

Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Annual General Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Thursday 16th May 2024

Present: Mr K Brew, Chairman (Lezayre), Mr R Cowell Deputy Chair (Ramsey), Mr A Silverston (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), Mrs L. Smith (Lezayre - Clerk), Mr T Cowin (Ramsey – Clerk & Secretary),
Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance).

1. Apologies for absence:

Mr J Allison (Andreas), Mr I Burton (Bride), Mrs L Sims (Bride – Clerk), Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk), Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Services Manager).

2. Elections

The Secretary took the Chair whilst elections for the Chairman progressed.

Chairman:- K Brew proposed: S Ryzak, Seconded: S Smith **Unanimous**

Mr Karl Brew was duly elected as Chairman.

Deputy:- R Cowell proposed: S Ryzak, Seconded: K Brew **Unanimous**

Mr Robert Cowell was duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

3. Adoption of previous meeting minutes:

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes from the Special Meeting of 3rd April 2024 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matter Arising not included within the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

5. Finance report:

- The structure of the finance report (as circulated prior to the meeting) was discussed to highlight specific areas and to compare Actual transactions to Budget and to the previous financial year.
- The report indicated a surplus for the financial year (before provision for new equipment) of £29,016 and Net assets at 31st March 2024 of £214,189.
- The Joint Committee were advised that the financial results for the year to 31st March 2024 would be included in the audited financial statements of Ramsey Town Commissioners with individual disclosure being in the detailed Income and Expenditure Accounts at the back of the statements (as has been the case since the commencement of the Joint Committee).
- The comparison of waste recycling to waste disposal indicated increased tonnage passing through the site with similar percentages of recycling and disposal to 2023.
- The Joint Committee were advised of the outcome of the expected rent review, this being an increase in the annual rental from £20,820 to £28,344 based on the Manx Retail Price Index (RPI).

Proposed by S Ryzak, Seconded by K Brew to respond to DOI re rent increase as based on RPI when Customer Price Index (CPI) is more commonly used.

Unanimously agreed.

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6. General Site Updates

The report was circulated prior to the meeting. Specific items such as the collection of Lithium batteries and a new guidance document from DEFA re small WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment) were brought to the Joint Committee's attention.

7. Future operation of the Civic Amenity Site

The potential impact of the reluctance of the Parish of Bride to contribute to the running of the site (both by way of attending meetings and financially) were discussed.

It was noted that:

- the 2024-25 budget had been calculated including Bride in the allocation of the annual running costs.
- the other 6 Parishes had set their 2024-25 rates based on the agreed budget.

It was agreed that it would be unrealistic for the other 6 Parishes to absorb the additional costs should Bride not contribute during 2024-25.

Potential cost cutting measures were discussed including reducing the operation of the site from 7 days to 5 days with the site being closed every Sunday and Monday.

Proposed by R Cowell, Seconded by K Brew:

- Reduce site operation from 7 days to 5 days, closing Sundays and Mondays.
- Reduction to start in the week commencing 1st July 2024.
- Inform DOI of the reduction.
- Prepare and circulate a Public Statement on the reduction and the reasoning.
- Set up appropriate signage to inform the public in advance.

Unanimously agreed.

The Secretary advised the Joint Committee that Ramsey Town Commissioners had given notice to DOI re cessation of the lease agreement and operation of the site.

The impact of Bride's reluctance to engage with the Joint Committee or DOI was discussed.

Proposed by A Silverston, Seconded by R Cowell:

- Continue site operations for the period of notice at the agreed reduced operational days to reduce running costs thereby addressing the lack of contribution from Bride.
- Contact DOI to consider the potential of a further meeting / arbitration.
- Arrange a Public Meeting inviting residents from all 7 parishes and DOI officers as a method to inform residents – **Thurs. 11th July 2024 at Ramsey Town Hall.**
- Prepare a Press Release advertising the meeting and the topics for discussion.

Unanimously agreed.

Mr R Cowell left the meeting at 8.05 pm

Proposed by S Ryzak, Seconded by K Brew:

- Retain Bride's representative & Clerk on the circulation list for meeting invitations, minute circulation etc.
- Continue to issue invoices for quarterly contributions to Bride.

Unanimously agreed.

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8. Any other business

The Secretary informed the Joint Committee of two requests involving the site:

1. Could the site be used as a temporary store for used oxygen tanks prior to collection?
Agreed if there is no need for specialised storage facilities.
2. Could Johnny Trash be permitted to place a banner on site advertising waste collection services?
Agreed for a 3-month period.

Next meeting: set for Thurs. 15th August 2024

Meeting ended at 8:20pm



Chairman

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