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13th March, 2025.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The monthly **Public Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday evening next, 19th March, 2025**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

BUSINESS:

A vacancy exists in North Ward.

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(by permission of Chairman)

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 - ❖ None Received
- Representative Report(s):
 - ❖ None Received



D. C. Flint
Town Clerk and
Chief Executive

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

The Monthly Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday, 19th February, 2025, at 7.00p.m.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, Ms S. Cottam-Shea; Messrs. A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood, J. McGuinness, A. J. Oldham, F. B. R. Williams and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Ms. L. L. Craine and Mr. L. Parker.

A vacancy exists in North Ward.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Finance Officer, Technical Services Manager, Housing and Property Manager, and Minute Clerk were in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Young to the meeting, following his recent indisposition and Mr. Flint to his first monthly Board Meeting since taking up the post of Town Clerk.

(2024/25:267) Minutes:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 15th January, 2025, and the Special Board meeting held on 27th January, 2025, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following:-

Special Meeting 27th January – Mr. McGuinness indicated that he wished his partial attendance at that meeting, between 7.00 p.m. and 7.10 p.m. to be recorded.

(2024/25:268) Matters Arising:

Mr. McGuinness referred to the directive that minutes from meetings of the Northern Civic Amenity Site Committee be posted to the Commission's website and queried why this had not yet happened. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that he is in the process of checking such minutes to determine if they can go into the public domain.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:269) Action Tracker February 2025:

Resolved: To note the "Action Tracker" to 13th February, 2025, subject to the following:-

Area Plan – Mr. McGuinness referred to the inclusion of land in the ownership of Manx National Heritage in the vicinity of the Grove Museum as land being re-zoned for Development; he advised members that there was a great deal of public opposition to this and the way it had been brought into the area plan at a very late stage. Mr. McGuinness queried whether a report on the findings on the consultation on the area plan would be presented to the Commission in March. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that because the document was lengthy it would be more prudent to hold a Special Board Meeting if the Board were agreeable to such action. Members agreed that a Special Board Meeting be arranged.

Ruinous Buildings Policy – Mr. McGuinness asked about progress in the development of a policy for dealing with ruinous buildings? The Technical Services Manager advised that outside assistance has been sought with regard to this matter. Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed nem con that the matter be added to the Action Tracker.

NCAS – Mr. McGuinness queried if correspondence had been addressed to the NCAS Committee with regard to re-opening the re-use area of the civic amenity site? The Chairman indicated that he wished to discuss the CA Site during the private business.

(2024/25:270) Ruinous Register:

Resolved: To note the Ruinous Register at 13th February, 2025, detailing properties within the Town about which there are concerns, subject to the following:-

Boundary Wall Water Street – Mr. McGuinness queried what action had been taken recently with regard to progressing this matter? The Technical Services Manager advised that nothing had been done.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:271) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Local Authority Election:

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2025, advising that pre-Local Authority Election meetings will be held on 1st and 4th March, 2025, to give prospective candidates an insight into the duties of local authority members and of the election process.

Mr. Williams reiterated the importance of ensuring inclusion in the Register of Electors for prospective candidates and those wishing to vote at the Local Authority General Election.

(2024/25:272) Finance Officer’s General Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s general report dated 12th February, 2025. The Finance Officer invited questions. Mr. Young queried expenditure on “Flags and Foreshores” – the Finance Officer advised that the flags were acquired for other areas of the town and not necessarily the promenades.

Mr. McGuinness queried progress on the audit of the Commission’s accounts – the Finance Officer reminded members that delays had occurred because of additional requirements at the behest of Tynwald’s Auditor General; he (the Finance Officer) is working on bad debt provision and will engage further with the auditors next week.

Works and Development:

(2024/25:273) Technical Services Manager’s Report – Planning Applications:

Resolved: To note the Technical Services Manager’s Report dated 12th February, 2025, detailing planning applications received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, under the planning consultation procedures, subject to the following:-

REF NO:	4165	<u>AMENDED PLANS/DETAIL</u>
P.A. NO.:	<u>24/00781/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Residential development comprising 9 houses and 4 apartments with associated roads, plots and drainage	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Land adjacent to Thornhill Manor, Clifton Drive, Ramsey.	

Members’ attention was drawn to this application because of the need of the developer to adhere to drainage plans prepared in consultation with Manx Utilities. It was agreed that no objection be made to the application.

REF NO:	4203	
P.A. NO.:	<u>24/91399/B</u>	
PROPOSED:	Proposed parking area on vacant overgrown landscaped area	
NOTES:	P.A. in Detail	
SITE:	Land to the rear of Oakfield, May Hill, Ramsey.	

