

Northern Districts Civic Amenity Site Joint Committee

Annual General Meeting held at Ramsey Town Hall at 7:00pm on Tuesday 24th August 2021

Present: Mr K Brew, Chairman (Lezayre), Mr J Allison (Andreas), Mrs J Billingsley (Bride), Mr S Ryzak (Garff), Mr R Cowell (Ramsey).

In attendance: The following Clerks and Officers attended the meeting:
Mrs M. Callow (Andreas – Clerk), Mrs A Done (Ballaugh - Clerk), Mrs L Sims (Bride - Clerk), Mrs M Rimmer (Lezayre - Clerk), Mr P Whiteway (Ramsey – Town Clerk, Committee Secretary), Ms B Wallace (Ramsey - Technical Officer), Mr NQ Cannell (Ramsey - Finance).

Apologies for absence:

Members for Ballaugh and Jurby, Mr M Royle (Garff - Clerk), Mrs J. Cannell (Jurby – Clerk).

Elections

The previous Chairman, Mr K Brew, and Deputy Chairman, Mr J. Quayle, stood down and 'passed the Chair' to Mr Whiteway whilst elections were held.

Mr Whiteway asked the Committee if there were any nominations for both posts. Mr Allison proposed and Mr Ryzak seconded Mr Brew as Chairman and Mr Cowell as Deputy Chairman.

Both Mr Brew and Mr Cowell confirmed their willingness to stand.

With the agreement of the Committee and in the absence of any other proposals Mr Brew was duly elected as Chairman and Mr Cowell was duly elected as Deputy Chairman.

Mr Whiteway 'passed the Chair' to Mr Brew. [REDACTED]

Adoption of previous meeting minutes:

It was resolved that the minutes from the previous meeting of 7th June 2021 (as circulated in advance of the meeting) be confirmed and signed by 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 31st July 2021 and the associated Balance Sheet (as circulated in advance of the meeting) were discussed as follows:

- The Income & Expenditure account at 31st July 2021 disclosed a surplus of income over expenditure of £8,475 compared to a budgeted break-even position with a £20,000 provision for new plant & equipment having been taken into account. The Balance Sheet disclosed net assets of £99,971.
- The on-going effect of Covid-19 was discussed and the following was noted:
 - Scrap metal prices had increased significantly so the recorded income was already above the set budget.
 - Due to uncertainty re the appointment of a contractor to collect fridges, TV's etc there was reduced income and disposal costs compared to budget. A significant price increase was noted.
 - The largest impact was the tonnage of waste disposed from the site and haulage costs. With the site closures there was less waste and fewer skip movements resulting in significantly lower costs when compared to budget.
- The spreadsheets comparing the quantities of waste received and recycled at 31st July 2021 were discussed. It was noted that for the same period in the previous year the site had either been closed or open with restricted access so the tonnage of waste disposal had increased significantly in comparison to the previous year.

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Site management report:

RTC Technical Services Manager (TSM) referred to a general report circulated electronically prior to the meeting and in hard copy at the meeting.

The report addressed the following:

1. Incinerator down time – the impact on our ability to accept waste during the time was discussed.
2. Environmental Protection audit – Good report; further audit due in 18 months time.
3. Re-use floor – old floor now a trip hazard; renewals quotes provided.
4. Waste disposal – non-conforming waste was found. Also increased examples of public 'hiding' items to be charged for or items we don't accept (tyres).
5. Staffing – using other RTC staff to cover [REDACTED], potential to engage contract labour.
6. Skip haulage – present contract ceases March 2022; liaising with other sites re potential of purchasing a skip hook loader jointly.
7. Complaints – re charging for rubble & plasterboard, last admission time vs. closing time.
8. Commercial charges – impact of accepting commercial waste.

Any Other Business:

1. [REDACTED]

2. The allocation of budgeted annual running costs.

The representatives from Bride Parish Commissioners raised their concerns with the present allocation of site running costs by Rateable Value; it was thought to be inequitable on their residents. It was believed that the Bride rateable value was artificially high due to the quarry at Cranstal and that the quarry owners were contributing to the Civic Amenity Site running costs but were not utilising it. Therefore, it was viewed that the residential householders in Bride (i.e. the users of the site) were in effect paying significantly more than householders in the other partner parishes.

The impact of the quarry was noted but it was also stressed that the existence of the quarry, in effect, was subsidising the rates in Bride and that without the quarry the parish rates would have to be significantly higher.

It was noted that at the outset the allocation of running costs was to be by rateable value. However, it was confirmed that within the Joint Committee agreement there is a clause whereby if any parish disagreed with the method of cost allocation they could make a written Review Request to the Secretary on or before 1st September in any year during the continuance of the agreement.

3. Date of next meeting was agreed to be on Monday 13th December 2021 with that being the annual budget setting meeting.

The meeting ended at approx. 8:50pm.


Chairman

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