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15th August, 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, 21st August, 2024**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

1. Apologies for Absence:

Mr. R. D. Cowell, Ms S. Cottam-Shea.

Mr. S. Kelly has been granted leave of absence

2. Minutes for Adoption:

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- Board Meeting held on 17th July, 2024.

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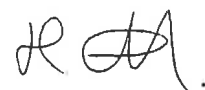
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- Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness viz:-
 - Dated 9th July, 2024 – Amendment of Standing Orders – Action Tracker

9. Any other Business: page(s):
(by permission of Chairman)

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



H. S. Bevan,
Acting Town Clerk

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, 17th July, 2024, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine, Messrs. A. R. Beighton, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, L. Parker, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs. G. S. Court and A. J. Oldham. Mr. S. R. Kelly has been granted leave of absence.

The Acting Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Technical Services Manager, Housing and Property Manager, and Minute Clerk were in attendance.

(2024/25:073) Minutes:

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con, the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 19th June, 2024, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Clause 047 - Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest – Proposed by Ms Craine seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed without division that the word “non-pecuniary” appearing in the second line be amended to read “pecuniary”.

Clause 056 – Ongoing Matters Action Tracker – Town Branding – a proposal by Mr. Beighton, that the clause be amended to reflect that it had been Mr. Court who queried the delay, was seconded by Mr. Williams and agreed without division.

Clause 059 – Technical Services Manager's Report – Ms Craine queried if a date was missing within the wording “until the date of the July, 2024, Board Meeting” – it was confirmed that the wording was correct and no amendment was needed.

Clause 060 – Technical Services Manager's Report – Vollan Strip: - The words in the introductory paragraph “to purchase a strip of land” were replaced with the words “with regard to future use” and the words in the Resolution “does not wish to acquire” were replaced with the words “does not wish to comment on the future use”. The wording was agreed without division following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Parker.

Clause 061 – Deputy Town Clerk's Report BMX Track – the words “Cottam-Shea appearing in the second line of the Resolution were deleted.

Ms Craine queried use of the word “to” in the wording “of responses received to expressions of interest...” it was confirmed that this was the correct declension.

(2024/25:074) Matters Arising:

Ms Craine queried the lack of comment on social media about the Commission's installation of solar panels. The Acting Town Clerk advised that officers are gathering information and queried the frequency of reporting required. Ms Craine suggested quarterly. The Chairman queried if the matter should be included on the "Action Tracker" and whether quarterly reporting should be on social media only or to the Board. Ms Craine commented that social media reporting would suffice.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:075) Action Tracker July, 2024:

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

Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles) – Ms Craine conveyed her understanding that this matter referred to the installation of fibre broadband within the Town Hall. The Acting Town Clerk indicated that correction would be made to this item if required – but confirmed that fibre broadband had been installed approximately 2 months ago. It was proposed by Ms Craine, seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con, that the fact be publicised and the free "Wi-Fi" facility be advertised.

Mooragh Promenade Shelter Public Art – Mr. McGuinness referred to the incomplete shelter. The Acting Town Clerk indicated that he had met the Head Teacher who had apologised for the delay but indicated that the pupils hoped to complete the work during the forthcoming school holidays.

Move from Weekly to Monthly Pay – Ms Craine sought an update on this matter. The Acting Town Clerk advised that he was to meet with staff representatives in the near future and would update the Commission when he was able to do so.

(2024/25:076) Action Tracker Budget Approved and Proposed Projects:

Resolved: To note the Action Tracker of Budget Approved projects at 11th July, 2024, and that for proposals for 2024/25, subject to the following:-

Station Road Car Park Re-Surface – Mr. Williams queried progress on this matter. The Technical Services Manager informed members that the Department of Infrastructure is undertaking work at the Station Road entrance, weather permitting, next week.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:077) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority Borrowing:

Resolved: To note the Acting Town Clerk's Report dated 25th June, 2024, advising that Treasury is attempting to extend the local authority borrowing agreement with HSBC until 27th July, 2027.

(2024/25:078) Acting Town Clerk's Report – Merger of Wards:

Resolved: To note the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 11th July, 2024, to which was appended a draft timetable for the proposal to merge the Town Wards. It was noted the Department is currently drafting a Scheme and that a completion date in April, 2025, is envisaged. The Acting Town Clerk advised members that the draft schedule would not result in merger of the wards being in place in time for the commencement of the 2025 Local Authorities General Election process.

Ms Craine queried if the opportunity might be taken as part of the process to discuss and champion the introduction of electronic voting with Government. The Chairman indicated that the matter was a larger issue and not necessarily pertinent to ward merger. Mr. Parker commented that Mr. McGuinness had tried to champion electronic voting some time ago and no interest had been shown by central Government in introducing it.

(2024/25:079) Acting Town Clerk's report – Street Trader's Licence – Sea Dip for Sanity:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk's report dated 10th July, 2024, conveying the request made by the organisers of the "Sea Dip for Sanity" that "Adore Catering" be granted a street trader's license to enable them to trade at the event which will take place on 1st September, 2024.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con, a Street Trader's Licence be granted.

(2024/25:080) Finance Officer's General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's general report dated 10th July, 2024, subject to the following:-

Accounts – Ms Craine queried the invoice of Glasdon UK Ltd., for "Recycling Housing". Members were informed that this invoice was for the recycling node on the Mooragh Promenade – the housing being "a retaining housing" and not "habitable housing".

Works and Development:

(2024/25:081) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Conservation Area – Planning Response:

Resolved: to note the Technical Services Manager’s report dated 3rd July, 2024, to which was appended the response dated 28th June, 2024, from the Director of Planning to the Commission’s comments made with regard to development in Conservation Areas.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms Craine and agreed nem com, that the Director of Planning be thanked for her letter; the letter to the Director be now addressed to Cabinet Office and enquiry be made as to how the Commission can best contribute to conservation area provision in Ramsey.

(2024/25:082) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Planning Applications:

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

(2024/25:083) Notices of Motion – Various Ms Craine:

The Chairman informed members that some of the matters raised had already been completed and asked Ms Craine if she wished to withdraw any of the Notices, which she did not.

Ms Craine presented the Notices of Motion dated 8th July, 2024, standing in her name:-

083 1:6) Commissioners’ Photos

Proposed by Ms Craine seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con that official photographs of members be uploaded to the Commission’s website by 31st July 2024. [Members were informed that this matter has already been completed.]

083 2:6) RTC Telephone Number

Proposed by Ms Craine seconded by Mr. Parker and agreed nem con that the Commission’s telephone number be included, by 31st July 2024, on information on their website to ensure it is accessible via a tablet or phone. [Members were informed that this matter has already been completed.]

(2024/25:083) Notices of Motion – Various Ms Craine Continued:

083 3:6) Safe Walkway Station Road Car Park:

Ms Craine proposed the demarcation of a pathway and installation of appropriate zebra crossings from Bircham Avenue to Bowring Road – Ms Craine had provided photographs as guidelines. Members queried any cost implications and whether there was any funding available.

Mr. McGuinness seconded the proposal; but then proposed an amendment to remove zebra crossings and suggested the Commission reach out to “stakeholders” for funding. Ms Craine commented that the zebra crossings were line-marking within the car park following which Mr. McGuinness withdrew his amendment with the exception of looking for funding. Mr. Williams commented that the 2024/25 budget has some inclusion for line-marking within the car parks.

Mr. Parker seconded Mr. McGuinness’s amendment (as subsequently amended) which was put to the vote and carried nem con.

083 4:6) Ruinous Buildings Register:

Ms Craine proposed use of her designed table for presentation of a public ruinous building register with regard to the date of correspondence to and from the Commission in attempting to resolve the problem of ruinous buildings throughout the town. Mr. Cowell expressed concern about the level of additional work that might be generated and the need for discretion. Mr. McGuinness commented that the proposed register would be seen as a positive action in that the Commission would be seen to being pro-active and that no data other than an address would be included. Ms Cottam-Shea commented that the proposal will add more administrative work for the Technical Services Manager and expressed concern about legal aspects.

Ms Craine informed members that she had published her Notice of Motion on social media and had received resounding support; the only additional information she wishes to include is a date of correspondence. Mr. Parker commented that he was in agreement in some ways but had issues with certain circumstances, such as the demise of a property owner, which could delay action to remedy problems. Ms Craine commented that those circumstances were rare and reiterated that the table would show the Commission is attempting to tackle the problems.

Ms Craine’s proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and ultimately carried by 5 votes to 4. Ms Craine, Messrs. Greenwood, McGuinness and Williams voting in favour – the chairman indicated a split vote, which was not the case as nine members were in attendance. This was brought to members’ attention as a result of which Mr. Cowell too voted in favour of the proposal.