Members’ attention was drawn to this application because works have already been commenced and some concerns had been brought to members’ attention. It was agreed that the matter be left to the Planning Committee to determine and no comment be made by the Commission.

Parks and Leisure:

(2024/25:274) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprintfest 2025:

Mr. Cowell declared an indirect pecuniary interest and indicated that he would neither speak nor vote (should it be necessary) on this matter.

Resolved: To note the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2025, advising of the dates of Sprintfest 2025 – between 30th May and 2nd June; and that applications are being made with regard to Road Closures and a Public Entertainment Licence.

Housing and Property:

(2024/25:275) Town Clerk's Report – Response to Cabinet Office – Housing Association:-

Members considered the Town Clerk's report dated 10th February, 2025, advising of receipt of a response from the Chief Minister seeking more information of the grounds upon which the Commission believe a Housing Association would not be beneficial to the Island?

Mr. McGuinness commented that proposals with regard to creation of a Housing Association are light in detail, the process is delaying provision of local authority housing and causing problems with housing deficiency payments; there would appear to be an arms-length approach and there is no assurance that a housing association would meet the needs of those seeking public sector housing.

Mr. Oldham commented that his knowledge of housing associations would suggest that they do not have the same maintenance standards as those provided by local authorities.

Proposed by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed nem con to reply to the Chief Minister in terms of Mr. McGuinness's comments.

Notice of Motion:

(2024/25:276) Motorhome Overnight Parking on North Promenade:

Mr. McGuinness presented the Notice of Motion dated 30th January, 2025, standing in his name concerning anti-social behaviour attributed to some individuals who occupy motorhomes and park overnight on the North Promenade. Ms Cottam-Shea commented that similar problems occurred on the South Promenade and suggested that parking times could be varied as is the case in parts of Laxey.

Mr. McGuinness commented on the options available to petition the Department of Infrastructure to change parking legislation; to investigate revision to Town Byelaws and have year-long restrictions. It was recognised that enforcement would be difficult. Mr. Young commented that if the Town is to welcome visitors with motorhomes they need somewhere to go - he felt the situation is fine as it is.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed nem con that the Commission consider the provision of additional portable conveniences for siting on the North Promenade – costing and feasibility to be reported to the March 2025 meeting.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised that it would be necessary to Petition the Department of Infrastructure with regard to any seasonal restrictions in parking.

Any Other Business:

(2024/25:277) Flooding North Shore Road:

Mr. McGuinness referred to recent incidents of flooding in the North Shore Road area. The Technical Services Manager informed members it is believed the flooding occurs because of defective drainage in conjunction with defects in the highway.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Beighton and agreed nem com, the Commission's concerns that the defects in the highway and drainage need to be addressed, be brought to the attention of the Department of Infrastructure.

(2024/25:278) Close Woirrey Site:

Mr. McGuinness referred to the lack of inclusion within Government's budget document "The Pink Book" for redevelopment of the Close Woirrey site.

A proposal was put by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Court that the Minister of the Department of Infrastructure and Mr. L. L. Hooper, M.H.K., member of that Department be written to with the request that funding to allow redevelopment of the site be urgently released.

An amendment was put by Mr. Williams that Treasury Minister be included in the correspondence. The amendment was seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con.

The Chairman closed the public session of the Board Meeting at 7.38 p.m.

The following items were considered in private the detail of which, having regard to data protection, matters affecting persons who cannot be named, etc., is not as extensive as that contained in minutes of matters discussed in public.

(2024/25:279) Minutes Recorded in Private:

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on 15th January, 2025, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters for Information:

(2024/25:280) On-Going Matters “Action Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Action Tracker” to 13th February, 2025.

Station Road Car Park - Mr. McGuinness asked for an update with regard to the lease for use of Station Road Car Park. The Deputy Town Clerk informed members that negotiations were ongoing with Isle of Man Enterprises and that he was to meet with valuers next week. Further report will be submitted to the March 2025 meeting of the Commission.

(2024/25:281) On-Going Matters “Ruinous Register Tracker”:

Resolved: To note the “Ruinous Register” to 13th February, 2025.

Finance and General Purposes:

(2024/25:282) Town Clerk’s Report – “New in Post”

Resolved; to note the Town Clerk’s report dated 10th February, 2025, in which he records his thanks to Mr. Bevan, for acting as Town Clerk prior to his appointment and informs members of his proposed work pattern during the months to come.

In inviting comment from members Mr. Williams and Ms Cottam-Shea informed members that, arising from a public meeting with the electorate it was felt that there needs to be an overall strategy for the new board going forward in which members and officers need to identify where the Commission is going during the next four years.

