

**Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee**  
**Committee Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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

In attendance: The following Clerks and Officers attended the meeting:  
Mrs M. Callow (Andreas – Clerk), Mrs A Done (Ballough - Clerk), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance). Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Services Manager), Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk).

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Mr S Ryzak (Garff) Mr B. Kennedy (Jurby – Clerk)

**2. Minutes for Adoption**

**It was unanimously agreed** that the minutes from the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matter Arising not included within the agenda:**

Site Future - this was carried over to Section 5.

**4. Finance report:**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

£(25,842) Deficit for the period to 31.8.24;      £185,906 Net Assets at 31.8.24

Budget impacted by the digger repairs and the hiring of another vehicle whilst repairs undertaken.

Waste disposal and recycling are on-par with last year.

**5. General Site Updates**

RTC had received some information around DEFA's guidance for small WEEE from DOI, so it is likely that further separation is going to be required within the re-use area.

On target for 1<sup>st</sup> October return to 7 day operation.

Complaints – more complaints had been received over the closure of the re-use compared to the reduction in days for the site. For the time being the re-use is to remain closed but will look at operational use later.

**Site Future –**

Ballough – not had meeting yet to discuss further however, general consensus is not prepared to subsidise Bride.

Andreas – Do not want legal action. Keep site going – suggested stop paying rent.

Jurby – not had meeting yet – but general consensus is that they do not want to subsidise Bride.

Lezayre – Do not want to subsidise Bride, want to keep site going but do not want legal action.

Ramsey – want site operating 7 days, have the re-use open, keep running the site. Not sure how to take forward.

Garff – want 7 day opening, re-use open but do not want to subsidise Bride.

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Discussions were held around

- the site operations and the anomalies that the public can't see.
- How to go forward – negotiations with Bride??
- The public wanting the site.
- The cost to the remaining authorities to run the site with and without Bride.
- Do we ask the DOI to subsidise Bride? What about remaining authorities – do we get a subsidy as well? The remaining authorities involved in the site are already subsidising Bride now by using reserves.
- Stop paying rent – RTC would be sued for breach of contract as lease in their name.
- Meeting with authorities and MHK's?
- Concerns about mis-information being given out by Bride.
- There being no or limited legislation in place to help authorities to take this forward and lack of action by DOI.
- Contributing to the Eastern and Western sites to allow residents to still be able to dispose of items should the site close.
- The need to know what is going on so fair rates can be set for the parishes contributions to the site for the next financial year.
- The need for Government to do something.
- If the quarries were removed from Brides rates – they would pay less to the site but would have to put their rates up to almost double what they are now. Would everyone be happy with that and be excepting of Bride – yes.
- Disappointment in the lack of action by Northern MHK's in the matter.
- Recognise the need for the site but can't see a way forward – need to look at handing back to the DOI and pay them. There is nothing to help and support authorities through this.
- Ratable value system isn't fair but its what we have.

Proposed by KB, seconded by RC – Write an open letter to DOI and all Island MHK's, stating that the remaining Northern Authorities want to retain the site at current contributions, it's an asset, but DOI must subsidise Brides contributions. If they disagree or refuse then the remaining committee members will withdraw from the site and hand it back from the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. Response required by 8<sup>th</sup> October n time for the next meeting.

**Carried unanimously.**

Andreas have written to Bride to ask questions around waste collection service following withdrawal from site. MC to circulate letter.

Lezayre have written to Central Government about Bride.

Proposed by KB, seconded by JA – write to Bride Commissioners to explain current situation.

**Carried unanimously.**

Proposed by KB, seconded by JA – write to Bride residents to explain current situation subject to cost of postage.

**Carried unanimously.**

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**6. Any Other Business**

What is the procedure for fly tipping – report it through Town Hall who will let the site know. The site has a form to complete. No cost to authorities.

The Committee were reminded of the process of which they operate and the need to pass decisions through the Board of Ramsey Town Commissioners before actioning. They were also reminded of the need for confidentiality and not to discuss items until they were printed and available in public.

Next meeting: set for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024 7pm – Lezayre Parish Hall.

  
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**Chairman**

9/10 2024

