

Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Monday 16th December 2019

Present : Mr J Allison (Andreas), Mr J Quayle (Garff), Mr J Clarke (Jurby), Mr I Colquitt (Bride), Mr K Brew, Chairman (Lezayre) – attended part way through the meeting.

In attendance : The following Clerks and Officers attended the meeting :
Mr JJ Quayle (Andreas, & Jurby - Clerk), Mrs A Done (Ballaugh - Clerk), Mrs M Rimmer (Lezayre - Clerk), Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Officer), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance).

Apologies for absence :

Mr J Fenton (Ballaugh), Mr A Oldham (Ramsey), Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk), Mrs L Sims (Bride - Clerk), Mr P Whiteway (Ramsey – Town Clerk).

Adoption of previous meeting minutes :

It was resolved that the minutes from the previous meeting of 29th October 2019 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Deputy Chairman in the absence of the Chairman).

Matters arising :

The 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.

Finance report :

The Income & Expenditure account for the period to 30th November 2019 and Balance Sheet as at 30th November 2019 which had been circulated in advance of the meeting were discussed as follows:

- The Income & Expenditure account disclosed the 2019-20 year-to-date figures, the 2019-20 budgeted figures and actual 2018-19 figures for comparison purposes.

A deficit of expenditure over income of £18,096 was noted for the period.

- The Balance sheet disclosed the assets and liabilities as at 30th November 2019 – being a net liabilities position of £(10,274).
- The reasons for the deficit were discussed and these included:
 - lower scrap metal prices.
 - the need to utilise contract labour after retirement & resignations.
 - increased site rental.
 - unforeseen but necessary plant repairs.
 - increased waste, and
 - the new skip haulage contract.

It was noted that similar problems were discussed at the previous meeting and that it had been suggested and agreed at that meeting that each Parish member raise the subject at their next monthly meeting with the proposal to raise additional Parish contributions for quarter 4 of the financial year; figures of £20,000 to £25,000 total additional contributions were discussed with the total being split on the existing Parish shares.

It was noted that the Joint Agreement indicated that such additional charges (or refunds where applicable) should be made after the financial year end. However it was agreed that it would be best to tackle the deficit problem earlier rather than later and the members were in agreement to increase the quarter 4 contributions by a total of £25,000 being split on the existing Parish shares.

Mr Cannell agreed to circulate a schedule of the revised quarter 4 contributions.

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- Mr Cannell circulated a spreadsheet comparing the quantities of waste received and recycled at 30th November 2019 and for the same period in the previous year. These indicated increased tonnage for both recycled and waste categories.

The potential for limiting the amount of builders' rubble and plasterboard was discussed. It was agreed to restrict deposits to 6 bags per site visit and 1 visit per week with the intention to limit access by vans to certain days of the week. The intention would be undertake such restrictions for a 6 month trial period from 1st February 2020.

The need for sufficient notification to customers was noted.

2020-21 Budget

The operating budget for the 2020-21 financial year was discussed at some length. Mr Cannell explained the process by which the proposed budgeted figures had been calculated and provided explanations in areas where there were proposed budgeted increases and decreases – both for income and expenditure.

The calculated proposed budget indicated that the net running costs for the site was £380,000. Mr Cannell stated that the proposed 2020-21 budget would be allocated between the 7 parishes on the same basis as previous year, i.e. the rateable value as issued by the Government early December.

It was noted that for the 2020-21 financial year there were some significant changes to the rateable value and these were clearly disclosed in the circulated schedule for the 2020-21 allocation.

It was proposed and agreed that the 2020-21 budget of £380,000 for the net running costs be approved. It was further proposed that the Joint Committee start to prepare in advance for the replacement of the plant used on site and therefore it was agreed that the 2020-21 budget be increased by £20,000 to allow for the setting up of a Plant Replacement Fund. This was agreed and Mr Cannell was asked to amend the Parish allocation schedule and circulate it to all Clerks for incorporation into their individual Parish budgets.


Any Other Business :

- Date of next meeting was agreed as Monday 13th April 2020, 7.00pm at Ramsey Town Hall.
- The only other point was an emphasis on the need to widely advertise the agreed restrictions re access by vans and the limitations on rubble and plasterboard.

The meeting ended at approx. 8:10pm.



Chairman

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