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15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

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, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

#### **1. Apologies for Absence:**

A vacancy exists in South Ward

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- Board Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

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  - Lhergy Frissell Hill Climb
  - Mountain Road Filming Closure
  - Wildlife / Nature Area at Bunscoil Rhumsaa

**8. Any other Business:**

page(s):

(by permission of Chairman)

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



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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**  
**[ PUBLIC ]**

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:** Mr. A. J. Oldham, Miss L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. Court, R. D. Cowell, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, S. R. Kelly, J. McGuinness, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. L. Parker

A vacancy exists in South Ward.

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

**Mr. Leonard Singer.** Members stood in memory of Mr. Singer who passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2023. Tribute was paid to his remarkable 50 years in politics as a Councillor in the UK; a local Commissioners, former Deputy Speaker and Member of the House of Keys, and former Member of the Legislative Council and of his services to the Community as a local pharmacist, and through his involvement with the League of Friends and Ramsey Music Society.

**(2023/24:270) Minutes:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on be 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**(2023/24:271) Matters Arising:**

The Town Clerk sought permission to bring his report concerning the forthcoming by-Election into public. It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem con that the Town Clerk's report dated be brought into the public sector. [Clause refers]

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:272) Action Tracker January, 2024:**

Mr. Cowell arrived at the meeting at this point [7.07 p.m.]

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, subject to the following and accepting that some matters may be referred to within other Clauses of these minutes:-

**Mooragh Promenade Shelter Public Art** – Mr. McGuinness asked if there was any news about completion of the public shelter. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that the school had not yet indicated when they would be able to finish putting the seagull into the shelter, but that the school was keen to increase its community involvement.

**Move from Weekly to Monthly Pay** – Miss Craine asked about the union meetings. The Town Clerk informed members that the meeting had taken place but he had not been present but had asked for feedback.

**Mooragh Park Disabled Parking** – Miss Craine queried why there had been need to inform Costa of proposals. Members were reminded that any proposals to provide disabled parking would affect the company and the positioning of the bay needs careful consideration to ensure safety of children using the water-feature. Mr. McGuinness reminded members that the original decision was that the matter be progressed by the Lead Member and Deputy Lead Member for Parks and Leisure.

**BMX Track** Miss Craine referred to the closure of the BMX Club and proposed that the future maintenance of the area be added to the Action Tracker. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

Mr. Cowell proposed an amendment that the matter be considered after the budget setting process is complete as there may be future cost implications. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Oldham and put to the vote, which resulted in a split vote 5:5; Messrs. Beighton, Cowell, Kelly, Oldham and Young voting for. The Chairman used his casting vote with the amendment.

**Bus Services** – Mr. McGuinness proposed that the Commission once again approach the Bus Vannin with regard to the lack of late-night bus services between Ramsey and the West of the Island. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he had been discussing other matters with Bus Vannin and had mentioned this matter with them.

**(2023/24:273) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:**

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, and that for proposals for 2023/24, subject to the following:-

**Solar Panels** – the Town Clerk informed members that it is hoped to install the solar panels by the end of March, 2024.

**Toilets Millennium Garden** – the Town Clerk referred to the planning refusal comments and informed members that there needs to be liaison with the flood risk section of the Department of Infrastructure; the appearance needs to be reviewed and the position changed. It is hoped to submit an updated report in February 2024.

Mr. Beighton queried if any response had been received from Tesco with regard to public conveniences – the Town Clerk advised not. Mr. Cowell referred to flood risk generally – the Town Clerk advised he is meeting with officers from the Department and will check on the progress of the required planning application.



**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:274) Town Clerk's Report – Competition Act 2021 – Secondary Legislation:**

It was proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Commission agreed to the responses suggested for 3 consultations, as detailed within the Town Clerk's reports concerning the Competition Act... Climate Change (Application) Order; and Marine Infrastructure Regulations be approved; and the matters be resolved within this one composite resolution.

Discussion commenced with regard to the Marine Infrastructure Regulations.

Mr. Williams referred to Question 16 within the Marine Infrastructure Regulations and proposed that the response be "No – things are not on the same scale as in the UK, costs will only be passed on; a cheaper rate will be an encouragement to companies to come to the Island. The proposal was seconded by Miss Craine and carried nem con.

Mr. McGuinness suggested that it might be more procedurally appropriate if Mr. Cowell temporarily withdrew his proposal to allow debate on whatever was raised and thereafter apply his proposal. Mr. Cowell was agreeable to the suggestion.

Mr. Williams then referred to Question 18 within the same ( Marine... ) consultation – and proposed that the response be amended to read "Yes it should go through marine controls rather than directly through planning. Mr. McGuinness referred to the legislation being specific, he was against the Council of Ministers having powers in these matters; commenting that planning at least had set procedures. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton but failed by 6 votes to 4 Messrs. Beighton, Oldham, Willams and Young voting in favour.

Mr. McGuinness queried Section 12 of the Climate Change Assessment – and asked Mr. Williams if he was happy with the suggested response. Mr. Williams commented that he was happy that the Council of Ministers should not have the power to exempt a controlled marine activity from the requirements of the Regulations except in exceptional circumstances.

Mr. Cowell's original proposal, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to accept the suggested responses, [having regard to the foregoing exceptions] was put to the vote and agreed nem con.

**(2023/24:275) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Street Trader's Licence – Manx Whippy:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, concerning the application made by Manx Whippy for a street traders licence for two vehicles for 2024.

Resolved: that following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem con that permission be granted.

**(2023/24:276) Finance Officer's General Report:**

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, subject to the following:-

**Summary of revenue Income and Expenditure:**

Mr. Cowell, as Lead Member, referred to the expenses incurred to date with regard to the Boundary Extension and drew attention to the fact that expenditure on this matter would exceed the budget.