(2024/25:083) Notices of Motion – Various Ms Craine Continued:

083 5:6) Rating Policy (inc. Limited Zero Rating on Ruinous Properties)

Ms Craine proposed that the Commission draft a rating policy, for review by the Board, to be based on that being prepared by Douglas Corporation with regard to the restriction of the time that properties have a rate exemption period.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. Williams, and carried by 8 votes to 1, Mr. Young voting against.

083 6:6) Searchable Minutes and Documents:

Ms Craine proposed that Minutes and other documents be saved and uploaded to the Commission's website as machine-readable PDF documents forthwith. The proposal was seconded by Mr. McGuinness.

The Acting Town Clerk informed members that this matter is in hand.

(2024/25:084) Notice of Motion – Whistleblowing Policy:

Mr. McGuinness proposed the Notice of Motion dated 9th July, 2024, standing in his name that the Whistleblowing Policy drafted by him be brought forward to the Policy Committee for immediate review, following which it be implemented. The proposal was seconded by Ms Craine. A copy of the draft policy was provided to members.

Mr. Beighton queried if the draft was to be presented to the Board or the Policy Committee? Mr. McGuinness confirmed he was happy that it go to the Policy Committee. Mr. Parker indicated that he would be happy to adopt the draft as it stood; Ms Craine concurred with this comment.

An amendment was put by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Parker and carried nem con to adopt the Whistleblowing Policy drafted by Mr. McGuinness.

(2024/25:085) Any Other Business:

085a) Green Flag Award:

Mr. Parker informed members that the Mooragh Park has once again been awarded "Green Flag" status which is a great achievement. He thanked all the staff involved in maintaining the Mooragh Park which resulted in the award.

085b) Raft:

Mr. Young queried the raft being on the beach. The Housing and Property Manager informed members that a piece has been added to assist bathers accessing the raft.

085c) Marina Project:

Mr. Young informed members that the Marina project had again “raised its head” and queried why? Mr. McGuinness suggested that the developers had registered their interest to speak at the Area Plan review. Mr. Williams reminded members of the existing mandate to oppose the marina development which had been moved and agreed some time ago by the late Mr. Singer.

085d) Public Meeting Civic Amenity Site:

Ms Craine commented on the recent public meeting concerning operation of the Northern Civic Amenity Site, which had been well attended and conveyed concerns raised. Ms Craine commended viewing through social media, of a video she had taken.

085e) Ramsey in Bloom Garden Tour:

Ms Craine sought clarification as to why the Ramsey in Bloom Garden Tour had been cancelled. The Acting Town Clerk informed members that the lower number of entrants in the Ramsey in Bloom Competition generally and the equally lower number of those entrants willing to participate in the tour had resulted in the decision being made to cancel the tour. The Acting Town Clerk apologised for not having conveyed this to members before the decision had been made.

085f) Sprintfest:

Mr. Young asked if the costs for Sprintfest were yet available? The Acting Town Clerk informed members that it had been agreed with the Lead Member for Parks and Leisure that the information be presented to the August 2024 Board Meeting.

085g) Northern Civic Amenity Site – Operation:

Mr. McGuinness asked if correspondence had been addressed to the NCAS Committee seeking elaboration of their decision to reduce operating hours at the Civic Amenity Site. The Acting Town Clerk undertook to check on this matter. It was noted that the NCAS Committee had not met since the Board requested the information.

085f) Radio Caroline Event:

Mr. McGuinness queried the involvement of the Commission in the forthcoming “Radio Caroline” Event. The Acting Town Clerk informed members that support and logistical assistance had been agreed in consultation with the Lead Member and Chairman.

085g) Meeting with Manx Care:

Mr. Parker proposed that the minutes of the Private Meeting held with Manx Care on 26th June 2024 could be brought into the public sector in that “closure of Ramsey Cottage Hospital had already been announced”. The proposal was seconded by Mr. Beighton.

Mr. McGuinness commented that it was a private meeting and the permission of the attendees should be sought. He proposed an amendment that permission be sought from the Manx Care attendees to permit the Commission to bring the minutes of their meeting into public. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Cowell and agreed nem con. The Acting Town Clerk drew attention to closure being only of the Minor Injuries Unit and not the Hospital.

Mr. Parker referred to Clause 072 within those minutes and brought to this meeting’s attention the intention of the Department of Infrastructure to seek a road closure order to evenings in August of the Mountain Road to facilitate preparations for the Manx Grand Prix, which he felt should be made known to the public.

The Chairman thanked the media for attending and those watching the live-streaming and closed the public meeting at 8.07 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.

(2024/25:086) Minutes Recorded in Private:

Resolved: That the Minutes, recorded in private, of Board Meeting held on 19th June, 2024, and the Special Meeting held on 26th June, 2024, be adopted and approved subject to the following:-

Special Meeting 26th June, 2024 – Mr. Beighton indicated that he had conveyed his apologies for absence.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:087) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note and approve the “Action Tracker” to 11th July, 2024, subject to the following:-

Town Branding – Ms Craine queried the continued delay in provision of details of the Town Branding – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that would make further enquiry of the Chamber of Commerce who are promoting the town branding project.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:088) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Boundary Extension – Costs Order:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 10th July, 2024, advising of receipt and content of the Order for Costs with regard to the Commission’s recent application to extend the Town Boundary.

Members queried the costs charged by the Chair of the Inquiry and one of the neighbouring Parish Authorities. The Acting Town Clerk advised that the Chair was an Advocate but the fees charged were in terms of “The Members’ Expenses Act”, and one of the neighbouring parish had engaged two advocates but the costs, it is understood, reflect fewer hours that were actually “worked”. It was noted that a breakdown of hours has been requested. It was noted that an invoice from the second neighbouring parish authority has not yet been received.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Cowell that only the costs charged by the Department of Infrastructure for the Inquiry Costs and those of the Chairman of Inquiry costs be paid at this time. The proposal was carried nem con.

(2024/25:089) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 10th July, 2024, advising of receipt by the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners of an objection to the rates applied to a residential property in Ramsey and the opinion conveyed to the Appeal Commissioners, by the Valuation Assistant, that the valuation is comparable with that applied to similarly sized properties in the vicinity.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Craine and agree nem con that the Isle of Man Rent and Rating Appeal Commissioners be informed that the Commission agree with the findings of the Valuation Assistant and that there is no evidence to support a rate reduction.

(2024/25:090) Acting Town Clerk’s Report – Orsted Moir Vannin Wind Farm:

Members considered the Acting Town Clerk’s report dated 11th July, 2024, conveying the invitation conveyed by Orsted to make a presentation to the Commission with regard to their wind farm project.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that Orsted be informed that the Commission will be pleased to meet with them on 30th July 2024. Ms Craine queried the date and members were informed that this was a date suggested by Orsted.

(2024/25:091) Finance Officer's Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer's report dated 10th July, 2024, subject to the following:-

Aged Debtors: - Members referred to the debtor listed second on the Aged Debtor list and queried if action through the Small Claims Court could be progressed? Members were informed that the amount of the debt is greater than the Small Claims Court limit and action would need to be progressed through the High Court.

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness that an estimate of costs to progress action through the High Court be obtained.

Members were reminded that other matters required to be resolved prior to implementation of any legal proceedings.

Works and Development:

(2024/25:092) Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Legislation Update (Built Environment):

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager's report dated 25th June, 2024, advising of the presentations, open to members and officers, to be made by Planning and Building Control Directorate on the package of planning legislation being progressed. It was noted that DEFA have asked to be notified of the possible number of attendees.

The Technical Services Manager indicated her intention to attend. Ms Craine asked that an email diarised appointment be sent to members as an aide-mémoire.

(2024/25:093) Technical Services Manager's Report – 10-11 West Quay (12 Old Joke Shop):

Resolved; To note the Technical Services Manager's Report dated 9th July, 2024, concerning the proposals made to serve a Section 22 Notice on the owners of 10-11 West Quay (12 Old Joke Shop). The Technical Services Manager informed members that she is due to meet advocates on 20th July after which it is hoped that notices can be served.

Housing and Property:

(2024/25:094) Minutes Housing Committee:

Resolved: To note and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Housing Committee held on 9th July, 2024, subject to the following:-

Clause 28 – Vacant Properties – Mr. Beighton queried the time involved in “turning around” vacant properties. Members were informed that in most cases the time involved is 2 weeks, depending upon conditions found.

(2024/25:095) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – General Action Update:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager’s General Action Report dated 8th July, 2024, subject to the following:-

Millennium Garden Toilets – Refurbishment / Reopening: It was proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con that the contractor who has kindly offered to provide sanitary ware for the Millennium Garden Toilets be written to and asked formally to confirm their proposals and timetable and they be asked to confirm what, if anything, they require of the Commission.

(2024/25:096) Housing and Property Manager’s Report – H&S and Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012:

Resolved: To note the Housing and Property Manager’s report dated 1st July, 2024, advising of the requirement to ensure that buildings are adequately surveyed and where Asbestos Containing Materials are identified, such materials are assessed and recorded in a suitable register. It was noted that methods and costing options for testing and recording and potential removal are being investigated about which further report will be submitted in due course.

