

# Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Special Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Present: Mr K Brew, Chairman (Lezayre), Mr R Cowell Deputy Chair (Ramsey), Mr J Allison (Andreas), Mr S Smith (Ballaugh), Mr D Hope (Jurby), Mr S Ryzak (Garff),

In attendance: The following Clerks and Officers attended the meeting:  
Mrs M. Callow (Andreas – Clerk), Mrs A Done (Ballaugh - Clerk), Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Services Manager), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance), Mr T Cowin (Ramsey – Clerk), Mr A. Oldham (RTC Chairman)

## **1. Apologies for absence:**

Mrs L Sims (Bride – Clerk), (Jurby – Clerk) Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk), Mr I Burton (Bride), Mrs L. Smith (Lezayre - Clerk),

## **2. Future of the Committee**

Mr Cowin spoke to the members referencing legal advice he had received prior to the meeting.

A question was raised about the way rates are established as there was some confusion followings Bride's statement about how raising the rates was not going to help them. Mr Cannell explained what should happen.

Mr Brew updated all members of the committee on Bride's position and their reluctance to move away from that stance. Bride wants to be part of the site and pay; however, they want their contributions to be fair and the same as the neighbours. They also stated that if agreement couldn't be reached that they would be withdrawing from the site from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Arbitration was discussed however, it was pointed out that at the meeting with the DOI, Bride stated that they would not agree to arbitration unless they were guaranteed an outcome that was suitable to them. Members voiced that Bride would appear to have no concept of affect on rest of island.

The discussions of the evening focused around the following topics:

- The initial setting up of the site and the reasons around why it went the way it did.
- How the DOI used to charge for the site on rateable values.
- Getting Ministers and MHK's involved.
- Can Government force Bride to pay or raise their rates.
- Legislation around the requirement to have the site.
- The impact on Northern residents and the other Civic Amenity Sites on the Island.
- Impact of a potential closure of the site and increase of fly tipping.
- The implications and requirement to ban Bride residents.
- The possibility of Government to take on and run the site. In the DOI meeting it was stated that the DOI didn't have the staff to take it on.
- The requirements of the lease with the DOI and the Committee for exiting.
- Concerns that if a hard stance isn't taken the committee is going to be no further forward in a year's time.
- Reduction in opening times of the site.
- Concerns for the staff – RTC have arranged a meeting with staff to inform them of the outcome of the meeting.
- How to fund the site for the next year? Split 7 ways or use reserves.

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It was proposed to write a letter to the DOI giving 12 months' notice as per the lease agreement to withdraw from the agreement and the site. Returning the keys on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 if an agreement can't be reached.

Proposed by: Mr Cowell  
Seconded by: Mr Ryzak

Agreed 4 votes to 1, Mr Brew voting against. Jurby abstained as they had no direction from their Board on the direction to take.

Mr Ryzak left the meeting at approximately 7:30pm

It was proposed to close the site on a Sunday and a Monday and to ensure that the staff were guaranteed their contracted hours within the other 5 days.

Proposed by: Mr Brew  
Seconded by: Mr Cowell

Agreed unanimously. Mr Cowell, Mr Smith, Mr Allison, Mr Brew and Mr Hope.

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Seconded by: Mr Cowell

It was proposed to write to Bride to tell them that their residents were no longer welcomed at the NCAS, and that Bride should inform their residents of the alternative arrangements.

Agreed unanimously. Mr Cowell, Mr Smith, Mr Allison, Mr Brew and Mr Hope.

It was proposed that Bride should continue to be charged and included in the correspondence for the site for the next year as they are still classed as being part of the Committee.

Proposed by: Mr Brew  
Seconded by: Mr Cowell

Agreed unanimously. Mr Cowell, Mr Smith, Mr Allison, Mr Brew and Mr Hope.

Meeting ended at 7:50pm

  
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**Chairman**

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