**Works and Development:**

**(2023/24:277) Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Climate Change ...**

Dealt with under Clause 274

**(2023/24:278) Town Clerk's Report – Consultation Marine Infrastructure...**

Dealt with under Clause 274

**(2023/24:279) Town Clerk's Report – Christian Street and West Street:**

Discussion ensued with regard to the Town Clerk's report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, concerning progress being made by the Department of Infrastructure with regard to proposals for traffic direction controls in Christian Street and about which the Commissioners' views are sought. Mr. Young commented that he thought no changes were necessary. Mr. Cowell commented that Christian Street proposals should not be considered in isolation, Parliament Square should be considered at the same time.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that the Department be informed that the Commission would wish them to consider making the following traffic arrangements:-

- Christian Street – one way towards the Quay;
- East Street – reversing the traffic direction to make it one way towards Parliament Street;
- West Street – making it two way to a point allowing entry to and exit from the Ramsey Town Commissioners' car park; and one way from its junction with Parliament Street to the point at which it becomes two-way.

The proposal was carried by 8 votes to 2, Mr. Beighton and Mr. Young voting against.

**(2023/24:280) Technical Services Manager’s Report - Planning Applications:**

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures.

Mr. McGuinness referred to planning generally and asked about progress on the planning application for Poyll Dooey. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the matter had been deferred for 2 weeks to allow a site visit, provision of further information with regard to first-time buyer property and flood risk.

**(2023/24:281) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Built Environment Reform Programme:**

Members considered the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, concerning the consultation being undertaken with regard to the above-titled Programme. A copy of the consultation had been provided to members and the report included suggested responses thereto.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed by 9 votes to 1, the responses suggested with the report be submitted. Mr. McGuinness voted against.

**Parks and Leisure:**

**(2023/24:282) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Community Garden – Tram Station:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, advising of the request made by Ramsey Grammar School that pupils get involved with creation of a community garden.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Court, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed nem con that permission be given for liaison with the school to commence to hopefully result in the development of the garden in front of the Manx Electric Railway Station.

**(2023/24:283) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – Expedition Limitless 24:**

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, advising of the request made by the organizers of “Expedition Limitless 24” to use the Mooragh Lake on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, from 10.00 a.m. and to use part of the Mooragh Estate in the vicinity of the Lake and the playground.

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

**(2023/24:284) Town Clerk’s Report – By-Election:**

Resolved: To note the Town Clerk’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, advising of the proposed timetable for the by-election to fill the vacancy in South Ward, following the death of Mr. Singer. In the case of a contested election Polling Day will be 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2023/24:285) Provision of Ice-Cream Mooragh Park:**

Mr. Kelly referred to the licence agreed for Mr. Whippy and referred to the lack of facilities, other than at the “Boathouse Café”, for the sale of ice cream in the Mooragh Park. He referred to shed facilities adjacent to the Costa café and sought an update on any proposals to make alternative arrangements.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he has spoken with the lessee and, in terms of the lease, needs to hold further discussions – further report will require to be submitted in private because of commercial sensitivity.

**(2023/24:286) Sundry Matters:**

The Town Clerk drew attention to the following matters:

- a) **Boundary Extension Inquiry** – the Town Clerk reminded members that the Inquiry would take place at the Ramsey Park Hotel for 3 days commencing on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024, at 10.00 a.m.
- b) **House of Keys Proposed Constituency Reform** – the Town Clerk informed members that he had received a response from Mr. W. Henderson, to the letter written to all members of Tynwald with regard to the proposals of the Electoral Reform Commission to recommend constituency boundary changes for House of Keys Elections. Acknowledgements had been received from the Attorney General and the Chief Minister.
- c) **National Week Events** – the Town Clerk reported receipt of correspondence from the President of Tynwald encouraging local authorities to make greater effort to promote National Week between 30<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. The Town Clerk undertook to circulate the letter to members for information.

The Deputy Town Clerk drew attention to the following:-

- d) **Use of Albert Road Site** – the Deputy Town Clerk conveyed the request made by Bus Vannin to again use the former Albert Road School site during T.T. and Manx Grand Prix. Proposed by Mr. Oldham, seconded by Miss Craine and agreed men con that permission be granted.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 7.55 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.

**(2023/24:287) Minutes Recorded in Private:**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, and the monthly Board Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Mr. Young referred to the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, stating that had he been aware of the meeting he would have been in attendance. Members were reminded that the schedule of meetings had been included within the Finance Officer's report submitted to and approved by the Commission in November 2023.

Members were reminded that 2 further budget / rate setting meetings are scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

**Matters for Information:**

**(2023/24:288) On-Going Matters "Action Tracker":**

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.

**Finance and General Purposes:**

**(2023/24:289) Town Clerk's Report – By-Election:** - transferred into public.

**(2023/24:290) Finance Officer's Report:**

Resolved: To note Finance Officer's report dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, subject to the following:-

**Estimates and Revenue Expenditure:**

In response to a query about "**Town Centre Management**" the Finance Officer undertook to provide Miss Craine with an email to explain the expenditure under this heading.

Mr. Kelly queried "**Bags for Life**" on sale in the Town Library – Members were informed that sales had slowed and no further orders were considered necessary at the present time.

**Rent Arrears-** members noted the usual season increase in the number of tenants in arrears with their rent, but noted also that a payment is due to be received from the Department of Social Security. In response to a specific query members were informed that the tenant listed at No. 30 in the appendix to the report had cleared the arrears.



**(2023/24:291) Technical Assistant’s Report – Fixed Penalty Notices – Appeals:**

Members considered the Technical Assistant’s report dated 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, advising of appeals submitted in respect of fixed penalty notices.

**Appeal 0781** – Mr. Beighton asked for a deferral pending receipt of further information, particularly photographic and details of what had been left. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the photographs taken did show the name and address of the person to whom the penalty had been issued.

A proposal was put by Miss Craine that the appeal be rejected; and that the Commission via social media and their website, make it known that persons making misuse of recycling facilities will be liable to fixed penalty fines. Mr. McGuinness seconded that part of Miss Craine’s proposal regarding use of social medial.

Mr. Cowell seconded the main part of the resolution concerning the rejection of the appeal. The proposals were considered severally and both agreed nem con.