The Town Clerk advised that he hoped to have a suitable policy in place by May.

(2024/25:282) Deputy Town Clerk’s Report – “Purchasing Policy Waiver”:

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk’s report dated 12th February, 2025, in which he sought permission to vary the Commission’s purchasing policy to allow purchases to be made from specialist suppliers without receipt of numerous quotations, for goods relating to Sprintfest and the Fireworks Display respectively.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed nem con permission be granted.

(2024/25:283) Finance Officer’s Report:

Resolved: To note and approve the Finance Officer’s report dated 12th February, 2025, subject to the following:-

Bank Balances – the Finance Officer advised that the balance (being considerably greater than that at the same time in 2024) was due to timing of receipts including applied for Government loans, and greater rate income.

Rent Arrears – the Finance Officer informed members that several debtors had paid off some arrears since compilation of the report and that Notices to Quit are being prepared for certain debtors. Staff continue to liaise with tenants wherever possible to assist in preparation of payment plans. Members were informed that the letter to all tenants advising of the rise in public sector housing would be sent to tenants in early March.

Aged Debtors – the Finance Officer confirmed that debts are being chased and some payments had been made since compilation of the report. Mr. McGuinness particularly asked about one debt – the Deputy Town Clerk advised that he would be contacting the debtors.

Bank Account Signatories – Proposed by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea and agreed nem con that Mr. D. C. Flint, in his capacity as Town Clerk and Chief Executive be added to the list of officers permitted to sign cheques on behalf of the Commission, for accounts held in the name of Ramsey Town Commissioners and the Northern Civic Amenity Site, in place of Mr. T. R. K. Cowin.

Parks and Leisure:

(2024/25:284) Deputy Town Clerk's Report – Sprint Events:

Mr. R. D. Cowell declared an indirect pecuniary interest with regard to Sprintfest and Fan zone – he chose to remain in the chair but to neither speak nor vote.

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report dated 12th February, 2025, concerning "Sprint Events 2025", from which it was noted that the organisers of the Sprint have informed the Commission and the Department for Enterprise that they are not in a position to operate a Sprint during the 2025 TT. Investigations are being undertaken with regard to expanding Ramsey Sprintfest to include a "Fan Zone". The Deputy Town Clerk also advises of the interest of the Vintage Motorcycle Club to organise an event during "The Manx Grand Prix" on 28th August, 2025.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness the Deputy Town Clerk attempt to obtain event funding with regard to promotion of a "fan zone" which it is believed will be of benefit to Sprintfest and be a bigger attraction for the Town.

It was noted that further discussions need to take place with regard to the request of the VMCC to organise an event – it was agreed to advise the Club to make application for event funding from the Department for Enterprise.

It was further resolved, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Court and agreed nem con, that the Commission engage with the Club and offer the same level of support as given to the Sprint organisers and they explore collaboration of further events around the TT.

Housing and Property:

(2024/25:285) Minutes Housing Committee:

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con, the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 4th February, 2025, be ratified.

Any Other Business:

(2024/25:286) Annual Fireworks Display:

Mr. Beighton asked if a date had been agreed for the 2025 Fireworks display – Saturdays in November, closest to 5th being 1st or 8th. Members felt it would not be appropriate to stage the fireworks display on 8th November due to the proximity of Remembrance Sunday on 9th November.

A proposal put by Mr. Beighton that the Fireworks Display be staged on 1st November, was seconded by Mr. Cowell failed by 5 votes to 4; Ms Cottam-Shea and Mr. Williams only adding their support.

Mr. Beighton then proposed that the views of the Northern Chamber of Commerce be sought, on their preferred date. This was seconded by Ms. Cottam-Shea and carried by 7 votes to 2 – Messrs. Court and McGuinness voting against.

(2024/25:287) Proposed Road Works Parliament Square Vicinity:

The Deputy Town Clerk drew attention to proposals advised by the Department of Infrastructure to close the roadway between Parliament Square and Bircham Avenue from 24th March 2025, to facilitate their ongoing programme of repairs.

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness seconded by Mr. Oldham and agreed nem con that the Department be asked to consider scheduling the works in the vicinity as an all-encompassing scheme and undertaking such works out of the schools' term-time.

Suspension of Standing Orders

It was proposed by Mr. Cowell, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue beyond 10.00 p.m. until its conclusion.

(2024/25:288) Special Meetings:

Members noted the need to discuss various matters in detail, namely

- The Revised Draft Area Plan
- Brownfield Sites
- Northern Civic Amenity Site
- Matters of Establishment

Resolved: That following a proposal by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. McGuinness and agreed nem con a special meeting be arranged for these matters subject to the Area Plan section be held in public and live-streamed.

