had been provided to members in advance of the meeting.

(2023/24:044) Town Clerk's Report – Tennis Club Use of the Mooragh Courts:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 14th June, 2023, conveying the request from Ramsey Tennis Club to extend the period of their agreement for occupancy of the tennis courts situate in the Mooragh Park at the existing nominal consideration of £5 per year. The Club wish to continue the strategy of maintenance and wish to be more involved with events happening in the park. In addition the Club seek financial support towards provision of trophies for the "Town Cup" competitions at which the Commissioners will be invited to present prizes.

A proposal was put by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Cowell that the Commission agree to the Club's requests. Mr. Williams queried the purpose of a grant to the Club of £150 and members were advised that it is understood it is used to provide trophies. Mr. Williams queried the fairness of this to other sporting organisations in the Town.



An amendment was put by Mr. McGuinness that the Club's requests be agreed, with the exception of the donation of £150. This was seconded by Mr. Parker. Miss Craine proposed a further amendment that the matter be deferred to the budget setting process in case other Clubs come forward to seek a grant – the proposal did not receive a seconder. Mr. McGuinness queried if paying a grant to the clubs was permissible. Members noted that several supporting Clubs did hold "Town Cup" Competitions.

The amendment put by Mr. McGuinness was put to the vote and carried without division.

(2023/24:045) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 14th June, 2023, subject to the following:-

Accounts – the Finance Officer informed members that the accounts listed are inclusive of V.A.T., which is claimed back, provided information with regard to several of the payments listed within appendix 1 and answered questions put by members.

Rates – the Finance Officer commented that the schedule of rate payments received was on the same schedule as previous years. A further payment is due from Treasury towards the end of June, 2023.

Works and Development:

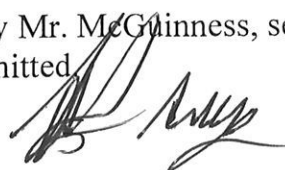
(2023/24:046) Town Clerk's Report – Public Bodies Climate Change Reporting:

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 26th May, 2023, to which was appended a draft report required to be submitted, by 31st July, 2023, in terms of the Climate Change Act 2021.

Mr. McGuinness queried the Commission's LED and Solar provision and was advised that these matters did not fall into the reporting period, namely 1st April, 2022 – 31st March 2023. Mr. Parker commented that he felt the Commission was doing a good job in reducing their carbon emissions – he had been on line and made comparison with other authorities but whilst our figures are lower there is a cost to ratepayers.

Miss Craine queried how heating costs and gas exchange figures were calculated – heating being calculated, mainly for housing where the Commission is responsible for payments, and gas exchange – via a "drop-down" menu with automated calculations. Mr. Singer queried who had completed the report and provided costs – the Town Clerk replied that the Finance Officer had on-going figures and statistics and that the time taken in compiling the report had not been overly time consuming.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed, the provided report be submitted



(2023/24:047) Technical Services Manager's Report - Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 12th June, 2023, May, 2023, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO: 4078
P.A. NO.: 23/00573/C
PROPOSED: Additional use of Apartments 2, 3 and 19 as tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use
SITE: **2, 3 & 19, The Elms, Lezayre Road, Ramsey**

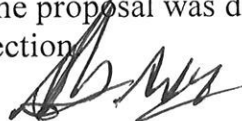
Discussion ensued during which members noted one objection had been submitted to the application from a neighbour. Mixed views were expressed about the need for tourist accommodation, creation of any precedent, possible loss of residential accommodation; change of use to tourism resulting in fewer properties being available for permanent residences. A proposal by Mr. McGuinness that an observation be made about parking requirements did not receive a seconder. No further proposals were put forward and therefore no comments on the application will be submitted.

REF NO: 4084
P.A. NO.: 23/00652/GB
PROPOSED: Installation of rear balcony at first floor level and change of use from offices to single dwelling (in association with RB consent application 23/00653/CON)
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **9, Auckland Terrace, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4085
P.A. NO.: 23/00653/CON
PROPOSED: Internal alterations to facilitate conversion from offices to single dwelling, installation of first floor balcony at rear, replacement windows, and alteration of rear window to create door RB152 (in association with 23/00652/B)
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **9, Auckland Terrace, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

Consideration of the above applications were considered at the same time. Discussion ensued with mixed views about welcome investment in the town compared with loss of office space.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Singer, the Commission object to the proposal on the grounds that the development would erode the commercial district of the town which needs offices and be contrary to zoning in that area of the Town. Miss Craine was advised that Standing Orders did not permit her to abstain from voting. The proposal was defeated by 9 votes to 2, there being no further support to the objection.