**Appeal 0143** – it was proposed by Mr. Beighton, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and carried by 9 votes to 1, Mr. Williams voting against to reject this appeal.

**Housing and Property:**

**(2023/24:292) Housing Committee:**

Resolved: To note the Minutes of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, subject to the following:-

As the meeting was inquorate it was proposed by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Miss Craine and agreed that the contents be ratified.

Reference was made to current vacancies on the Housing Department’s staff and members were informed of progress in filling these positions.

**(2023/24:293) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – Cronk Elfin Refurbishment Update:**

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, providing an update on the refurbishment works progressing at Cronk Elfin.

**(2023/24:294) Housing General**

Mr. Williams referred to the proposals for “The Circle” at Cronk Elfin and proposed that this be added to the “Action Tracker”. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness. Miss Craine proposed an amendment that in addition tenants be kept informed of proposals and action in this area, and the Commission copied in on such correspondence. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed nem con.

Mr. Cowell queried progress with regard to redevelopment of the former Albert Road School site. The Town Clerk undertook to provide members with information following discussions with the Housing and Property Manager.

**Any Other Business:**

**(2023/24:295) Finance Officer's report additional budget proposals:**

The Finance Officer tabled a paper concerning additional budget items and projects for consideration.

A proposal by Miss Craine, seconded by Mr. Court that the matter be deferred to the next budget meeting was defeated by 4 votes to 6. Canon Greenwood and Mr. McGuinness voting with the proposer and seconder.

Report of the discussions were recorded in private

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m. giving a time of 2 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 Twaioie	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 POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated.	FGP	Dec-23	TRKC	Sep-23	
	Ramsey North Prom changing huts	Bathing water status has been confirmed as Good. Planning is in place for shelters close to slip way at end of North Shore Road. Note the planning approval for the changing facilities expires in 2024.	Renew planning approval prior to its expiry in May 2024.	PL	Feb-24	SB	Sep-25	
	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! Further enquiries made to school.	PL	Jan-24	SB	Apr-23	
	Planning Enforcement Gladstone Park, 2 Industrial units used for retail.	Reported for investigation update awaited. Town Clerk has provided property ownership details to Planning Authority as occupier has not submitted appropriate application despite request to do so. Meeting with Enforcement Officer sought to be held on date to be advised. Further property report for alleged breach 25/2/21 and update requested. PEO advise regulating application to be submitted.	Planning contracted 21/7/22 re planning enforcement re SMS trading, they had not but will take enforcement action. Planning confirmed suspected breach is actively being progressed (13/9/22).Chased Dec 2022 and Feb 23- no change. TC wrote to DEFA Minister, and response given to members at July 2023 board meeting. A new cycle shop has set up in another one of the units, DEFA have been informed. Planning enforcement have visited SMS and a revised planning application is to be submitted March 2024.	WD	Feb-24	TRKC	Jun-23	

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC**

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
	Boundary Extension (Commission to make application for revision of Town Boundary under S6 Local Government Act 1985).	Public Inquiry 22-23-24th January 2024.	Complete remove from tracker next month, and await the Chairman of the inquiry's result.	FGP	Feb-24	TRKC	Jan-24	
	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. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. Brewery asked about the Brit, Stanley and Royal George Sept 2023. The Stanley has been sold. Planning application for the Brit a commuted sum in relation to Public Open Space.	WD	Feb-24	SB	May-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	It is envisaged that there will be 285 houses that require poles in Ramsey. Fibre Broadband will not be complete in Ramsey until June 2024.	Manx Telecom report March 2023 board pack.	FGP	Jun-23	TRKC	Jun-24	
Nov-21	Bicycle Shelters (3 planned for Ramsey)	Shelter at Town hall complete, planning application for tram station submitted( by DOI), revised planning application being prepared for Station Road.	The two RTC shelters are complete (Town Hall and Shoprite Car park). Tram station shelter yet to be installed. TC has been in contact with railways Chief Engineer.	WD	Jan-24	MC	Jun-24	
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldryn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	Work complete. Snagging meeting has taken place, Dandara to address issues and confirm when the area is ready for inspection and adoption.	FGP	Feb-24	TRKC	Mar-24	
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 has been cleaned prior to 11/11/23. Minor scratches to the slate name plates are being addressed.	WD	Nov-23	BW	Repairs 23/24	



**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.	See 2023-4 project list. Lead member is progressing the shelter with the swimming group and other stakeholders. Lottery application being prepared.	PL	Jan-24	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.	Awaiting detail from Bus Vannin	FGP	Feb-24	SB	Apr-23	Green
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	Awaiting spring for the preparation of further shelters.	PL	Feb-24	SB	Jun-24	Green
Nov-22	Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Quotes received and forwarded to the potential purchasers. Now with the advocates. First sale progressing, queries over right of access being addressed.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24	Orange
Feb-23	Move from weekly to monthly pay	Met with HR advisors and preparing option appraisal ahead of a plan. There will be consultation with the workforce.	Unions, MIRS and workforce have been informed. Currently in consultation stage.		Jan-24	TRKC/ NC	Dec-23	Green
Jul-23	Sprintfest 2024	Survey to be issued, responses collected and collated.	Prepare for event. Licencing Court application to be submitted in February.		Feb-24	SB	Dec-23	Green
Jul-23	Claughbane Public Open Space	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS.	Planning Application has been submitted.		Feb-24	TC	Dec-24	Green
Nov-23	Mooragh Park Disabled Parking	Review position of disabled parking (2023/24:216).	See report		Feb-24	BW	May-24	Green
Nov-23	Social Media Campaign showing the work of the Commission.	Prepare content	Prepare content		Dec-23	SB	Feb-24	Green
Jan-24	BMX track	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course			Feb-24	SB	Feb-24	Green
Jan-24	Cronk Elfin circle	Proposals developed for the circle, which have not been sent to residents as yet.			Feb-24	SB	Feb-24	Green