(2024/25:289) Parking Motorhomes:

Reference was made to the time limits that motorhomes are permitted to park in approved areas or public highways. It has been suggested that Government is proposing to remove / amend byelaws to enable parking on public highways in an attempt to increase tourism.

Mr. Beighton proposed that the Commission be supportive of such action. The Deputy Town Clerk advised that any change to byelaws would have a long “run-in” period. The proposal was not formally seconded.

RTC Board Meeting – 19th February, 2025, Public Continued:

An amendment was then put by Mr. Beighton that overnight parking on public highways be restricted to no more than 2 nights in any one place. This was seconded by Mr. McGuinness but failed by 5 votes to 4 – Ms S. Cottam-Shea, and Messrs. Court, Cowell, Greenwood and Oldham voting against.

(2024/25:290) Local Government Amendment Bill

Resolved: That, following a proposal by Mr. McGuinness, seconded by Mr. Williams that members advise the Town Clerk of any comments they may have on the Local Government Amendment Bill within the next week.

The meeting closed at 10.08 p.m. giving a time of 3 ½ hours for the payment of attendance allowances.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
[PUBLIC]

A special Board Meeting of the Ramsey Town Commissioners was held in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey, on Wednesday 5th March 2025, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. R. D. Cowell, Mses S. Cottam-Shea and L. L. Craine (remotely), Messrs. Revd Canon N. D. Greenwood A. J. Oldham, J. McGuinness, and W. G. Young.

Apologies: Messrs' A. R. Beighton, G. S. Court, L. Parker and F. B. R. Williams,

A vacancy exists in North Ward.

The Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, and Housing and Property Manager were in attendance.

(2024/25:296) Area Plan:

Following discussion and the Chairman allowing comment from the public floor, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Ms Cottam-Shea that the Town Clerk write to the Cabinet Office, taking into account the suggested amendment from Mr. McGuinness and any other views submitted to the Town Clerk in writing by 7th March, on behalf of the Commission with their recorded concerns.

The motion passed with Mr Young voting against the motion.

The public meeting closed at 7.28 p.m., giving a time for the payment of attendance allowance of 30 minutes.

Chairman.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
		Adoption of Land Traie Twoaie.	The developer has a proposal to add parking spaces within the area delineated for public open space. As per minute 2019/20:197 TC to clarify the matter and progress.	TC met the developer on 11/3/22. He agreed to mark out the parking spaces and prepare the hand over of the site. TC chased 5/4/22 and 11/5/22, 30/5/22. The developer is to mark out the land after TT. Contacted 8/7/22, and 28/7/22,5/9/22,2/11/22 no response. Chased 11/1/23. TC proposes that the developer is left to cut the grass and maintain the area at his cost for 2023. Developer contacted our advocate proposing the POS is transferred (April 23). The car parking spaces are still not delineated, no further action to be taken until car parking spaces are delineated. ATC emailed developer again for update	FGP	Dec-24	TRKC	Sep-23		
		Empty Pubs	Concern regarding vacant properties and potential for deterioration in condition. DTC has engaged with the Property Manager at the Brewery. Special Board meeting took place 22 June when the Brewery presented ideas and plans for the buildings.	Asked for an updated status for the properties 5/9/22,3/11/22, The Stanley is currently in the process of being sold and the brewery have submitted a planning application for the Britannia. The Britannia planning application has been revised July 2023. The Stanley has been sold. Planning application for the Brit has been approved agreement for the commuted sum to be put in place. The Stanley site is now subject to a planning application.	WD	Mar-25	SB	Apr-24		
		Fibre Broadband (request for easement for service poles).	Report on roll out March 2024 - The final phases are dependent on poles receiving planning approval.	MT have been asked to facilitate an open meeting for residents of Ramsey impacted by the pole planning applications. Applicaton 24/00259/B which was subject to an appeal has now been refused as the appeal has been	FGP	Mar-25	TC	Jul-24		
Dec-21		Adoption of land at Auldyn Walk, Ramsey.	Petition approved by DOI Feb 2022, playground received planning approval 25/2/22. Legal transfer of land can only take place following completion of the playground.	All snagging works remain outstanding..	FGP	Dec-24	TC	Mar-25		