(2024/25:097) Any Other Business:

097a) Fireworks / Drone Display:

Mr. McGuinness asked if any progress had been made with regard to proposals to incorporate a “Drone Light Show” event. The Acting Town Clerk confirmed that it was not the Commission’s wish to include the event as part of (or instead of) the 2024 fireworks display on Saturday, 2nd November, and Mr. Beighton informed members that he had nothing further to report at this stage.

097b) Cronk Elfin “Circle”:

Mr. Williams drew attention to the weeds at the Cronk Elfin Circle. The Housing and Property Manager confirmed that the contractor is due to come back and make good the ground of “The Circle” and should they fail to do so the Commission will undertake the work and pass on the costs thereof.

RTC Board Meeting – 17th July, 2024, Continued:

The Chairman asked that staff, with the exception of the Acting Town Clerk withdraw from the meeting, at 9.05 p.m.

A further matter was discussed and the minute arising recorded in private.

The meeting closed at 9.10 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 Twoaie	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC meet the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023.Developer contacted our advocate proposing the 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. <i>SB has emailed the developer on 10 July 2024 for an update.</i>	FGP	Jul-24	TRKC	Sep-23	
	Mooragh promenade shelter public art.	4 shelters are complete, minor works required to the school shelter, the school has been contacted and asked to complete the work.	The school have been contacted about the missing sea gull! <i>School advised that students had undertaken to complete art during summer.</i>	PL	Aug-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. <i>Aiting conclusion of the planning process.</i>	WD	Jun-24	TRKC	Jun-23	
	Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles)	Report on roll out March 2024- The final phases are dependant on poles receiving planning approval.	MT have been asked to facilitate an open meeting for residents of Ramsey impacted by the pole planning applications. <i>Appeals lodged in resepet of refused applications.</i>	FGP	Aug-24	TC	Jul-24	

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Dec-21	Adoption of land at Auldyn Walk, Ramsey	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	All snagging works are not complete. RTC will adopt the land when complete.	FGP	Aug-24	TC	Jul-24	Yellow
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	Yellow
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.	Bus Vannin advice that the TT service is likely to be same as TT 2023 with services at 22.01, 22.35 and 23.10. They are looking at operating an N6 but this has not been confirmed. Keep on tracker to follow up with DOI in future.	FGP	Mar-24	SB	Apr-25	Green
Jul-22	Ramsey bags for life	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. In excess of 60 of the new bag design have been sold.		Sep-23	SB	Jul-23	Green
Jul-22	Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Funding secured for art work. Funding application submitted for assistance for works to the structures.	One shelter completed since July meeting, two more are to have work commence on them shortly.	PL	Aug-24	SB	Jun-24	Green
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. Revised offer as Feb 2024 has been communicated to staff and unions.		Jun-24	TRKC/NC	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 approved.	ATC spoke with Developer, work being undertaken and documents to be drawn up.		Jul-24	TC	Dec-24	Green
Nov-23	Social Media Campaign showing the work of the commission.	Prepare content		FGP	Jun-24	SB	Mar-24	Yellow
Jan-24	BMX track	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course	Meeting scheduled to take place on 20 August 2024	PL	Aug-24	SB	Sep-24	Green
Jan-24	Cronk Elfin circle	Proposals developed for the circle, which have not been sent to residents as yet.	Drawings received and discussed at Housing Meeting.	HP	Aug-24	AF	Feb-24	Green
Feb-24	Advertise Town Hall rooms	Ongoing	Ongoing	FGP	Jun-24	SB	Jun-24	Yellow

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
Jul-24	Merger of Town Wards.	Request DOI to put forward a scheme under Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1982 to make a scheme to merge the current North and South Wards into one electoral district.	ATC has written to DOI requesting a scheme. See separate report.	FGP	Aug-24	SB	May-25	
Jul-24	"Great Wave" Street Art - Old Swimming Pool	Seek Expressions of Interest for Great Wave inspired art on west facing gable of Old Swimming Pool	Expressions of Interest Exercise process closed. Awating full details from applicants	PL	Aug-24	SB	Jul-25	
Jul-24	Hearing Loop for Board Room	Look at options for provision of hearing loop within Board Room	Portable unit declined by member. Looking at substantive provision.	HP	Aug-24	AF	Dec-24	
Jul-24	Alternate Hard Standing Locations	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.	.	WD	Jul-24	BW		

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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 (June 2024) <i>Work scheule agreed with Tesco and contractor</i>	WD	BW	Apr-23	
16	Mar-22	Coronation Park Toilets	Works being developed but requires planning due to <i>proposed changes to the roof.</i>	<i>Scaffolding installed</i>	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
12	Mar-23	South Prom Changing facility	Facility agreed, swimming group raising the required additional funds.	<i>Steel frame being constructed.</i>	HP	SB/AF	Sep-23	

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

Projects 2024-25

No.	Date started	Item	Current position	Action	Area	Officer	Target Completion Date	RAG Status
2	Apr-24	Street lighting	Non Destructive Testing of - 228 columns	Order placed	Complete	WD	BW	Oct-24
	Apr-24		Street Lighting Provision for column replacement after NDT tests	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	3 columns have been removed and a further 3 are to be removed a programme of work is being developed.	WD	BW	Apr-25
3	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replace existing light heads with LEDs - 549 total (via 10-yr. loan)	Petition to be submitted.	Petition being developed TSM and FO.	WD	BW	Apr-25
4	Apr-24		Street Lighting Replacement of high risk Columns - utilising UCR funds	NDT test results required prior to starting column replacement	Underway.	WD	BW	Apr-25
5	Apr-24		Christmas decorative lighting	Collate information for review.	Review with Lead Member.	WD	BW	Sep-24
6	Apr-24		IT & communications	Wi-Fi	Update WIFI	Installed	FGP	SB
8	Apr-24	Streaming laptop		Define spec	Purchase lap top	FGP	SB	Jun-24
10	Apr-24	Vollan Campervan site	Server room	In progress	Specify cage and cooling	FGP	SB	Sep-24
11	Apr-24		Site discharge drain	Confirm design	Planning approval required and being prepared	WD	BW	Apr-25
12	Apr-24	Trees	Surveys & necessary work	Order placed	Works being undertaken	WD	BW	Apr-25
13	Apr-24	Signs	Street nameplates	Ongoing		WD	BW	Apr-25
15	Apr-24		Byelaw & Parking	Ongoing	Signs Ordered	WD	BW	Sep-24
16	Apr-24		Directional signs x 2	Collate information for review.	Review with Lead Member.	WD	BW	Apr-25
17	Apr-24	Office furniture	Provision for new office furniture after Occupational Health staff reviews	Undertake staff reviews		WD	BW	Apr-25
18	Apr-24	Courthouse windows	Provision subject to challenge to Registered Buildings Officer; Grants	Identify funding source, and prepare grant application.	Planning Application to be completed and submitted.	H&P	AF	Apr-25
19	Apr-24	Ruinous buildings	Development of procedure to tackle problem	Develop procedure with support.	Engaging third party to assist with development of policy.	WD	BW	Sep-24
21	Apr-24	Riverside Workshop CCTV	3 new cameras & upgrade viewing monitor	Confirm specification.	Ordered installation July	H&P	AF	Sep-24
22	Apr-24	Coronation Park play surfaces	Replace safety surfaces around play equipment	Order materials	To be completed in August	H&P	AF	Oct-24
23	Apr-24	Staffing	1 full-time staff, Works & Development	Commence recruitment process	Undeaway	WD	BW	May-24
24	Apr-24	South Beach	Engage volunteers to 'reprofile' & 'clean' the beach	Awaiting approvals for reprofiling	Volunteers have cleaned the beach, Works supporting by removing waste material.	WD	BW	May-24
25	Apr-24	BMX Track maintenance	Provision for track & surrounding area maintenance	Initial works to the area have been completed.	See main action tracker.	WD	BW	Sep-24
26	Apr-24	GDPR / FOI support	Engage professional for support	Initial consultation has taken place and further documentation being provided.		FGP	SB	Jun-24
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There were originally 27 projects, once complete and shown complete for a month they are removed.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER
AUGUST 2024, PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In accordance with the relevant legislation, Election (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020 and the Elections (Local Authorities) Regulations 2022 the Returning Officer is the Chief Secretary. The Returning Officer may appoint **one or more** Deputy Returning Officer. They can perform any and all of the functions of the Returning Officer.

The Commission previously nominated Mr T. R. K. Cowin to The Cabinet Office to be the Deputy Returning Officers (DRO) for Ramsey. Mr Cowin will be leaving the the employment of the Commission on 15th August 2024. The Board is asked to consider if it wishes to nominate another person to act in the role of Deputy Returning Officer.