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**Projects 2022-23**

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	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.	To be done at time of shop refit (April 2024)	WD	BW	Apr-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to proposed changes to the roof.	States on order.	HP	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	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
1	Feb-23	Toilet Millennium Garden	Planning approval has not been permitted for the toilets, flood risk and aesthetics being the issues.	Report Nov. Tesco have also been asked to help and provide facilities (prompted Feb 24), revised planning application being prepared.	HP	AF	Apr-24	
2	Feb-23	Town Hall Solar Panels	3 quotes received, and checking detail with the consultants.	Installation March	HP	AF	Jul-23	
5	Mar-23	Town Hall rear entrance	Proposal received, this must work with our current security/access system.	Frames prepared and being installed March.	WD	AF	Apr-24	
7	Mar-23	Vehicle Trackers	Considering alternatives		WD	BW	Feb-24	
9	Mar-23	Street Name Plates	Works undertaken	Complete remove March 2024	WD	BW	Dec-23	
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed.	Construct	HP	SB/AF	Sep-23	
13	Mar-23	North Prom Changing Facility	Confirm position after meeting on 22nd Feb. Swimming group do not want a facility on the north prom.	Renew planning approval prior to its expiry in May 2024.	WD	AF	Sep-23	

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

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2024 - 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 January 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – Appendix 2.

**Accounts**

Accounts of £635,243.52 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £23,495.79 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in January 2024. 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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 is attached at Appendix 2.

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 2023-24 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

New refuse collection vehicle	£206,845.
Tipper vehicles	£100,614.
New mowers & equipment	£28,963.
Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees, materials & works	£759,362.
Professional fees re Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites	£129,149.
Replacement windows – Gladstone Av. & Vernon Rd.	£198,287.
Replacement footpaths – Vernon Road	29,747.
New street lighting – LEDs	£72,246.
New festoon decorative lighting and equipment	£12,257.

It should be noted that the refuse vehicle, Cronk Elfin refurbishment, Close Woirrey & Albert Road sites redevelopment, Gladstone Avenue & Vernon Road works and the new LEDs are all funded by capital loans which have been petitioned, approved by Treasury and received.

Petition to borrow for the Tipper vehicles has been submitted and await Treasury approval.

**Recommendation: To be noted.**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA  
Finance Officer



## Ramsey Town Commissioners

**Accounts paid during January 2024**

**Appendix 1**

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<b>General Account</b>		<b>£</b>
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	270,308.98
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	72,216.73
Various	Cronk Elfin refurbishment scheme	70,496.91
NCAS	Quarter 4 contribution	69,730.80
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	33,454.88
Various	Legal & professional fees : boundary extension	21,114.84
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply & water charges	19,068.32
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	18,607.84
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	11,525.07
Various	Town events	6,769.18
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	6,524.10
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	6,299.66
Various	IT costs	5,910.91
Various	Street lighting maintenance	5,219.80
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	Events advertising & Public notices	3,742.94
Various	Park goods & materials	2,489.99
Various	Legal & professional fees : housing	2,083.07
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	1,861.43
Various	Staff training	1,540.00
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,257.33
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones & Directory advertising	1,252.66
Various	Security & safety	1,139.20
Various	Machinery repair & maintenance	956.37
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	407.51
Various	Gift vouchers & retirement gift	200.00
Mr R D Cowell	Attendance Allowance	202.50
Mr A J Oldham	Attendance Allowance	176.25
Mr S R Kelly	Attendance Allowance	135.00
Ms LL Craine	Attendance Allowance	120.00
Mr J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	108.75
Mr W G Young	Attendance Allowance	101.25
A R Beighton	Attendance Allowance	90.00
Revd Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	60.00
Mr F B R Williams	Attendance Allowance	41.25
Miss C R Heginbotham	Attendance Allowance L I Singer deceased	30.00
		<b>635,243.52</b>
<b>Northern Civic Amenity Site</b>		
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	10,911.19
IOM Govt.	Site rent quarter 4	6,096.00
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	3,187.44
Various	Recycling charges	2,568.90
Various	Site maintenance	334.50
Various	Equipment repairs	308.31
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	70.17
Bank	Charges	19.28
		<b>23,495.79</b>

## Ramsey Town Commissioners

### Suppliers utilised during January 2024

### Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Limitless Cycles Ltd.	
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM
Ayre Mowers Ltd.	IOM	Magnet IOM Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Mann Hire Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Mannin Retail Ltd.	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Cameron Hall Services Ltd.	IOM	Manx Sharp Blades Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Chartered Institute of Housing	UK	Marksmann Locksmith	IOM
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Cornerstone Architects Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Countryside Maintenance Ltd.	IOM	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Cu Plas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Northern Men in Sheds	IOM
Dickinson Cruickshank	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Diversesigns Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Energy Communications Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Event Lighting Services Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Exceed Business Services Ltd.	UK	Rentokil Pest Control	UK
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Roc Vannin	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Sage UK Ltd.	UK
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Suez Recycling & Recovery IOM Ltd.	IOM
Hersham Electrical Engineers Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services IOM	IOM
Institution of Lighting Professionals	UK	St John Ambulance	IOM
Institution of Mechanical Engineers	UK	3FM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Advertising & PR Ltd.	IOM	TG Plant Services Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Unique Fire Protection IOM Ltd.	IOM
JAC Distribution Ltd.	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Westminster Car Restoration Ltd.	IOM
J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	W F Howes Ltd.	UK
Kirby Garden Centre	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS**

**SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024 - Appendix 2**

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Social Housing</b>						
Housing Schemes	3,853,537	4,138,492	(284,955)	4,694,657	4,861,232	(166,575)
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Glass	282	0	282	328	0	328
Brookfield Court	13,060	12,410	650	24,668	21,053	3,615
Close ny Mooragh	34,088	31,734	2,354	50,081	53,600	(3,519)
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£3,900,967</b>	<b>£4,182,636</b>	<b>(£281,669)</b>	<b>£ 4,769,734</b>	<b>£ 4,935,885</b>	<b>£ (166,151)</b>