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS - ACTION TRACKER - PUBLIC

Date started / Date of Resolution	Clause Number	Item	Current position	Last Action	Area	Last Update	Officer	Target Completion Date	Date Completed	RAG Status
Jun-18		War Memorial (repair and renovation).	Memorial added to the Register of Protected Buildings 2021. TSM to meet the War Memorial committee representative to discuss cleaning of the memorial and future works 10/2/21. No costs have been included in the RTC 2022/23 budget. War memorial committee want minimal intervention and work on the memorial (it is about maintenance and not restoration).	Clean the memorial. Prepare project and costs for repairs to the memorial 2023/24 financial year. Drain survey undertaken 5/9/22; drains go to soakaways, one of which appears to be silted up. The memorial has been cleaned prior to 11/11/24. Names have been refreshed.	WD	Nov-23	BW	Repairs 23/24		Orange
May-22		Bus services.	DTC wrote to Bus Vannin 21/4/22 regarding TT bus service and evening bus services towards the west. TC wrote to the new DOI Minister June 22. Reply received from Bus Vannin reported to Board.	Bus Vannin advice that the TT service is likely to be same as TT 2023 with services at 22.01, 22.35 and 23.10. They are looking at operating an N6 but this has not been confirmed. Keep on tracker to follow up with DOI in future. DOI contacted again in March 2025 regarding 2025 services.	FGP	Mar-25	SB	Apr-25		Green
Jul-22		Ramsey bags for life.	The 2 designs of bags are being sold at the Town Hall.	Monitor sales of bags. 113 out of 200 have been sold of the original design and 97 out of 100 have been sold of the new design	PL	Sep-24	SB	Jul-25		Green
Jul-22		Mooragh Park shelter public art.	Mooragh Park shelters.	Three shelters underway or complete. Further work will commence during Spring 2025.	PL	Mar-25	SB	Jun-24		Green
Nov-22		Railway Line	Plots are being sold on the railway line. Awaiting quote from our advocate	Quotes received and forwarded to the potential purchasers. Now with the advocates. First sale complete. Letters need sending to other people who have occupied land not belonging to them.		Jan-24	TRKC/ BW	Jan-24		Orange
Jul-23		Claughbane Public Open Space.	A report was presented to the board in September 2023 concerning the potential adoption of land as POS. Planning application approved.	Developer has been asked for an update.		Mar-25	TC	Dec-24		Green
Jan-24		BMX track.	Understand how the club is structured and the plans for the course.	Parties contacted to arrange a further meeting.	PL	Mar-25	SB	Sep-24		Green
Jul-24		Merger of Town Wards.	Request DOI to put forward a scheme under Section 9 of the Local Government Act 1982 to make a scheme to merge the current North and South Wards into one electoral district.	A public enquiry will be held in due course - after the local Authority General Election.	FGP	Mar-25	SB	May-25		Green
Jul-24		"Great Wave" Street Art - Old Swimming Pool.	Seek Expressions of Interest for Great Wave inspired art on west facing gable of Old Swimming Pool.	Artist chosen and met with RTC. Awaiting launch of funding schemes from DfE.	PL	Mar-25	SB	Jul-25		Green
Jul-24		Hearing Loop for Board Room.	Look at options for provision of hearing loop within Board Room.	Portable unit declined by member. AF to bring to March meeting	HP	Mar-24	AF	Dec-24		Green