The DRO **cannot** be a member of the local authority, but it does not exclude the appointment of a Clerk to the Local Authority.

The appointment of the DRO is for a term not exceeding 5 years.

A returning officer cannot be :-

- (a) any minister of religion who follows no secular occupation other than that of a teacher;
- (b) any coroner;
- (c) any constable or other person having the powers and privileges of a constable;
- (d) any officer of an institution (within the meaning of the Custody Act 1995);
- (e) the Chief Registrar, and any member of the staff of the General Registry;
- (f) any member of a local authority;
- (g) any member of the Council or the Keys; and
- (h) any person who has served as a member of the Keys in the session immediately preceding the election, or in the current session in the case of a by-election.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H S Bevan
Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive

14th August 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
DOG CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BYELAWS
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Infrastructure have drafted a set of Dog Control (Amendment) Byelaws 2023 to allow the admittance of certain types of dogs into areas where dogs are currently prohibited.

These are appended to this report for consideration by Members.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

7th August 2024

Statutory Document No. 20XX/XXXX



Dogs Act 1990

RAMSEY DOG CONTROL (AMENDMENT) BYELAWS 2024

Approved by the Department of Infrastructure:

Laid before Tynwald:

Coming into operation: in accordance with byelaw 2

Ramsey Town Commissioners make the following Byelaws under section 24(1) and (4) of the Dogs Act 1990. In accordance with section 24(10) of that Act the Commissioners have obtained the approval of the Department of Infrastructure (following consultation with the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture under section 24(10A) of the Act) and in accordance with section 24(5) of that Act the Commissioners have obtained the consent of the owner of any open space or car park to which the byelaws apply which is not vested in, or under their management or control.

1 Title

These Byelaws are the Ramsey Dog Control (Amendment) Byelaws 2024.

2 Commencement

If approved by the Department of Infrastructure, these Byelaws come into operation on the day after they are approved.

3 Amendments to the Ramsey Dog Control Byelaws 2017

(1) The Ramsey Dog Control Byelaws are amended as follows.

(2) For byelaw 3 (interpretation), substitute —

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Interpretation

| (1) In these Byelaws—

| “the Act” means the Dogs Act 1990;

| “assistance dog” means —

- (a) a dog which has been trained to guide a blind person by Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Isle of Man registered charity number 1334; England and Wales registered charity number 209617; Scotland registered charity number SC038979) or the Seeing Dogs Alliance (England and Wales registered charity number 1156790);
- (b) a dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (England and Wales registered charity number 293358; Scotland registered charity number SC040486); or
- (c) a dog which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects by a prescribed charity;

"the Commissioners" means Ramsey Town Commissioners;

"prescribed charity" means –

- (a) Dogs for Good (England and Wales registered charity number 1092960; Scotland registered charity number SC039828);
- (b) Support Dogs Limited (England and Wales registered charity number 1088281);
- (c) Canine Partners for Independence (England and Wales registered charity number 803680; Scotland registered charity number SC039050);
- (d) Autism Dogs (England and Wales registered charity number 1199343);
- (e) Dog A.I.D (England and Wales registered charity number 1178719);
- (f) Support Dogs (England and Wales registered charity number 1088281).

(2) A reference in these Byelaws to –

- (a) the keeper of a dog does not include –
- (i) a person who is in possession of an assistance dog whilst being assisted by the dog;
 - (ii) a member of the Isle of Man Constabulary or an officer of Isle of Man Customs and Excise when engaged in law enforcement functions or a member of His Majesty's Armed Forces when engaged on operational duties within the Island;
 - (iii) a member of the Isle of Man Search and Rescue Dog Association when engaged either on an operation on behalf of any of the emergency services or on a training exercise; and
 - (iv) any member of the National Search and Rescue Dog Association when working or training with that Association; and
- (b) a dog does not include any dog that –
- (i) a person who is in possession of an assistance dog whilst being assisted by the dog;
 - (ii) is permitted by the head teacher (or a person acting in that capacity) to be on the grounds or playing fields, or within, a school specified in paragraph (e) of Part 1 of Schedule 1; and
 - (iii) remains on a lead or is otherwise kept under control at all times while it is on the grounds or playing fields, or within, the school.»

THE COMMON SEAL¹ of Ramsey Town Commissioners was affixed on [insert date] in the presence of

(L.S.)

MADE

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Chairman, Ramsey Town Commissioners

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Clerk to Ramsey Town Commissioners

¹ As required by section 30(2) of the Local Government Act 1985

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Byelaws)

These Byelaws amend the Ramsey Dog Control Byelaws 2017 (“2017 Byelaws”).
Byelaw 3 substitutes byelaw 3 (interpretation) of the 2017 Byelaws.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
DRAFT LOCAL ECONOMY STRATEGY AND COMPREHENSIVE
TREATMENT AREA
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department for Enterprise has released a Draft Local Economy Strategy. The Department held an open presentation of the Strategy in conjunction with the Northern Chamber of Commerce on 13th August 2024 to gather feedback from interested parties.

The document can be viewed online -

<https://www.businessisleofman.com/media/w5povvgr/draft-isle-of-man-local-economy-strategy-06082024.pdf>.

The Cabinet Office released a document entitled “Comprehensive Treatment Area – Feasibility Study and Treatment Plan to the North and West Area Plan Public Enquiry.

This document can be viewed online at

<https://www.businessisleofman.com/media/w5povvgr/draft-isle-of-man-local-economy-strategy-06082024.pdf> .

Printed copies of both of these documents can be provide upon request.

Officers from the Department for Enterprise have indicated that would be happy to attend a meeting of the Commission to provide a presentation on both of these items should members wish this to take place.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether they wish to invite the Department for Enterprise to make a presentation at a Special Board meeting.

Recommendation:- for discussion.

H. S. Bevan

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th August 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
GAMING (AMENDMENT) ACT 1984
AUGUST 2024, PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The office of the Gambling Supervision Commission is in receipt of an application for a Full certificate under Section 3 of the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984 to site two controlled machines in respect of:-

Barbary North Coast
10-12 Market Place East
Ramsey
Isle of Man IM8 1JY

The person having actual control of the premises is Mr Darren Walker.

In accordance with Schedule 1, of the Gaming (Amendment) Act 1984, the Gambling Supervision Commission has written to seek the views of the Commissioners before the Commission consider the application.

Members are therefore asked if they wish to make a submission to the Gambling Supervision in respect of this application.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H S Bevan
Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive

14th August 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
RAMSEY (ABOLITION OF WARDS) SCHEME 2024
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

A resolution was passed at the meeting of the Commission on 19th June, 2024, to apply to the Department of Infrastructure to merge the Town's Wards. The Department of Infrastructure have now supplied a draft Scheme under Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1985, sub section (2) (c).for approval by the Board which is appended to this report.

Members are asked to consider if they wish to accept the Scheme as drafted. If approved the Scheme would be signed by The Chairman and Acting Town Clerk and sealed. The next stage in the process would be for a period public consultation as outlined below:

Public Consultation – Inviting Comments on Scheme

Once the scheme is finalised, the local authority is to give notice of the scheme for at least 2 (weeks) local newspapers and by posting details at their offices and on notice boards in the district. In accordance with the Local Government (Notice of Schemes) Regulations 1986, the notice must:-

- (a) specify the place within the district affected by the scheme where a copy of the scheme may be inspected at all reasonable hours; and specify*
- (b) the time (not being less than 21 days after the date on which the notice is first published in accordance with paragraph (2)(b)) within which objections and representations with respect to the scheme may be made to the Department of Infrastructure.*

Following the advertising period the Local Authority will submit the scheme to the Department.

(Under s.9(3) of the Local Govt Act 1985 it states "A local authority which has made a scheme under subsection (2) may, after giving such notice as may be prescribed, submit the scheme to the Department, and the Department may by order give effect to the scheme, with or without modifications, from such date as may be specified in the order.")

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk

14th August 2024

Statutory Document No. 2024/0218



Local Government Act 1985

RAMSEY (ABOLITION OF WARDS) SCHEME 2024

Made:

Coming into operation in accordance with paragraph 2.

Ramsey Town Commissioners makes the following Scheme under section 9(2) of the Local Government Act 1985.

1 Title

This Scheme is the Ramsey (Abolition of Wards) Scheme 2024.

2 Commencement

This Scheme comes into operation on the date specified by the Department in an Order made under section 9(3) of the Local Government Act 1985¹.

3 Abolition of Wards of the Town District of Ramsey

The local authority for the town district of Ramsey (“the local authority”) abolishes all wards in its district so that so that the district shall comprise a single district.

4 Elected Members

Despite the abolition of the wards under paragraph 3, the existing elected members of the local authority shall continue in office until the date of the next local election held under the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020.