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Property and Assets</b>						
Town Hall	177,875	22,881	154,994	234,198	24,792	209,406
Workshops	61,695	0	61,695	77,691	0	77,691
Public Conveniences	44,767	0	44,767	72,348	0	72,348
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	18,852	0	18,852	11,246	0	11,246
Mansail Lease	6,664	11,585	(4,921)	4,650	11,552	(6,902)
Lakeside Centre	3,832	9,777	(5,945)	4,512	12,785	(8,273)
Parklands Day Nursery	2,728	19,534	(16,806)	3,311	19,972	(16,661)
Bowling Alley	1,567	11,250	(9,683)	3,116	15,000	(11,884)
Non-Lease Properties	2,281	0	2,281	7,518	0	7,518
Prom shelters, benches, signs	12,329	0	12,329	25,568	0	25,568
Private Property Repairs	419	0	419	10,500	0	10,500
CCTV town centre	7,469	0	7,469	1,458	0	1,458
Apprentices	18,227	1,536	16,691	20,051	2,615	17,436
R.N.D.H.C.	13,494	16,143	(2,649)	16,397	18,037	(1,640)
Park assets	75,463	0	75,463	83,300	0	83,300
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£462,462</b>	<b>£92,706</b>	<b>£369,756</b>	<b>£590,664</b>	<b>£104,753</b>	<b>£485,911</b>

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Works &amp; Development</b>						
Foreshores & Flags	3,636	0	3,636	5,533	0	5,533
Car Parks	25,137	26,138	(1,001)	28,830	26,835	1,995
Refuse Removal	704,050	116,344	587,706	930,316	135,249	795,067
Civic Amenity contribution	232,436	0	232,436	232,435	0	232,435
Sewers & Pumps	78,208	78,208	0	104,251	104,251	0
Street lighting & maint.	126,240	0	126,240	82,060	0	82,060
Decorative maint.	14,342	0	14,342	23,040	0	23,040
Decorative lighting new items	(8,200)	0	(8,200)	26,436	0	26,436
Local Services	175,933	0	175,933	220,677	0	220,677
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1,351,782</b>	<b>£220,690</b>	<b>£1,131,092</b>	<b>£1,653,578</b>	<b>£266,335</b>	<b>£1,387,243</b>

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Parks &amp; Leisure</b>						
Events & Attractions	65,439	14,941	50,498	81,444	24,625	56,819
Parks & Gardens	206,000	102	205,898	280,737	710	280,027
Games Concessions	739	0	739	1,775	0	1,775
Public Library	126,265	6,975	119,290	148,505	9,269	139,236
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£398,443</b>	<b>£22,018</b>	<b>£376,425</b>	<b>£512,461</b>	<b>£34,604</b>	<b>£477,857</b>

	2023-24 to date			Estimate for 2023-24		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes</b>						
Administration	75,602	0	75,602	102,156	0	102,156
Office Expenses	636,399	53,866	582,533	811,070	123,094	687,976
Sundry Expenses	6,102	0	6,102	11,615	0	11,615
Miscellaneous	53,333	59,442	(6,109)	36,397	24,431	11,966
Swimming Pool	35,311	0	35,311	44,154	0	44,154
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	2,123	346	1,777	3,333	1,196	2,137
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£810,870</b>	<b>£113,654</b>	<b>£697,216</b>	<b>£1,010,725</b>	<b>£148,721</b>	<b>£862,004</b>

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,924,524</b>	<b>£4,631,704</b>	<b>£2,385,526</b>	<b>£ 8,537,162</b>	<b>£ 5,490,298</b>	<b>£ 3,046,864</b>
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<b>Town rates</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£2,983,711</b>	<b>(£2,983,711)</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 3,283,799</b>	<b>(£3,283,799)</b>
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – FEBRUARY, 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following application has been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The application is 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: 4119  
P.A. NO.: [23/01433/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Use of the site for the installation and operation of a mobile sauna  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Site of former Ben My Chree, Queen's Promenade, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4120  
P.A. NO.: [23/01502/C](#)  
PROPOSED: Additional use from Class 2.2 (Light Industry) to Classes 2.2 (Light Industry), 2.1 (Office) and 1.1 (Shops) (Retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Unit 5, The Shipyard, Shipyard Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4121  
P.A. NO.: [23/01509/C](#)  
PROPOSED: Change of use of first floor showroom into flat, internal alterations  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **18, Parliament Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4122  
P.A. NO.: [24/00018/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Removal of existing chimney stack  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Gollane, Jurby Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4123  
P.A. NO.: [24/00025/B](#)  
PROPOSED: New roof; new first floor window; convert existing first floor loading door into window; install loading beam & reopen gable end aperture at first floor as loading door; new first floor access & steel staircase from ground floor courtyard, small ground  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **4, Christian Street, Ramsey**

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications  
February 2024 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4124  
P.A. NO.: [24/00026/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Erection of a garden shed and a wall arch for planting  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **7, Grand Island, Bride Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4125  
P.A. NO.: [24/00030/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Installation of external wall insulation and render to front, gable and rear elevations (retrospective)  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Springbank, 32a, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4126  
P.A. NO.: [24/00033/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Creation of Public Open Space and footpath  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Land at junction of Fairway Drive and Claughbane Drive, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4127  
P.A. NO.: [24/00040/C](#)  
PROPOSED: Change of use from Class 1.1 (Shops) to Class 2.1 (Office)  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **13, St Paul's Square, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4128  
P.A. NO.: [24/00058/A](#)  
PROPOSED: Approval in Principle for the erection of a detached dwelling, addressing means of access, located east of the existing dwelling  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **1, Ballure Grove, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4129  
P.A. NO.: [24/00109/B](#)  
PROPOSED: Construction of a rear extension to provide disabled persons living accommodation, including the widening of the existing front door and relocation of an existing patio door  
NOTES: P.A. in Detail  
SITE: **Plot 109, Royal Park, Ramsey**



**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications  
February 2024 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4130  
P.A. NO.: [24/00146/C](#)  
PROPOSED: Additional use of light industrial unit to include the assemblage, storage and display of large furniture items with a small element of sales usage  
NOTES: P.A. - Change of Use  
SITE: **Unit 24, Gladstone Park Industrial Estate, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,  
Technical Services Manager

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT  
ACCESSIBLE PARKING BAYS, MOORAGH PARK  
FEBRUARY, 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Further to the Board's request for additional information in respect of the provision of 2 no. accessible bays adjacent to the Lakeside Centre I can advise as follows.