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Jul-24		Alternate Hard Standing Locations.	Identify alternate hard standing location options within Mooragh Estate.		WD	Jul-24	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:128	Sprintfest 2025.	2024 completed. 2025 event to held using same format. Include in 2025-26 budget.	Event progressing.	PL	Mar-25	SB	Jun-25		
Sep-24	24/25141	Refuse Vehicle Replacement.	Progress Petition for Borrowing Powers.	Petition Approval has been received and an updated price has been requested so order can be placed.	FGP	Mar-25	BW/NC/SB	Oct-24		
Sep-24	24/25:143	Boathouse clock.	Clock faulty - authorise repairs.	Repairs instructed to be carried out. Due April 2025.	PL	Mar-25	AF	Apr-25		
Sep-24	24/25:146	NCAS Committee.	Identify how to progress/make public aware of actions. Write further letter to NCAS Committee.	Letter sent 24/10/2024.	WD	Oct-24	BW			
Sep-24	24/25:148	Station Road Car Park.	Installation of cooling units. Liaise with interested parties to resolve.	Ongoing dialogue with leaseholder	FGP/WD	Mar-25	SB	Mar-25		
Sep-24	24/25:149	FO Report Aged Debtors.	Doubtful commercial debt. Seek independent legal advice about recovery and report to the October Board Meeting.	Request for opinions sent to Advocates. Included in October Finance Report. All appropriate contribution invoices now raised.	FGP	Jan-25	NC	Oct-24		
Oct-24	24/25:167	Toilets at Station Road Car Park	Did RTC agree to enter into agreement regarding toilets at Station Road.	Resolved at 2023/24:369) for RTC to clean toilets if bought up to usable standard. Owner target date of end of Feb 2025 to RTC to view and comment.	HP	Mar-25	AF	Feb-25		
Oct-24	24/25:170	Albert Street Flats	Further report	Retrospective Permission Granted	FGP	Jan-25	SB	Jan-25	Feb-25	
Oct-24	24/15:173	Audit Fraud Questionnaire	Consider by Establishment Committee	Reported at Establishment	Estab	Nov-24	SB/NC	Dec-25		
Nov-24	24/25:190	Area Plan North and East	Provide further report once further Cabinet Office response received	Cabinet Office Response now received -- subject to Special Board.	WD	01/03/2025	DF	Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Dog Fouling	Raise awareness and report on fines	Enquiries ongoing about options to increase fixed penalty.		01/02/2025		Jan-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Cigarette Litter	Illustrations around drain covers - seek permission from Department for those on highways		WD		SB	Feb-25		
Nov-24	24/25:196	Town Warden Idling...Engines	Arrange training and investigate greater powers to enforce		FGP		SB	Feb-25		
Jan-25	24/25:256	Review of Re-Use	To ask NCAS to allow to year end	With new regulations around the disposal of electrical items the re-use is current being used as collection and storage points as they have to be stored in the dry.	WD	Feb-25	SB /BW	Feb-25		
Jan-25	24/25:263	Telecommunications	Write CURA and Manx Telecom	Communication Sent	WD	Feb-25	SB	Feb-25	Mar-25	
Feb-25	24/25:275	Housing Association	Exchange of Correspondence	Correspondence with L L Hooper, M.H.K Report to March 2025 Board. Submitted	HP	Mar-25	AF	Apr-25		
Feb-25	24/25:276	Motorhome Parking	Provision of additional portable conveniences	2 no WCs ordered.	WD/HP	Mar-25	AF	May-25	Mar-25	

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Feb-25	24/25:278	Close Woirrey Site	Ask release of approved funding	complete	HP	Mar-25	AF	May-25	Mar-25	
Feb-25	24/25:284	Sprintfest Fan Zone and Vintage Club event	Attempt to obtain additional funding and enter into disucssions with VMCC	This is being progressed;	PL	Feb-25	SB	Aug-25		
Feb-25	24/25:286	Fireworks Display	Discuss date with Chamber of Commernce	Enquiries are being received from third partieis concerning the date	PL	Mar-25	SB			
Feb-25	24/25:287	Roadworks Parliament Square area	Ask Department to consider doing a cohesive scheme in the area outside term time		WD		DF	Mar-25		
Feb-25	24/25:268	Publication of NCAS Minutes	To be published on RTC website	These are now published	WD	Mar-25	SB	Mar-25	Mar-25	

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	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondence dates	Owner's correspondence dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)	
	9 Auckland Lane	2019	27/02/2025				
	Water Street Boundary Wall	2018	27/02/2025				
	Britannia Hotel	2019					
	Seymour House - Ballure Road	2018		16/05/2024		04/05/2021 28/10/2022 27/02/2023	
	The Poplars - Bircham Ave, Ramsey	2019	13/12/2022				
	4 Hespera Terrace	2020					
	3 West Quay	2021					
	13 Water Street	2021	27/02/2025				
	15 Water Street	2021	27/02/2025				
	17 Water Street	2021					
	Old Odra Building Tower road	2021					
	Stanley Public House	2021					
	3 Cowell's Terrace	2018	13/08/2024			01/05/2024	
				16/08/2024			
			14/11/2024				
			06/01/2025		06/01/2025		
			17/01/2025				
	St Olaves House Bowring Rd	2019	Mar-25				
	Railway Line	2022					
	Coffee Pot	2022	30/09/2022				
	Sub-station - Tower Street	2022					
	21 Bowring Road	2023	04/03/2024				
				04/03/2024			
			24/01/2025		24/01/2025		
			27/01/2025				
					27/01/2025		

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	Property Address	Ruinous Register Entry Date	Commission's correspondence dates	Owner's correspondence dates	Stage	Letters of notices dates (if given)
			13/02/2025	13/02/2025		
				Mar-25		
	2 Albion Terrace, Lezayre Road	2023	04/12/2023			
	Barry Curran's West Quay	2024	21/08/2024	21/08/2024		
			23/01/2025			
			24/01/2025			
			04/02/2025			
	5 Marine Gardens	2024				
	4 Albert Street	2023				
	5 College Street	2019				
	Cannon Court	2022	27/08/2024	28/08/2024		
	Coil-Ny-Marrey Waterloo Road	Oct-24				
	Auldyn House - 22 Parliament St, 6 West Quay & 24 Parliament St (Tide & Jewel Box)	2019	20/01/2025	22/01/2025		
			14/02/2025	Feb-25		
	The Groom, Bride Road	2025				Mar-25
	Old River Road Depot	2025	18/02/2025			

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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The next Local Authority General Election is due to take place on Thursday 24 April 2025.