5 Casual Vacancies

For the purposes of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the local authority after the

¹ Under section 9(3) of the Local Government Act 1985, the Department for Infrastructure, having caused an inquiry to be held, may by order give effect to this Scheme.

commencement of this Scheme but before the next local election is a vacancy of the whole town district of Ramsey.

THE COMMON SEAL of Ramsey Town Commissioners was affixed on 21 August 2024 in the presence of

(L.S.)

MADE

R D COWELL

Chairman, Ramsey Town Commissioner

H S BEVAN

Acting Town Clerk & Chief Executive



EXPLANATORY NOTE***(This note is not part of the Scheme)***

This Scheme abolishes the existing wards within the Town District of Ramsey and creates a single electoral district. This Scheme only has effect if the Department for Infrastructure gives effect to it by Order.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
REPRESENTATION IN COURT ACTIONS
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The provisions of S.53 of the Local Government Act 1985 provides

53 Appearance by local authorities

Any member or officer of a local authority who is authorised by that authority to prosecute or defend on its behalf, or to appear on its behalf in, proceedings before a court of summary jurisdiction shall be entitled to prosecute or defend or to appear in any such proceedings and, notwithstanding anything in the Advocates Acts 1826 to 1976, to conduct any such proceedings although he is not qualified to act as an advocate.

Rule 5.10 of the Rules of the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man require a formal resolution to be provided in relation to certain matters including matters in the Small Claims Court.

The Commission has previously resolved to authorise the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Finance Officer to appear, and a formal resolution is requested to empower the Finance Officer to act in relation to the Small Claims Actions.

Given that the Commission is progressing a number of actions in relation to dilapidated buildings permission is being sought to include the Technical Services Manager to the list of officers who can act as “nominated individual”.

Recommendation:- that the holders of the post of Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Finance Officer and Technical Services Manager are deemed to be nominated individuals and authorised on behalf of the Ramsey Town Commission to act on its behalf and sign statements of case/truth as "nominated individual" as defined and set out in Rule 5.10 of the Rules of the High Court of Justice 2009.

H. S. Bevan

Acting Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14th August 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
AUGUST 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 July 2024 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated and graphical summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 31st July 2024 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £532,898.13 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £61,565.91 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in July 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 2024-25 Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 30th June 2024 is attached at Appendix 2.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account with some being financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees & works	£124,061
Replacement street lighting columns	£55,945
Solar panels – Town Hall	£29,982
New telephones & communications system	£19,684
Upper Queen's Pier Road refurbishment – initial prof. fees	£13,800
New rear door access – Town Hall	£6,276
Recycling collection housing	£3,943
Beach raft	£3,520
Jet washer – for general purposes	£2,639
Printer for Library	£2,470

Recommendation: To be noted.

Rates

Treasury has supplied a 2nd Supplemental Rating List for 2024-25 which indicates some slight changes in the gross and rateable values for the Town as follows:

	Gross	Rateable
	£	£
Existing list	857,590	742,107
Valuations to be added	4,340	3,473
Valuations to be cancelled	<u>(3,665)</u>	<u>(2,932)</u>
Revised list	<u>858,265</u>	<u>742,648</u>

Recommendation: To be noted.

14th August 2024

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during July 2024

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
General Account		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	243,001.36
NCAS Joint Committee	Qtr. 2 running cost contribution	78,409.20
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	37,132.43
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	28,381.30
J Clawson Ltd.	Cronk Elfin refurbishment	17,152.14
Various	Legal & professional fees - housing	16,560.00
Manx Utilities	Electricity supply & water charges	15,431.06
Various	Legal & professional fees - boundary extension	14,698.39
J Wood Tree & Garden Servs. Ltd.	Tree surgery works & surveys	12,522.00
Various	Commission property repairs, maint. & safety checks	9,485.56
Various	Fuel & heating oil	8,785.95
Garage Door & Gate Automation Co.	New rear door in Town Hall	7,531.20
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	6,963.59
Various	IT costs	5,989.44
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	Replacement lighting columns	4,154.35
Various	Telephones	3,905.75
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	3,826.40
Various	Town events	3,243.92
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	Street lighting maintenance	3,042.72
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,251.82
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,542.06
Swept Clean Services IOM	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	1,476.00
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,327.97
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	1,250.39
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	894.02
Various	Media expenses	889.41
Various	Security & safety	797.76
Various	Legal & professional fees - ruinous buildings	631.80
Various	Staff training	300.00
Various	Park goods & materials	188.89
Various	Gift vouchers	110.00
Mr R D Cowell	Attendance Allowance	145.00
Ms S Cottam Shea	Attendance Allowance	135.00
Mr J McGuinness	Attendance Allowance	135.00
Mr A J Oldham	Attendance Allowance	133.75
Mr W G Young	Attendance Allowance	127.50
Ms L L Craine	Attendance Allowance	108.75
Rev Canon Greenwood	Attendance Allowance	108.75
Mr F B R Williams	Attendance Allowance	78.75
A R Beighton	Attendance Allowance	48.75
		532,898.13
Northern Civic Amenity Site		
Various	Plant & machinery service & repair	25,175.11
IOM Govt.	Waste disposal costs	12,873.70
IOM Govt.	Site rent - Qtr. 2	8,503.27
Various	Recycling charges	6,066.23
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	4,303.05
Fox Brothers (Lancashire) Ltd.	Equipment hire	3,165.60
Various	PPE	523.68
Various	Site maintenance	460.98
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phones	173.70
Recruitment Works Ltd.	Contract labour	143.56
Various	Admin expenses	89.25
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	68.15
Bank	Charges	19.63
		61,565.91

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Suppliers utilised during July 2024

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Allan C Swales Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Utilities	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	MC Locksmith Services Ltd.	IOM
Brew & Corkill Ltd.	IOM	Modus Architects Ltd.	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	Norfolk Vehicle Solutions Ltd.	UK
City Electrical Factors IOM Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	Office Equipment Centre 1978 Ltd.	IOM
Cu-Plas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Curtins Consulting Ltd.	IOM	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Peter Taylor	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	UK	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Automotive Centre Ltd.	IOM
Farmers Combine Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Ferncroft Environmental IOM Ltd.	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Fox Brothers (Lancashire) Ltd.	UK	Rentokil Pest Control	UK
Garage Gate & Door Automation Co. Ltd.	IOM	SafetyNet Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Screwfix Direct Ltd.	UK
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Swales Electrical Ltd. & Hoistline	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
IOM Post Office	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
J Clawson Ltd.	IOM	The Garage Door & Gate Automation Co.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Thompson Commercials Ltd.	UK
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
J Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	Viking Office UK Ltd.	UK
Kirby Park Garden Centre	IOM	Whittaker Trading Ltd.	IOM
L C Consultancy Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Logy on Fire	UK	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Mac's Builders Merchants Ltd.	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 31st JULY 2024 - Appendix 2

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	1,696,416	2,348,546	(652,130)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Wolrrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	94	0	94	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	5,270	5,102	168	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	13,905	12,981	924	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
Sub Total	£1,715,685	£2,366,629	(£650,944)	£ 5,116,775	£ 5,087,215	£ 29,560

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	64,979	17,756	47,223	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	26,555	0	26,555	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	18,235	0	18,235	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	1,450	0	1,450	34,157	0	34,157
Mansail Lease	2,396	5,177	(2,781)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	2,172	4,556	(2,384)	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	893	10,231	(9,338)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	6,204	3,750	2,454	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	7,089	0	7,089	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	12,106	0	12,106	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	183	0	183	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	36	0	36	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	2,534	3,342	(808)	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	18,098	0	18,098	111,302	0	111,302
Sub Total	£177,730	£44,812	£132,918	£680,217	£104,663	£575,554

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	1,951	0	1,951	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	6,605	15,449	(8,844)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	263,805	62,667	201,138	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	130,682	0	130,682	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	26,048	26,048	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	54,882	0	54,882	151,163	0	151,163
Decorative maint.	500	0	500	35,343	0	35,343
Decorative lighting new items	6,550	0	6,550	31,047	0	31,047
Local Services	92,202	0	92,202	327,391	0	327,391
Sub Total	£583,225	£104,164	£479,061	£1,859,342	£306,378	£1,552,964

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	32,301	3,800	28,501	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	115,378	0	115,378	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	78	0	78	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	53,206	2,885	50,321	180,595	9,165	171,430
Sub Total	£200,963	£6,685	£194,278	£557,010	£25,875	£531,135

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	17,130	0	17,130	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	244,954	36,024	208,930	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	3,092	0	3,092	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	12,597	12,140	457	62,148	34,419	27,729
Swimming Pool	9,060	0	9,060	45,111	0	45,111
Town Band	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	0	46	(46)	1,368	506	862
Sub Total	£286,833	£48,210	£238,623	£1,113,797	£169,060	£944,737

TOTAL	£2,964,436	£2,570,500	£438,748	£ 9,327,141	£ 5,693,191	£ 3,633,950
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Town rates	£ -	£923,293	(£923,293)	£ -	£ 3,513,954	(£3,513,954)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
ISLE OF MAN TRANSPORT STRATEGY: KEY PRINCIPLES
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Department of Transport have opened a consultation on the Isle of Man Transport Strategy: Key Principles. This consultation can be answered individually or from an organisation.