Permit holders are currently permitted to enter the Mooragh Park and park their vehicles in the car park opposite the Children's Water Play area.

There is a 10 minute "drop off" area outside of the Children's Nursery, however parking on the main driveway is not permitted due to safety reasons. The following extract is taken from the Ramsey Public Parks and Foreshore Byelaws 2020:

**10 Motor vehicles**

- (1) A person must not take a motor vehicle into a public park or onto the foreshore without the prior written permission of the Commissioners.
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to —
  - (a) an emergency services' vehicle; or
  - (b) the taking of a motor vehicle into a public park for the purpose of parking it in a parking place designated for that purpose.
- (3) If a person has the prior written permission of the Commissioners to take a motor vehicle into a public park or onto the foreshore, the person must not exercise that permission in a manner likely to cause danger,

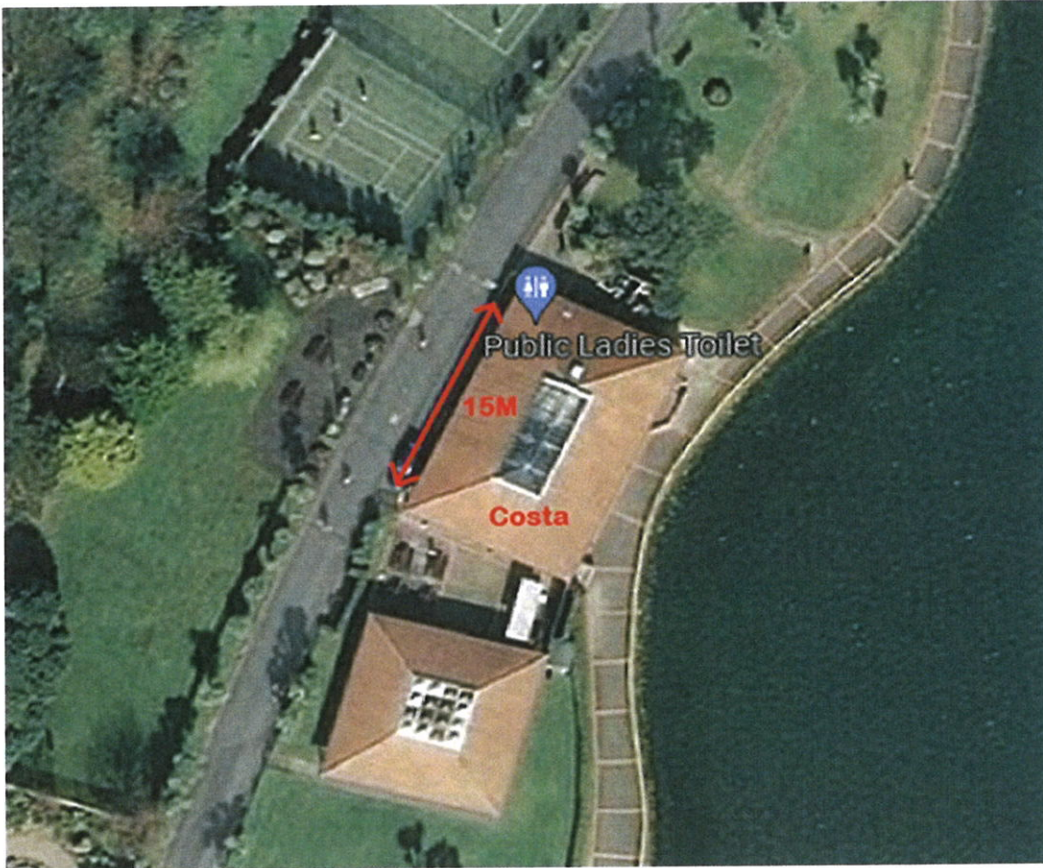
10.(2).(b) The parking place designated for that purpose is the Mooragh Park Main Car Park as stated in the Parking Places Order 2005.

Permits are issued to companies who deliver goods to commercial operators in the Mooragh Park i.e. Bus Vannin (for use when dropping off persons with mobility issues), staff and parents/relatives of children who attend the Children's Nursery, R.T.C. Park's staff and "blue badge" holders. The car park is rarely full. The car park is not tarmacked but has a gravel surface which may cause issues for wheelchair users, although we have not received any such complaints or feedback though in respect of this.

We initially considered recommending 2 no. accessible bays and a loading bay but there is insufficient room.



There is 15 metres of “usable space” outside of the Lakeside Centre.



The recommended standard accessible parking bay should be at least 2.40m wide by 3.60m long. In addition, there should be a 1.2m “access zone” around each side of the bay to allow mobility impaired and disabled motorists to get into and out of their vehicles safely i.e. 3.60m wide & 6.00m long. There is insufficient room to provide all the recommended “access zones”. The only possible access zones we can install are to the rear of the accessible bays.