The Notice of Election was published today 13th March 2025.

Nominations can be accepted by the Deputy Returning Officer between 10am on Wednesday 19th March 2025 until 1pm on Wednesday 26th March 2025. Those wishing to submit a nomination should contact the Deputy Returning Officer at the Town Hall to arrange a time to do this,

Further details about the election including the election schedule and nomination papers can be found in the Election section of www.ramsey.gov.im.

Those wishing to stand as candidate or vote in this election **must** be on the Electoral Register. The register can be viewed at Ramsey Town Hall.

The deadline for registering to vote is 25th March 2025.

Recommendation: for noting.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th March 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE – MANX WHIPPY
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has issued a Street Trader's Licence to Manx Whippy Limited in the years since 2017 to operate mobile Ice Cream vans.

Each licence was issued for a period of one year. Since 2018 the operator was permitted to operate from two vehicles.

The operator only trades within residential areas or by invitation to specific events or premises with the Town Centre.

The service has proved popular and has attracted no complaints to the Town Hall.

The company is requesting that a new Street Trader's Licence be issued for 2025 with similar terms agreed in previous years.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Trader's Licence to Manx Whippy Limited for their two vehicles for 2025.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th March 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
STREET TRADER'S LICENCE PARISH PANTRY
MARCH 2024 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received a request from The Parish Pantry for a Street Trader's Licence to operate a mobile catering unit within the Town. The Parish Pantry has previously held a Street Trader's Licence from the Commission.

The operator is seeking to locate the mobile unit on the footpath at the northern end of Mooragh Promenade near to the former Grand Island Hotel garden. The operator has requested permission to open on a one day per week (not specifically defined) from approximately 10 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

Members are therefore asked to consider whether to issue a Street Trader's Licence to The Parish Pantry for the remainder of 2025.

Recommendation: for discussion.

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th March 2024

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT
MARCH 2025 - PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The following documents are appended for review and / or information:

1. A summary of accounts paid, and suppliers used in January 2025 – Appendix 1.
2. Tabulated summary of the Income and Expenditure for the period to 28th February 2025 – Appendix 2.

Accounts

Accounts of £616,725.52 were paid via the General Revenue Account and accounts of £32,509.37 were paid via the Northern Civic Amenity Site Account in February 2025. Details of the accounts paid, and the suppliers utilised are attached at Appendix 1.

Recommendation: To be noted.

Summary of Revenue Income and Expenditure

A summary of the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure from 1st April 2024 to 28th February 2025 is attached at Appendix 2.

Certain elements of capital expenditure incurred have been paid through the Revenue account with some being financed by way of capital loans. They are not disclosed as part of Appendix 2, the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure figures, and they are:

Cronk Elfin refurbishment – prof. fees & works	£124,688
New LED Street lighting heads	£120,000
Replacement street lighting columns	£56,445
Upper Queens Pier Road refurbishment – initial prof. fees	£97,558
Close Woirrey demolition – 1 st instalment	£36,000
Solar panels – Town Hall	£29,982
New telephones & communications system	£19,684
Close Woirrey redevelopment – initial fees	£7,250
New rear door access – Town Hall	£6,276
Recycling collection housing	£3,943
Beach raft	£3,520
Jet washer – for general purposes	£2,639
Printer for Library	£2,470
Bircham Avenue survey	£2,025

Recommendation: To be noted.

