

## **Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee**

Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present : Mr K Brew, Deputy Chairman (Lezayre), Mrs M Hodgkinson (Bride), Mr J Allison (Andreas), Mr T Bampton (Jurby), Mr E Corkish (Ramsey).

In attendance : The following Clerks and Officers attended the meeting :  
Mrs L Sims (Bride), Mrs M Rimmer (Lezayre), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey).

### **Apologies for absence :**

Mr R Moughtin & Mr M Royle (Garff), Mr J Fenton (Ballaugh), Mr JJ Quayle (Andreas, Ballaugh & Jurby).

### **Adoption of previous meeting minutes :**

**It was resolved** that the minutes from the previous meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Chairman.

### **Matters arising :**

The Deputy Chairman invited Committee Members and Clerks to indicate if there were any matters arising but not included in the Agenda which they wished to bring to the Committee's attention.

There were no such matters arising.

### **Legal standing of the Joint Committee :**

Mr Cannell advised the Committee on the progress made since the previous meeting in relation to both the legal and practical aspects of the site. The following is the position :

1. A copy of the signed Joint Committee Agreement had been submitted to the Local Government Unit (LGU) & Legislation arm of DOI and receipt acknowledged.
2. A signed lease had been submitted to the Attorney General Chambers.

### **Finance report :**

The Income & Expenditure account and Balance Sheet which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were discussed.

It was proposed that it would be beneficial to be able to compare actual figures to the original budgeted figures used in arriving at the appropriate running cost contributions allocated to each individual Local Authority.

It was agreed that Mr Cannell as Responsible Finance Officer should prepare a 6 month comparison of actual figures compared to original budget as at the end of September 2017. It was believed such a comparison would be of assistance to each Local Authority looking forward to setting the 2018-19 budget.

Mr Cannell confirmed that to date no invoice had been received re the purchase of the plant & machinery and nor had a fee been raised for the site rental. It was agreed to accrue the rent due but hold back on payment until an invoice is raised.

### **Staffing :**

Mr Cannell confirmed the position re the staffing of the site going forward in that the existing staff would be employed on a 3 – 4 month contract on a similar time basis as present with a view to formalising the full-time and part-time roles at the end of October / November. At that time a 5<sup>th</sup> staff member would be engaged.

### **Chief Technical Officer report :**

#### **Re-fuelling :**

It was agreed that the permission to submit a planning application re the fuel tank be followed up and reported back at the next meeting.

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Waste disposal :

The potential for constructing additional gantries to accommodate better separation of certain waste materials was discussed. The reasoning was that if better separation could be achieved then either more income from recycling could be earned or a reduced cost of waste disposal could be achieved.

It was agreed that this was not a short-term aim but quotes and ideas should be researched. It was noted that such research should include the suggestions from the present staff.

It was also agreed to research the potential and associated cost of increasing the height of the gantry fencing immediately in front of the skips. This would be beneficial from a safety point of view in that it would reduce the likelihood of waste 'escaping' onto the public area during the compacting process.

### **Any Other Business :**

1. The potential for charging a nominal fee to utilise the site was discussed. It was agreed that financially it would be beneficial but it was also noted that the site users already pay rates which in turn cover the running costs of the site. Furthermore, such an arrangement could encourage fly-tipping and is presently not a policy adopted at the other civic amenity sites.
2. Date of next meeting was agreed as 7pm on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Ramsey Town Hall.

The meeting ended at 7:55pm

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**Chairman**

**5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**