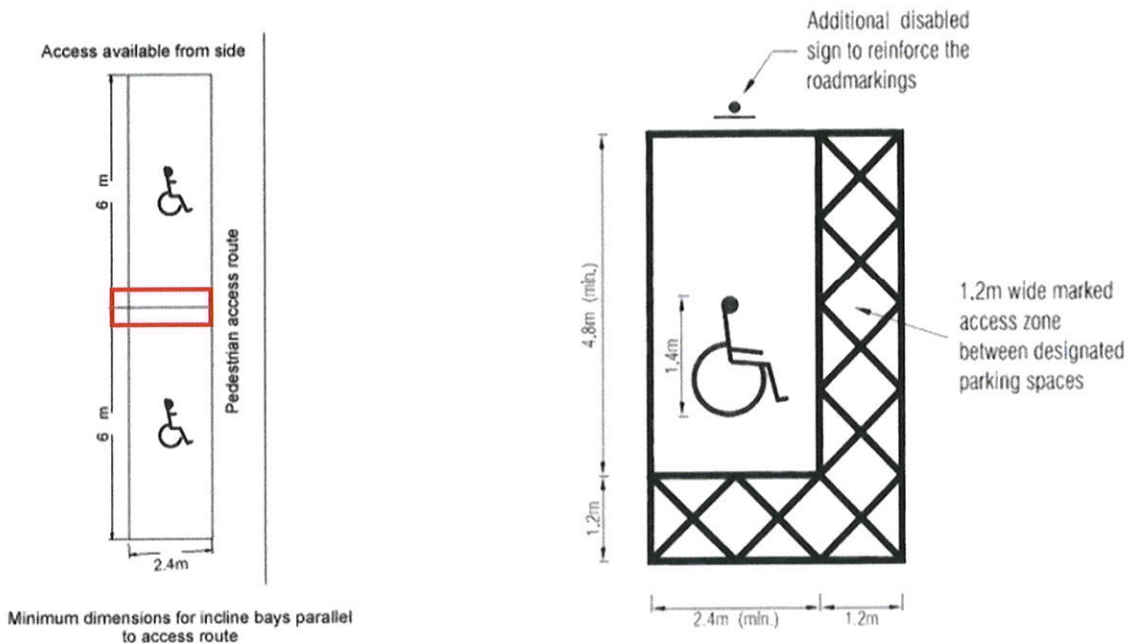


The right-hand side access zone would have afforded protection for the driver and provided sufficient space to open the vehicle door fully when exiting the vehicle, but it is not possible.



**R.T.C. TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT CONTINUED  
FEBRUARY, 2024 – PUBLIC**

An access zone on the driver's side should be considered essential for the safety of the driver should they need to "side transfer" from the vehicle to a wheelchair. A transfer area at the rear of the vehicle is also essential for rear-access wheelchair ramps and hoists.



The 1.20m "access zone" can be shared with an adjoining accessible bay. Therefore 12m will be required for the two bays.



The proposed area is currently a "drop off area" and is marked by double yellow lines.

The Toilet Cleaning Contractor is permitted to park outside of the Lakeside Centre (on the double yellow lines), whilst opening/closing the toilets and also when cleaning the toilet blocks. This is to aid the Contractor/cleaning staff when carrying/moving materials to and from the toilet blocks. The creation of two accessible bays will result in them either having to carry materials, equipment etc. from the main car park within the Mooragh Park or misusing the spaces. Companies who deliver comestibles and other equipment to Costa also use the area directly outside when making deliveries.

This again could create issues if blue badge holders arrive, wanting to park in the spaces.



**R.T.C. TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT CONTINUED  
FEBRUARY, 2024 – PUBLIC**

The current maximum period of waiting in the Mooragh Park Car Park (main) is 15 hours in any 24 hour period (between 7 a.m. and 10.00 p.m., there would be no enforceable waiting period if the accessible bays were provided.

As these two accessible bays would not be included in the current Parking Places Order, a new Order would have to be made and submitted to Tynwald for approval. Authorised Officers would not be able to deal with any parking infringements until the Parking Places Order was approved and in place.

The tenant of the Lakeside Café has been consulted and does not have any objections to the accessible bays.

The other issue is accessibility to the front entrance of Costa (Lakeside Centre) if there are vehicles parked in the accessible bays i.e. prams, mobility scooters, other mobility impaired persons or wheelchair users etc..

An alternative location for the accessible bays has also been discussed but there would be additional costs involved to make the area suitable. This location is directly opposite the Lakeside Centre.



**Recommendation: For discussion.**

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LIBRARY QUARTER 4 2023  
FEBRUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following information is presented in respect of Library Membership / Activity to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023, - the fourth quarter of that calendar year.

**Number of new members**

October	13 adult	22 junior
November	16 adult	20 junior
December	15 adult	<u>6 junior</u>
Total	44 adult	48 junior

**Number of registered members**

Town	473
Country	188
Junior	628
Staff	8
Visitor	<u>11</u>

Total      1,308

**Number of items borrowed  
(by reader category)**

Town	2,965
Country	1,492
Junior	2,028
Staff	63
Visitor	<u>9</u>

Total      6,557

**Type of items borrowed**

Text	5,795
DVD	510
Audio	<u>272</u>

Total      6,577

During this quarter displays were made for Hop tu Naa, Remembrance Day and Christmas. A display was put up in the foyer about the proposed Electoral Boundary changes, and help was given with the DHSC Nursing, Residential and Home Care Consultation by displaying materials and handing out paper copies of the accompanying survey.

A themed Christmas story time was held and nursery groups visiting the Library in the run up to Christmas were welcomed.

**Recommendation:** For noting.

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

T. R. K. Cowin  
Town Clerk

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
2024 EVENTS UPDATE  
FEBRUARY 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

This is an update on events proposed for 2024.

Many of the events the Commission stage require significant coordination with other agencies and partners and it would assist the Lead Member and Officers if dates for events later in the year could be considered at this stage.

### **Sprintfest**

This is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 in Market Place. A road closure and suspension of parking is being applied for. The consultation for this has been online since 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and can be found on the Ramsey Town Commissioners website.

This year we are proposing an additional mitigation of allowing the partial opening of Market Place car park between 8am and 5.30 pm each date having taken into account the feedback at previous events to minimise disruption to residents, business operators and visitors.

An application is being made to the Licensing Court for an Occasional Public Entertainment Licence.

**Recommendation:** For Noting and further reporting

### **Ramsey National Week**

As reported at the January 2024 Board Meeting the President of Tynwald has written to Local Authorities to ask them to consider putting events on during National Week.

An option would be to rekindle some of the events that had previously formed part of Ramsey National Week which included themed walks and community events.

A further option could be the addition of a “new” event in the format of a “National Week Picnic In the Park” on one of weekend days immediately before or after Tynwald Day. As a new event an application could be made to the Domestic Event Fund towards the cost of staging such an event.

