

Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee
Committee Meeting held at Lezayre Parish Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday 9th October 2024

Present: Mr K Brew, Chairman (Lezayre), 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), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance). Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Services Manager), Mr B. Kennedy (Jurby – Clerk), Mr S. Bevan (Ramsey – Acting Clerk), Mrs L. Smith (Lezayre – Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence:

Mr R Cowell Deputy Chair (Ramsey), Mrs A Done (Ballaugh - Clerk), Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk), Mr J Allison (Andreas)

2. Minutes for Adoption

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes from the 11th September 2024 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not included within the agenda:

Publication of minutes – person information to be redacted before publication.

4. Finance report:

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

£(21,091) Deficit for the period to 30.9.24; £190,657 Net Assets at 30.9.24

Waste disposal and recycling are down on last year.

5. General Site Updates

None

6. Site Future –

- The DOI response to Committee letter requesting funding had been received on the 8th October 2024. The Committee were really disappointed with the stance of the department, the MHK's and the lack of assistance to resolve issues.
- Bride have circulated a letter to its parishioners. It was noted that the letter was factually incorrect.
- Discussions ensued around the future of the site and the various options, implications and costs to all local authorities.
- Is there a compromise to be had? Representatives noted that they had already had direction from the respective boards, and they do not want to take on additional costs under the current circumstances.
- It was noted that if the DOI took over the site, then the running costs could increase significantly.
- Spoke of trialling a compromise for maybe a year and if the situation didn't work then revert back to withdrawing from the site.
- Spoke of exploring legal action and arbitration.
- Concerns were raised about the costs associated with any action taken and being passed back to rate payers of other parishes.

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Resolved: That the following proposed by Mr Brew, seconded by Mr Smith and agreed nem con, that the finance officer would work out the contributions for each parish based on the domestic rate only and that a meeting be organised with the 6 local MHK's for the effected parishes.

It was proposed by Mr Ryzak, seconded by Mr Smith and agreed nem con, that the letter inviting MHK's to a meeting is to include information and figures for them to consider and understand before the next meeting.

Resolved: that the following proposed by Mr Brew, seconded by Mr Hope and agreed by 3 votes to 1, Mr Ryzak voting against, that all representatives would go back to their respective boards and ask if they are willing to consider a comprise based on the contributions apportioned on domestic rates.

Invites will be extended to the representatives of the committee, the 6 local MHK's and Bride.

The meeting will take place at Lezayre Parish Hall week commencing 25th November 2024 depending on availability.

Meeting closed at 20:14.

7. Any Other Business

Next meeting: set for Wednesday 13th November 2024, at Ramsey Town Hall.



Chairman

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