Vision

A safe, sustainable, accessible and equitable transport system which supports economic and population growth on the Island.

Q. The Transport Strategy will deliver the vision detailed above. Do you have any comments, feedback or further suggestions on this vision for transport on the Isle of Man? Is there anything we have missed?

A This vision is fair

Principle 1 - Economic Growth

Our transport system will help to deliver a strong and diverse economy and support growth in established and new sectors. The strategy aims to encourage good transport links to realise economic opportunities.

Principle 2 - Affordability

Our transport system will be affordable, operate fairly and efficiently, offer choice of transport mode, and support a competitive economy. It will optimise operational efficiency and cost by providing reliable and cost-effective transport options. The strategy seeks to do this while considering climate change commitments and promoting emissions reductions.

Principle 3 - Investment and funding

Investment and funding of our transport system must reflect the true social, economic, and environmental costs, to ensure users pay an equitable share whilst recognising the principles of a Just Transition.

Q. Do you have any comments, feedback or further suggestions on these economic principles? Is there anything we have missed?

A. It would have been beneficial if the Principles of a Just Transition (Principle 3) had been available to view to understand this better. It feels like something is missing from this statement.

Principle 4 - Accessibility

Our transport system will provide communities with fair and inclusive access to places, goods, services, and work.

Technical Services Manager's Report – Isle of Man Transport Strategy: Key Principles – August, 2024, Public Continued:

Principle 5 - Health & Wellbeing

Our transport system will help to protect and promote the health (physical, mental and social well-being) and safety of our communities.

Principle 6 - Integrated Planning

Our transport and planning systems must align to reduce the need to travel. Development should be focused on locations which are sustainable, thereby limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes.

Q. Do you have any comments, feedback or further suggestions on these community-centred principles? Is there anything we have missed?

A. *Principles 4 is good but who determines fair and inclusive access?*

Principle 5 is good.

Principle 6 - Douglas and the surrounding area are the business and shopping centre of the island – with the outer lying towns being more bespoke in their shopping experiences and business opportunities. How are you going to limit the need to travel? Is this going to restrict opportunities for developers? Or is the focus on limiting individual travel and forcing people to use public transport. What puts people off using public transport is the time taken to get somewhere, how many changes they need to make and wait times between changes.

Principle 7 - Environmental Impact

Our future transport system will help us deliver our net zero targets without threatening public health, global climate, biological diversity, or the integrity of essential ecological processes. We are committed to protecting and enhancing the biodiversity our Island.

Principle 8 - Land and Resource Use

Our transport system makes efficient use of land and other natural resources while supporting a natural and built environment which respects and protects our rich culture, biodiversity and sense of place. We have control over streetscapes and will make investments to create more enjoyable living places. We will consider form as well as function in the design of our streetscapes. This includes the decommissioning of transport assets, in particular electric vehicles and their batteries.

Principle 9 - Innovation

Our transport system will accommodate technological advances to provide innovative services relating to different modes of transport and traffic management and enable users to be better informed and make safer, more coordinated, and 'smarter' use of transport networks.

Q. Do you have any comments, feedback or further suggestions on these environmental principles? Is there anything we have missed?

Technical Services Manager's Report – Isle of Man Transport Strategy: Key Principles – August, 2024, Public Continued:

A. Principle 8 – Shouldn't Local authorities and other stakeholders have an input into the creation and management of streetscapes and enjoyable living places as they are the ones that ultimately must manage and maintain them following completion?

Improve road safety

Road safety is a key concern in any road transport system. We want to see a future where no one is killed or seriously injured on our roads, aligning with the Safe System Approach and aims of the Island's Road Safety Partnership to achieve this.

Improve accessibility

A wide range of barriers can exist which prevent people from accessing transport services and infrastructure. We want to work with communities to remove these barriers and adopt best practice to create an inclusive transport system.

Decarbonise the transport system

The transport sector is the third highest contributor to climate change on the Island. We want to drive a shift to more sustainable travel modes and chart a transition away from petrol and diesel vehicles to reduce the emissions attributable to transport.

Reduce dependency on private cars

Personal car use on the Island is high and comprises almost two thirds of overall transport emissions. We want to see a transition away from use of personal cars for everyday trips to increased use of active and public transport.

Make best use of existing infrastructure

We want to maintain and manage existing assets effectively and efficiently, upgrading and adapting where necessary to improve factors such as accessibility, safety and resilience, and support modal shift.

Support sustainable population growth

The Island is targeting population growth to 100,000 residents by 2037. We want to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure to manage this growth sustainably, to contribute to a vibrant and thriving Island supported by an effective transport system.

Q. These aims have been developed based on the overarching vision and principles and will be used to shape the on-the-ground commitments within the Transport Strategy. Do you have any comments, feedback or further suggestions? Is there anything we have missed?

A. *'Make best use of the existing infrastructure' – does this not sit at the heart of the strategy? How do you use the existing infrastructure to achieve all the other overarching principles?*

Recommendation: For Discussion

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

13th August, 2024.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Planning have launched a public consultation for a Permitted Development Review, this consultation closes on the 2nd September 2024.

As part of the Built Environment Reform Programme ('BERP'), the Cabinet Office is proposing changes to some of the legislation that sets out what can be done without needing a planning application (Permitted Development Orders). This consultation seeks feedback on the draft legislation.

Between 2020 and 2023 an average of around 1400 applications were made under the Town and Country Planning Act each year. Over 60% of these sought full planning approval for smaller proposals such as householder applications. For example, this included an average of over 70 applications each year for replacing windows to properties in Conservation Areas.

By reviewing and expanding the works that can be undertaken without needing a planning application, finite government resources can be redirected towards dealing with those proposals which most need the scrutiny afforded by the planning application process. Furthermore, those wishing to invest in property improvements are able to do so more easily, which is of benefit to both property owners and the wider construction industry.

1. Are there any proposed classes within the orders that you think should not be included in at all?

Please state the order, the class(es) and why:

NO

2. Is there anything which you think should be permitted development and hasn't been included in the orders?

Please state what and why together with any conditions/limitation that you think should apply:

NO

3. Do you think that any of the conditions/limitations that have been applied to the classes should be different?

Please state the order, the classes(es) and what you think should be changed:

NO

Recommendation: For Discussion

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

12th August, 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING POLICY – CABINET OFFICE RESPONSE
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In July following a response from the Ms J. Chance in the Planning Office the Board resolved to write to the Cabinet Office and ask them how Ramsey can best contribute more towards the development of Planning Policy and the conservations area.

Please find their response attached.

Recommendation: Arrange a meeting to discuss further.

B. Wallace.
Technical Services Manager

8th August, 2024

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
Dr. Megan Mathias MBE**

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By email

Dear Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Ramsey Town Commissioners

Re: Planning Policy – Conservation Area

I am writing in response to your letter to Cabinet Office dated 18th July 2024 – setting out your frustrations in respect of the Ramsey conservation area, and your request for further guidance as to how you can contribute more.

Section 18 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 sets out the statutory duty for "*Cabinet Office to determine which parts of the Island are areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance, and shall by order designate such areas as conservation areas.*"

The statutory effect of designation is to control demolition in conservation areas – under Section 19 of the 1999 Act, and this is re-iterated in Environment Policy 39 of the Strategic Plan 2016. Environment Policy 35 of the Strategic Plan 2016 sets out a heritage policy that supports the preservation or enhancement of the character of the appearance of the area. The policy intent is to ensure that the special features contributing to the character and quality are protected against inappropriate development.

The main concerns arising from your letter appear to relate to access to funding to support the costs of townscape improvements, rather than the merit or otherwise of retaining the conservation area designation.

To be clear, Cabinet Office is not minded to remove the conservation area designation at this time.

We note that the supporting text to Environment Policy 35 refers to grant assistance available to help in the use of appropriate materials and positive and appropriate development within

conservation areas – but such grant assistance is no longer available, and there are no plans to bring forward a new grant scheme that relates directly to the renovation and restoration of heritage buildings. However, there is grant assistance available for regeneration initiatives – through the Island Infrastructure Scheme, as administered by the DFE. This scheme provides financial assistance to property developers who plan to develop on designated brownfield sites. Applications for the second round of applications are now open and will close on the 30th June 2025.

Regeneration typically serves as a catalyst to attract inward investment from the private sector that can bring wider benefits to an area but Cabinet Office recognise that the process is complex and challenging. It takes a strategic approach to deliver regeneration successfully, involving a wide range of stakeholders, typically with support from the public sector.