**Recommendation:** For discussion

**Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Events Update 2024  
February 2024, Public Continued:**

**Ramsey Rocks**

It is proposed to run this popular event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**Recommendation:** For Noting and Further Reporting

**Ramsey Fireworks Display**

Traditionally this event had been staged on 5<sup>th</sup> November irrespective of the day of the week. In 2023 the event was held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November – the event was well attended with the retail and hospitality sectors advising that they were much busier on that date as a result. Members are asked to consider whether they would wish to stage the 2024 display on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November or consider staging it on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Recommendation:** For Discussion

**Christmas Light Switch On**

The revised format of this event of this event in 2023, being held on a Friday evening and encompassing the whole of Parliament Street as well as East Street and Peel Street, was well attended and very well received. The event was staged collaboratively with Northern Chamber of Commerce and received valued logistical support from a number of community groups.

Members are asked to consider if they wish to hold a similar event with similar collaborative working in 2024 with a suggested date of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024.

**Recommendation:** For Discussion

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
LHERGY FRISSELL HILL CLIMB  
FEBRUARY 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Longton and District Motor Club has submitted a request to close some roads to allow the staging of the Manx Classic Hill Climb 2024. This event has run for a number of years in a similar format.

This annual event was previously organised by the Manx Motor Racing Club and covers three different closures on three consecutive days at the end of April and into early May each year.

For 2024 those events will be held on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	The Sloc, Near Port Erin	09.00 a.m. to 17.30 p.m.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Creg Willey's Hill, Glen Helen	09.00 a.m. to 17.00 p.m.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Lhergy Frissell, Ramsey	09.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m.

An associated suspension of parking for Lheany Road has also requested and granted in previous years.

Members are asked to consider if they are supportive of this event and associated road closure and suspension of parking on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2024.

**Recommendation: support event and associated road closure.**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
ISLE LISTEN SEA DIP  
FEBRUARY, 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Isle Listen wish to stage the Sea Dip for Sanity on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 on Ramsey North Beach and are requesting permission to use North Beach for this event.

The event has previously been staged on South Beach in 2022 and 2023. The organisers wish to move the event to the North Beach and will be liaising with Ramsey Rugby Club about incorporating some curb side activities. The area of beach would be that area around the Rugby pitch and BMX Track.

The event organisers will be responsible for all aspects of organising, managing and running of this event.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to grant permission to Isle Listen to stage a Sea Dip on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 on Ramsey North Beach.

**Recommendation:** to grant permission to Isle Listen to stage a Sea Dip on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 on Ramsey North Beach.

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
MOUNTAIN ROAD FILMING CLOSURE  
FEBRUARY 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Motocom on behalf of Metzler have requested closures of the A18 Mountain Road between Ramsey Hairpin and the Creg-Na-Baa on the following dates and times which are timed to avoid rush hour:

10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 9.15 a.m. until 11.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. until 4.15 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon and 3.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m.

These daytime closures are to showcase the launch of new product by Isle of Man TT Partner Metzler/Pirelli. The launch coincides with the official launch of TT 2024 and has been requested to allow safe photograph and filming opportunities.

Members are asked to consider whether this to comment on this road closure request.

**Recommendation: for discussion**

**H S Bevan**  
Deputy Town Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

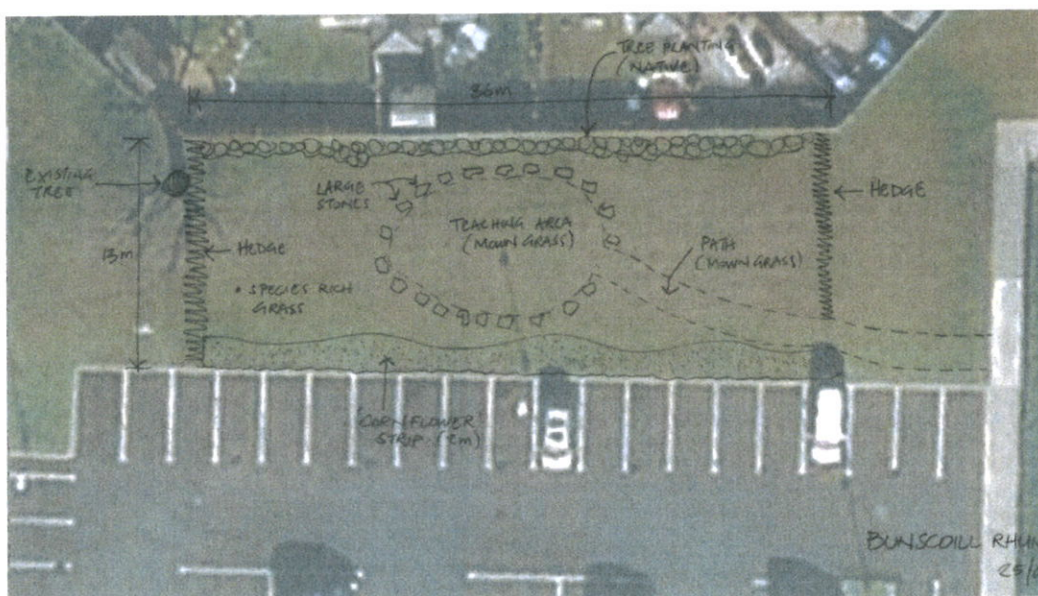


**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
WILD FLOWER/NATURE AREA AT BUNSCOILL RHUMSAA  
FEBRUARY 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Bunscoill Rhumsaa wish to develop a Wild Flower and Nature area on a patch of land at Bunscoill Rhumsaa. This area was designated as such when school was originally planned.

The area involved in is shown in the image below.



The school with assistance from the community (including Milltown, Hartford and others) will take responsibility for the upkeep of the area though.

Officers are currently establishing in whose ownership this section of land is – the grass is currently cut by our workforce.

Members are asked to consider whether they are supportive of this concept in principal. Members are also asked to consider that should it be determined that the land is in the ownership of the Commission whether they would grant permission for the scheme to take place on the land.

**Recommendation:**

For discussion

***H S Bevan***  
Deputy Town Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> February 2024