Housing and Property:

(2023/24:048) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Albert Road Site:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13th June, 2023, advising of a request made by the Mountain View Innovation Centre to permit the Albert Road Site to be used as a drop-off/pick-up point on 22nd July, 2023, to help transport to an event at the Centre.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker seconded by Miss Craine and agreed by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against, that permission be granted.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:049) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13th June, 2023, confirming that a survey would be undertaken following the recently held Sprintfest Event and further report would be presented to the Commission.

Mr. Court, Lead Member, took the opportunity to convey thanks to Mr. McGuinness, his assistants, the participants, businesses, Police, helpers and volunteers who all contributed towards the success of this event. Mr. Kelly queried if the survey was available – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that it would be placed on Facebook.

Mr. Cowell commented on the good attendance and thanked the Deputy Town Clerk in ensuring that mitigations were in place and had improved the event this year and hoped that any points of mitigation that might be raised this year could be incorporated to make this event even better.

(2023/24:050) . Notice of Motion Telephone Box Courthouse Ground:

Mr. McGuinness presented his notice of motion dated 15th June, 2023, as précised hereunder, and which the Chairman permitted be considered:-

"In May 2021 it was agreed by Ramsey Town Commissioners to look into the costs and practicalities associated with adopting the Telephone Box located at the Courthouse, as Manx Telecom were considering removal due to lack of use and converting it into a location for a defibrillator.....

Mr. McGuinness proposed "that Ramsey Town Commissioners contact Manx Telecom to enquire regarding the status of adoption of the phone box that was not taken up in 2021 and, at the same time, open up dialogue with the conservation officer and/or planning department within DEFA regarding the practical steps involved in making the phone box an attractive beneficial part of the town (a defibrillator storage facility for example) which is able to be maintained, and not left to be a rotting eyesore, in a pragmatic and cost sensible manner in line with the preservation order." Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which was agreed without division.

Any Other Business:

(2023/24:051) Raft South Foreshore:

Mr. Young informed members that he had received a verbal offer from a company “KEL Developments” offering to repair the raft free of charge. Mr. Young proposed, that the offer be accepted, which was seconded by Miss Craine. Members queried if the offer was to repair the raft to the same design or something more suitable to the weather conditions prevailing in the bay? Mr. Court expressed concern that the existing design is not fully fit for purpose. The Housing and Property Manager informed members that he too had received offers from 2 joiners to undertake repairs.

The proposal was put to the vote and carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Beighton voting against. Contact details were provided and the Housing and Property Manager was authorised to discuss the matter with the contractor.

2023/24:052) Sundry Matters:

052a) Park Gardens – Mr. Singer commented and congratulated the parks and works staff on the delightful state of the Mooragh Park and particularly hanging baskets on park railings.

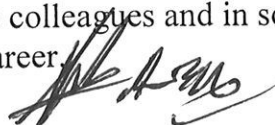
052b) Car Parks – Mr. Singer drew attention to the condition of the Station Road and Mooragh Amenity Area car park the condition of which he felt had deteriorated due to the recent hot weather repairs for which he considered should be scheduled now.

Mr. Singer moved that the Commission consult the Department of Infrastructure and seek advice on the current situation and advice on how to remedy the matter to ensure both car park surfaces are suitable. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Young and carried by 7 votes to 4 – Messrs. Cowell, Kelly, Parker and Williams voting against.

052c) Retirement – Mrs. S. Woolley – Mr. Cowell referred to the retirement from local journalism and proposed that the Commission’s appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Woolley be recorded and conveyed to her for all her work for the Town over many years. Mr. Cowell’s sentiments were agreed, without formal resolution.

052d) Mr. L. I. Singer – Mr. Cowell referred to comments made recently by Mr. Signer that he was commemorating 50 years in politics in 2023. Mr. Cowell commented on this amazing achievement which ranged from local politics in the U.K. and in Ramsey and his contributions as a Member of Tynwald. Mr. Cowell commented that Mr. Singer deserved a gold medal for his achievements but in the absence of a medal presented Mr. Singer with a Gold Trophy to mark the occasion. Members agreed with Mr. Cowell’s sentiments and gave Mr. Singer a spontaneous round of applause.

Mr. Singer thanked Mr. Cowell and his colleagues and in so doing stated he has enjoyed every minute of his political career



2023/24:052) Sundry Matters:

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following:

052e) Temporary Repairs Table Tops – the Department has undertaken temporary repairs to table tops within Parliament Street – the permanent repairs will be undertaken in the near future.

052f) Fast Chargers Station Road – details have been provided about the different costs for normal and faster car charging points to be fitted in Station Road Car Park – the routine charges will cost 31p per unit and the fast-charging 39p.