To support the regeneration process in Ramsey, Cabinet Office are actively putting policy measures in place to ensure that the town of Ramsey is best placed to be able to benefit from government funding initiatives.

The updated Unoccupied Register of Urban Sites includes a number of sites within Ramsey (as published by Cabinet Office and available to view [here](#)), including sites which fall within the Ramsey conservation area. This places the town of Ramsey in a good position to be able to take advantage of this window of opportunity afforded through the Island Infrastructure Scheme.

Policy support for regeneration initiatives in Ramsey is set out Chapter 8 of the Draft Area Plan for the North and West - specifically

- Built Environment Proposal 1: Urban Regeneration, which covers some of those areas that fall within the boundary of Ramsey conservation area, and also
- Built Environment Proposal 2: CTA Proposal for West Quay and Sulby River, Ramsey (Treatment Plan).

The Public Inquiry for the Draft Area Plan has now concluded. Should the Draft Area Plan be adopted by Cabinet Office and approved by Tynwald, the detailed policy framework to support regeneration initiatives in Ramsey will be in place. The likely timeframe for adoption would be Spring 2025, with approval by Tynwald anticipated by Summer 2025.

I trust that this provides an assurance to Ramsey Town Commissioners that Cabinet Office fully understand the challenges faced in Ramsey to bring about townscape improvements within the town centre, and we are playing our part to support future regeneration within the town.

We are encouraged to hear that Ramsey Town Commissioners would like to explore how best to contribute more. To this end, we would like to extend an invite to meet up further to discuss possible options going forward.

Yours faithfully,



Fiona Huyton MRTPI
Senior Planning Policy Officer

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

REF NO: 4162
P.A. NO.: 24/00741/A
PROPOSED: Approval in Principle for the development of 7.38 hectares of
land for a residential-led development
NOTES: Approval in Principle
SITE: **Land at Ballachrink, off Poyll Dooley Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4163
P.A. NO.: 24/00750/B
PROPOSED: Removal of chimney stack and rooflight to rear elevation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Blenheim, Brookfield Crescent, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4164
P.A. NO.: 24/00755/B
PROPOSED: Extension to existing drive to create additional off-road parking
space
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **36, Gibbs Grove, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4165
P.A. NO.: 24/00781/B
PROPOSED: Residential development comprising 9 houses and 4 apartments
with associated roads, plots and drainage
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Land adjacent to Thornhill Manor, Clifton Drive, Ramsey**

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REF NO: 4166
P.A. NO.: 24/00864/CON
PROPOSED: Registered Building Consent for replacement timber-framed windows – RB88
NOTES: Registered Building
SITE: **Lough House, Approach Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4167
P.A. NO.: 24/00875/B
PROPOSED: Installation of flue for woodburning stove, removal of chimney stack from garage roof, increase driveway opening & dropping the kerb
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **22, Cooil Breryk, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4168
P.A. NO.: 24/00890/D
PROPOSED: Installation of illuminated and non-illuminated signage
NOTES: P.A. - Advertising
SITE: **Supermarket, Bowring Road, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4169
P.A. NO.: 24/90922/C
PROPOSED: Change of use from tourist accommodation to residential (retrospective)
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use
SITE: **This Sonney, May Hill, Ramsey**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

14th August, 2024

**R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – AUGUST, 2024**

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
24/00199/B R.T.C. 4132	Conversion of former ground floor restaurant and first floor function room into four apartments, roof alterations for the creation of a second floor terrace for existing apartment	Shipdesine House, East Quay	Meeting held: 20/03/2024 No Objection	06/08/24 Application REFUSED

The refusal is for the following reason(s):

1. The site is located on the quayside adjoining Ramsey Harbour and lies within in a High Risk Flood Zone in respect of tidal flooding. The proposed development is unacceptable because it would involve the provision of sleeping accommodation at ground floor level. This would be compounded by the fact that no cellar floor plan is submitted either as part of the existing use /layout of the premises, or for any intended future use. This would further add to concerns regarding the change of use to residential accommodation and the potential impact for occupants' safety should a flood event occur. In addition, insufficient flood prevention measures and/or flood mitigation measures have been proposed as part of the development to avoid the potential for flood risk and consequent harm to the personal safety of occupants of the ground floor apartments. This is contrary to the provisions of General Policy 2 (1), and, Environment Policy 10 in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016.
2. The proposed new apartment 4 will not be served directly by a kitchen window. Its bedroom, bathroom and terrace will have their windows facing east towards Mona Street away from the harbour, and directly onto the side wall of the neighbouring structures at the rear of the Royal Hotel, and rear yards at Nos. 12 and 14 Market Place East. As such, the terrace/windows from Apartment 4 would provide an outlook over the gable wall a few metres away; and, over these neighbouring properties back yards. This would provide an unacceptably poor outlook and low level of amenity for future occupants of Apartment 4. In this regard, the development would be unacceptable and would fail to accord with the provisions of Policies GP2 and H17 in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016.
3. The proposal in respect of the proposed addition of the terrace/windows in the south side of the building to serve Apartment 4 would provide an outlook over the gable wall a few metres away; and, over neighbouring properties back yards located immediately to the south. This would provide an unacceptable degree of overlooking, observation and loss of privacy to occupants of these neighbouring properties. In this regard, the development would be unacceptable and would fail to accord with the provisions of Policies GP2 and H17 in the Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2016.

R.T.C. – TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER’S REPORT
APPENDIX I - SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONTINUED– AUGUST, 2024

<i>P.A. No.</i>	<i>Proposed Work(s)</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>R.T.C. Recommendation</i>	<i>D.o.I. Correspondence</i>
24/00227/B	Installation of 12 x 9 metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires	Claughbane Estate	Comment	27/06/24 Application REFUSED 23/07/24 Appeal Requested
24/00234/B	Installation of 6 x 9 metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires	Fairway Drive	Comment	27/06/24 Application REFUSED 17/07/24 Appeal Requested
24/00257/B R.T.C. 4137	Installation of five 9 metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires	Marlborough Crescent	Meeting held: 17/04/2024 Comment	27/06/24 Application REFUSED 23/07/24 Appeal Requested
24/00259/B R.T.C. 4139	Installation of four 9 metre wooden telegraph poles with associated overhead wires	Thornhill Park	Meeting held: 17/04/2024 Comment	25/06/24 Application REFUSED 23/07/24 Appeal Requested Please note that this is the final opportunity for R.T.C. to submit their written comments.

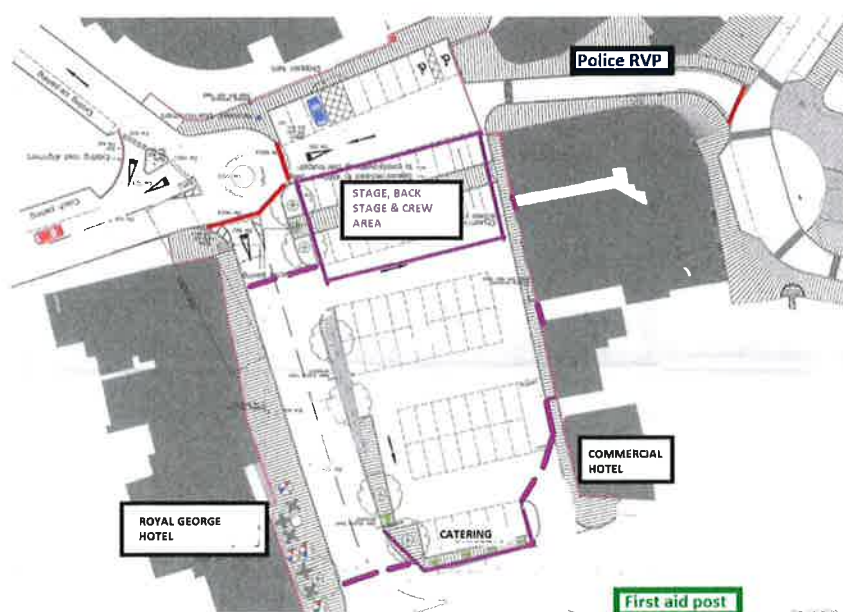
**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
ACTING TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
SPRINTFEST 2024 / 2025
AUGUST 2024 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members

This report is to provide an update of Sprintfest 2024 and to consider the options for Sprintfest 2025.

Sprintfest 2024

The event was staged in Market Place car park on the evenings of 31ST May, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd June 2024.



To facilitate the safer running of the event Market Place Car Park and the roads around the event were closed.

In order to mitigate against the impact of the event and taking into account feedback received from public consultation the following aspects were incorporated :

- Event ran on evenings only with two acts each night
- Market Hill remained open during the event
- Increased signage was deployed advising of the event
- Market Place Car Park was opened during the days for parking

The above measures were generally well received by businesses in the area the traffic flow around town was smoother.

The event was serviced by the licensed premises in the event area and along West Quay with visitors bringing their own refreshments.