052g) Promenade Steps – the Department of Infrastructure has confirmed it is to undertake works to clean the steps leading to the south foreshore and works to reduce the height of the steps opposite Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Maughold’s Church.

052h) Correspondence / Information:

052h.i) Local Authority statutory nuisances – further letter sent to Chief Minister.

052h.ii) Planning Vullan Fields – plans have been submitted.

052h.iii) Bus Vannin – letter of thanks for use of Albert Road Site during TT.

052h.iv) Air Port Car Parking Charges – holding acknowledgment received from Department of Infrastructure after follow up-letter.

052h.v) Courthouse Felling of Tree – felling of cherry tree at the Courthouse reported to Commissioners and members informed that the BCC had been sent requested photographs.

The Chairman thanked the media for attending and also those watching via live-streaming and closed the public session at 8.37 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.

(2023/24:053) Minutes:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Meeting with representative of the Shoprite Group held on 12th May, 2023.

Matters for Information:

(2023/24:054) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 15th June, 2023, subject to the following:-

Rates Arrears – Proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed that Treasury be informed that the Commissioners wish them to proceed with legal action against rate defaulters



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(2023/24:0055) On-Going Matters - Register of Ruinous Property, Unsightly Land and Buildings:

Resolved: To note the “Register of Ruinous Property ..” to 15th June, 2023, subject to the following:-

Forced Purchase – Miss Craine queried if the Commission could pursue the forced sale of a particular property included on the Register. The Town Clerk advised not at the present stage – service and expiry of Notices after legal advice is obtained.

Charges and cost of legal advice would be a charge against the property.

[Post meeting note – it was brought to the Town Clerk’s attention that the Housing Act 1955 has the powers for a local authority to compulsorily purchase a property “that after appeal cannot be rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense”.]

Finance and General Purposes:

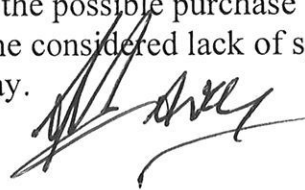
(2023/24:056) Town Clerk’s Report – Boundary Inquiry:

Resolved: To note and approve the Town Clerk’s report dated 14th June, 2023, advising of the appointment of an independent chair for the Boundary Extension Inquiry, and setting out the timetable for the remainder of the process. The Town Clerk asked members if they wished to discuss the Consultation at a special meeting or monthly Board meeting. The Town Clerk undertook to provide members with a copy of the consultation after which an informed decision could be made.

(2023/24:057) Town Clerk’s Report – Shoprite Potential Expansion of Shop:

Members considered the Town Clerk’s report dated 13th June, 2023, advising of draft proposals submitted by the Shoprite Group for possible expansion of their Ramsey supermarket which would require the ultimate loss of car parking spaces should it be approved. It was noted that the company would be prepared to negotiate an exchange of land for that of the former laundry/boxing gym site.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed that the Group be informed that whilst being supportive of the expansion proposals the Commission could not agree to the exchange with the laundry / boxing gym site . It was further resolved to investigate the possible purchase of the site for housing purposes. Mr. Singer referred to what he considered lack of space at the expansion for a heavy goods vehicles’ turning bay.



(2023/24:058) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Boathouse Café:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 13th June, 2023, advising of problems encountered by the new tenants in the assignment of the lease of the Boathouse Café, which did not come under remit of the Ramsey Town Commissioners, as landlords to rectify.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 7 votes to 3, Miss Craine declared an interest and did not vote and Messrs. Court, Parker and Young voting against, that the tenant be informed that the Commission is sympathetic of the circumstances and whilst they cannot make a financial contribution to cost incurred by them, they are prepared to allow a deferred rental payment scheme.

(2023/24:059) Finance Officer's Report:

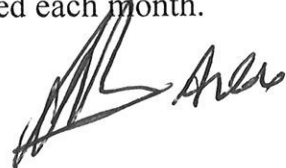
Resolved: To note Finance Officer's report dated 14th June, 2023, subject to the following:-

Bank Balances - the Finance Officer advised members of the main differences between the balances on the accounts compared with the figures of the previous year.

Rent Arrears – the Finance Officer advised that there was an increase in rent arrears, which is usual at this time of year. The tenant in arrears listed second on the list was now in receipt of benefits which included a sum to reduce arrears but payment of the debt would take some time to clear.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer informed members that several of the debts listed had been paid and also that some of the debtors have entered into payment plan agreements. Mr. McGuinness referred to some companies on the list which are no longer trading and queried what action was being taken to recover these debts and commended that it would be prudent to register debts. The Finance Officer advised that every effort is being made to make contact.

Mr. Cowell informed members that it is proposed to stream-line the Finance Officer's report and that the full analysis of Estimates and Revenue Expenditure would only be included on a quarterly basis but a summary would be included each month.



Works and Development:

(2023/24:060) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Streetlight Timings:

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 13th June, 2023, regarding the times that street lights are illuminated and having regard with the “Spend to save” replacement programme. A proposal by Mr. McGuinness that the Commission use bespoke photocells based on current timings did not receive a seconder.

A proposal by Mr. Williams that the matter be deferred and the Technical Services Manager be asked to provide costings, was seconded by Mr. Cowell and carried by 10 votes to 1, Mr. McGuinness voting against.

Housing and Property:

(2023/24:061) Minutes Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 13th June, 2023, subject to the following:-

Clause 004b) Mr. Kelly associated this clause to tenants with untidy gardens and asked if inspection of gardens was undertaken? The Housing and Property Manager advised members that gardens are inspected and should it be necessary to clear them when a property is vacated the costs are charged to the tenant.

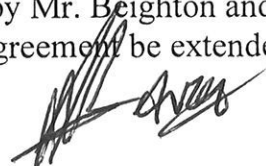
Clause 005f) Mr. Beighton informed members that he had been contacted by a friend of the tenant concerned to determine if an appeal could be made. The Lead Member advised that the tenant had been aware of terms of their tenancy and been advised of a possible compromise.

Clause 010c) Mr. McGuinness queried if the complaint referred to was factually correct? The Town Clerk suggested the matter should have been referred to the Establishment Committee.

(2023/24:062) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Agreement for the Management of Lambhill, Bride:

Members considered the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 14th June, 2023, seeking the Commission’s view on the extension for a further 12 months of the agreement whereby the Commissioners manage 12 properties at Lambhill Bride on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed by 10 votes to 1, Mr. Williams voting against that the Agreement be extended.



(2023/24:063) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:

Resolved: to note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 14th June, 2023, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

Parks and Leisure:

(2023/24:064) Raft South Foreshore:

Mr. Court referred to the offer, recorded in public, by a company to repair the raft usually situated off the south foreshore. He wished to record that the Commissioners must ensure that they are not sacrificing scrutiny and safety of the raft and must be 100% confident that it is safe.

(2023/24:065) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Mooragh Park Ice Cream:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 13th June, 2023, advising of a current status with regard to the provision of ice cream within the Mooragh Park.

Mr. Beighton referred to the tenants of the Boathouse who are keen to find a solution and suggested that the Bowling Kiosk might be suitable and therefore proposed that the Commissioners investigate the installation of shed to allow the sale, subject to compliance with Food/Hygiene and Health and Safety. It was noted that a local ice cream wholesaler had indicated a willingness to provide a freezer. The Deputy Town Clerk indicated that planning approval might be necessary for a fixed building.

It was proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed to Suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue to its conclusion.

Mr. McGuinness did not disagree with Mr. Beighton’s comments but in seconding the proposal ask for additions in that we ask for the removal of an existing shed provided for the sale of ice cream and replace it with our own facility. He also expressed concern at a lack of tender process but recognised time factors. Mr. Cowell suggested that the Commission negotiate with regard to the existing shed – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that it is on land included as part of an existing agreement.

Mr. Beighton suggested that investigation for a suitable site include the areas of the Gardeners’ shed and the bandstand area.

The proposal, as amended, was carried without division.



Any Other Business:

(2023/24:066) Sundry Matters:

066a) Local Club – Miss Craine referred to problems being encountered by the current Committee of a local club in accessing their bank records Ramsey and asked if the Commissioners could offer any assistance. Miss Craine was advised not it was a private matter between an outgoing committee and its new membership.

066b) Derelict Site – Mr. Cowell referred to “Facebook” allegations of persons gaining access of a derelict site in public ownership. Members were informed that officers had been made aware of this but that there was no supporting evidence.

066c) Amenity Land Vollan Area – Mr. Young referred to amenity land at the Vollan which is proposed for public use. The Town Clerk informed members that whilst he has a plan of proposals the land has not been conveyed into public ownership.

Matters of Establishment:

(2023/24:067) Minutes Establishment Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the minutes of the meeting of the Establishment Committee held on 9th May, 2023. Members were informed that interviews to fill vacancies on the outdoor staff would take place during the week commencing 26th June, 2023. An update was given on the future operation of the C.A. Site

Mr. McGuinness asked about progress on the weekly to monthly payment of wages. The Town Clerk informed members that two options had been agreed at Establishment and could be progressed following ratification by the Board at this meeting.

Mr. Cowell informed members of the intention of the Committee to schedule meetings to enable the minutes arising to be presented more promptly.

The meeting closed at 10.17 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