Acting Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2024//2025
August 2024, Public Continued:

The event was also serviced by the food take away businesses in the area.

One catering concession attended the event – this was from a northern based operator and complemented the offering from the established businesses in the area.

The event was stewarded by RTC staff and registered door staff. Officers from Isle of Man Constabulary were very supportive and reported no issues with the event.

The new TT schedule first introduced in 2023 remained in place for 2024. This did not cause any major issues for Sprintfest as delays to racing did not drastically clash with the event. This may not have been the case in the event of their being extended closure of the TT course while Sprintfest was “live”.

2024 – Event Format

Building on the success of three previous iterations since 2019, this year's Sprintfest demonstrated growing cultural awareness within the local and visitor community, evidenced by repeat attendees and online and in-person comments anticipating the schedule announcement.

Operational Challenges

The importance of the Thursday evening load-in was highlighted by issues caused by vehicles left in the car park past the closure time, hindering stage installation. If this had occurred on Friday morning, it could have impacted on the event's start time.

Entertainment

Fees for musical entertainers remained relatively stable compared to the previous year. The lineup featured a healthy mix of established and new Manx-based bands. An investment in an international street performer, who entertained the crowds between band changes, was well received. The performers' costs were minimized through free accommodation provided by an event volunteer.

Attendance

Conservative estimates suggest nearly 1,000 people attended at the peak of the Saturday and Sunday nights, with between 300 and 700 people on the other two nights. This consistent and growing attendance highlights the event's popularity and success.

Additional Costs and Staffing

Additional costs were incurred due to the increased use of Ramsey Town Commissioner's staff to manage road closures and maintain safety and cleanliness. In previous years, assistance from community groups, which is more cost-effective than Commissioner's staff, was unavailable. The temporary closure of a nearby licensed facility also resulted in fewer independently provided security staff.

**Acting Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2024//2025
August 2024, Public Continued:**

The event had a budgetary amount of £20,000. Current expenditure is £21,021. A grant of £6,000 is due from the Department for Enterprise. A fee is due from the food concession. The net cost of the event this year being £15,021. Despite additional provisions and rising inflationary costs, the event remained well within the budget.

2024 Feedback

Two surveys were undertaken to gain the views of those who attended the event and those who operate businesses in the town. Despite being advertised on multiple occasions on social media, there were only 25 responses from attendees and 4 from businesses.

However, the general response was very positive and that the format of the event was right, with particular reference that the breadth of acts – including the addition of the street entertainer – worked well.

Helpful feedback was received as to logistical aspects of the event that will be taken into account when planning future events.

Those who commented on the opening of the car park during the event daytime – via the survey or direct to officers – felt that this was a helpful addition which would work better with a better flow of traffic in future years.

Sprintfest 2025

Members are asked to consider whether they wish to agree now to staging the event in 2025.

An early decision would allow officers to discuss the event format of Sprintfest – and other events in Ramsey and around the island – with other parties such as the Department for Enterprise. This is particularly important as the overall TT Event Format continues to evolve.

Sprintfest 2024 has continued to grow and improve the event brand, drawing significant crowds and contributing to Ramsey's cultural and economic vibrancy. The event's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the organizers, volunteers, and performers. Moving forward, efforts should focus on maintaining this momentum and addressing logistical challenges to ensure the event's continued success.

The location of Market Square has proven to be successful and offers the maximum benefit to wider range of businesses due to its central, town centre location.

**Acting Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2024//2025
August 2024, Public Continued:**

Recommendation:

To make an early decision that Sprintfest should be run in 2025, and maintain the same location, format and budget.

H. S. Bevan
Acting Town Clerk.

7th August 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT'S REPORT
RAMSEY IN BLOOM COMPETITION
AUGUST 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I am pleased to report the results of this year's Ramsey in Bloom Competition. Judging took place on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July, 2024 and the Presentation of awards and prizes was held on Thursday 8th August, 2024.

The results were as follows:-

Public Buildings Section: Ramsey Town Commissioners Shield
1st Place M.E.R. Station

Commercial Premises Small: Billy Walker Memorial Trophy
1st Place Patricia Wild Opticians

Private Gardens (Small) Ramsey in Bloom Bowl
1st Place Ian & Sally McMullen
2nd Place Alison Millard
3rd Place Karen Carswell

Private Garden: (Large) Ramsey in Bloom Bowl
1st Place Robert Shimmin
2nd Place Sue Hardy
3rd Place Natalie Bennett

Little Gems: Andy Moss Trophy
1st Place Christine Doherty
2nd Place Fran Chambers
3rd Place Gail Brady

Wildlife Garden:
The Maureen Ball Wildlife Quaiche Simon & Sharon Griffin

Special Prizes:

The Ken Barnes Cup	Christine Doherty
The Anne Skinner Memorial Trophy	Gail Brady
Special Commendation Certificates	Fynlo & Oshin King
	Natalie Bennett
The Ann Martin Memorial Shield	Simon & Sharon Griffin
The Richard Radcliffe Cup	Ian & Sally McMullen
The Ramsey Town Cup	Karen Carswell

**Technical Assistant's Report - Ramsey in Bloom Competition
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**Fruit & Vegetable Section:
Farmers Combine Trophy**

Natalie Bennett

Children's Section:

The Ramsey Garden Centre Shield

- 1st Place Fynlo & Oshin King
- 2nd Place Zara, Mae & Darcie Cowley-Hardy
- 3rd Place Connor Vlok
- 4th Place Shay Considine

Special Commendation Certificates:

Sinead Considine & Freddie Sowrey

Feltons Challenge Shield

- 1st Place Kiarra Callister
- 2nd Place Darcie Cowley-Hardy
- 3rd Place Mae Cowley-Hardy
- 4th Place Zara Cowley-Hardy

Special Commendation Certificates:

Fynlo & Oshin King
Cole & Layton Smart
Shay Considine
Sinead Considine
Lydia Rand
Reuben Rand

Congratulations are extended to all participants, and it is hoped that the 2025 Competition will, again, attract a wide range of entrants.

Recommendation: To be noted.

G. Kelly (Miss),
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

14th August, 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
NOTICE OF MOTION – AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS -
ACTION TRACKER
AUGUST, 2024 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members:

The following Notice of Motion, dated 30th July, 2024, is submitted in the name of Mr. J. McGuinness.

“Proposal for Amendment of Standing Orders to include the Action Tracker

Motion Part A:

In accordance with standing orders I bring this notice of motion for consideration at the upcoming meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners. In consideration of Standing Order 37 I am cognisant that any motion to vary the standing orders must stand adjourned for one month following the proposal.

Background:

The Action Tracker has been in place for a number of years now, having been introduced during the previous board. The reason behind its introduction, and still the purpose today, is to keep track of board resolutions that require action and are unable to be completed before the following board meeting.

Before the Action Tracker was introduced, members and staff had to individually keep notes of resolutions and query updates in the absence of board reports from officers. This resulted in matters being forgotten about or confusion as to what had occurred as well as difficulty for new board members in gaining an understanding of ongoing matters.

Despite being in operation for a number of years, the Action Tracker has not been formally adopted as part of the Standing Orders and the accepted process for adding items onto the tracker has evolved over time. This motion will formalise the tracker and provide clarity and consistency in its operation.

Proposal Part A:

To vary the Standing Orders by adding, into Section 13 “Order of Business”, the wording;

“e) the Commission’s Action Tracker, detailing ongoing matters and any action undertaken”

between;

“d) business arising out of such minutes if not referred to in the minutes of any Special Committee,”

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and

“e) business adjourned from a previous meeting,”

and alter the sequential letter ordering accordingly.

Proposal Part B:

On the basis of the approval of Part A, and the variation of the Standing Orders to add the Action Tracker in the Order of Business, the following motion is to formalise the format of the Action Tracker within the Standing Orders.

To add the following wording after section 22. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE;

“23. ACTION TRACKER

(1) The action tracker shall be presented as a record of resolutions of the Board from previous meetings, which have outstanding actions and/or awaiting responses. Upon agreeing a resolution it shall be taken that the resolution be added to the action tracker without need of further proposals to that effect. These items on the Action Tracker will be added in time for the subsequent meeting, following the resolution.

(2) The Action Tracker should reflect the following information;

- A) The date of the Board resolution
- B) A description of the item in question as a high level title
- C) Detail of the current position
- D) The last action taken and date
- E) The individual responsible for this matter
- F) Target Completion Date

(3) When the item is completed it will be removed from the action tracker in time for the subsequent meeting, following the notification of completion.”

and alter the sequential letter ordering accordingly.”

Standing Order 37 -VARIATION AND REVOCATION OF STANDING ORDERS

Any motion to add to, vary or revoke these standing orders shall when proposed and seconded stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Board. No new or revised standing order or any revocation of a standing order shall be valid or binding until confirmed by the Board at the ordinary meeting held after the meeting at which it was approved.

31st July, 2024.