12th March 2025

N.Q. Cannell, FCCA
Finance Officer

Ramsey Town Commissioners

Accounts paid during February 2025

Appendix 1

Payee	Description	Amount (incl. VAT)
<u>General Account</u>		£
Staff	Wages, salaries, ITIP, NI & superannuation	193,806.56
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	New LED lights	144,000.00
Various	Housing property repairs, maint. & safety checks	52,277.40
IOM Government	Waste disposal charges at EFW Plant	77,789.89
Manx Demolition Ltd.	Close Woirrey - part demolition fee	36,000.00
Various	Vehicle maintenance, repairs & licences	22,479.48
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	Street & decorative lighting maintenance	21,749.32
Various	Commission property repair, maint. & safety checks	12,949.32
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	Fuel & heating oil	9,778.89
Swept Clean Road Sweeping Serv. Ltd.	Sweeper & gulley cleaner hire	7,500.00
Various	Refuse materials & equipment	6,237.74
Auditors	2024-25 internal audit fee	6,000.00
Various	Staff training	4,355.10
Various	Phones	4,334.63
Various	Office expenses - post, printing, stationery etc.	3,855.05
Various	IT costs	2,404.30
2 Clean	Toilet cleaning contract	2,251.82
Various	Legal fees - Boundary extension	2,000.00
Manx Utilities	Water charges & Electricity supply	1,503.97
Banks	Bank & debit card charges	1,568.59
Various	Library books, materials & IT licences	1,130.75
Various	Park materials	694.42
Various	Media and advertising	688.32
Various	Rent refunds & transfers	402.92
Various	Tree surgery work	360.00
Various	Legal & consultancy fees - Housing	270.00
Various	Security & safety	192.05
Various	Gift vouchers	145.00
		616,725.52
<u>Northern Civic Amenity Site</u>		
IOM Government	Waste disposal at EFW Plant	11,886.70
IOM Government	Quarter 4 site rental	8,503.27
Various	Recycling charges	4,520.69
Manx Waste Recycling Ltd.	Skip haulage	2,868.70
Recruitment Works Ltd.	Contract labour	2,403.60
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	DERV	1,067.30
Various	Equipment servicing & maintenance	978.24
Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	Debit card reader charge	86.88
Manx Telecom Ltd.	Phone	84.07
Various	PPE	49.99
Various	Site maintenance	39.60
Bank	Charges	20.33
		32,509.37

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Suppliers utilised during February 2025

Appendix 1

Access UK Ltd.	UK	Mann Waste Recycling Ltd.	IOM
Argon Business Systems Ltd.	IOM	Manx Business Solutions Ltd.	IOM
Askews & Holts Library Services Ltd.	UK	Manx Demolition Ltd.	IOM
Ballaneven Compost & Horticulture Ltd.	IOM	Manx Telecom Ltd.	IOM
B.P.D. Ltd.	IOM	Manx Utilities	IOM
Bridge Bookshop Ltd.	IOM	Marianne Hatchard	IOM
C E Richmond Ltd.	IOM	MSN Roofing & Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
Cleervu Aerial Specialists Ltd.	IOM	Motivation Driving School	IOM
Craigs Construction Ltd.	IOM	North Point Plastics Ltd.	IOM
Cuplas Callow IOM Ltd.	IOM	Office Equipment Centre 1978 Ltd.	IOM
Curtins Consulting Ltd.	IOM	Office World Ltd.	IOM
David Perry Electrical Contractors Ltd.	IOM	Outdoor Power & Plant Ltd.	IOM
Deltanet International Ltd.	UK	Paul Wheeler Ltd.	IOM
DQ Advocates Ltd.	IOM	P & M Window Cleaners Ltd.	IOM
Egan Reid Stationery Co. Ltd.	IOM	Phoenix Windows Ltd.	IOM
Electric Avenue Leeds Ltd.	UK	Ramsey Shipping Services Ltd.	IOM
Ellan Vannin Fuels Ltd.	IOM	Ramsey Skips	IOM
Evolution Accounting Ltd.	IOM	Recruitment Works Ltd.	IOM
Feltons Ironmongers	IOM	Screwfix Direct UK Ltd.	UK
Glasdon UK Ltd.	UK	Slade Scaffolding Ltd.	IOM
G4S Secure Solutions (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Structura Consulting Ltd.	IOM
Haldane Fisher (IOM) Ltd.	IOM	Sure IOM Ltd.	IOM
Infotech Systems Ltd.	IOM	Swept Clean Road Sweeping Services Ltd.	IOM
Investec Asset Finance Ltd.	IOM	2 Clean	IOM
IOM Government	IOM	Top 2 Toe Ltd.	IOM
IOM Newspapers Ltd.	IOM	Ulverscroft Ltd.	UK
IOM Post Office	IOM	Vannin Officepoint Ltd.	IOM
Joe Wood Tree & Garden Services Ltd.	IOM	W.D.S. Ltd.	IOM
J P Corry (formerly Jewsons)	IOM	Workwear Express Ltd.	UK
J Qualtrough & Co. Ltd.	IOM	Worldpay (UK) Ltd.	UK
Kathryn Craig	IOM	Wurth UK Ltd.	UK
Lezayre Parish Commissioners	IOM		

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS

SUMMARY OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 28th FEBRUARY 2025 - Appendix 2

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Social Housing						
Housing Schemes	3,935,167	4,895,952	(960,785)	5,039,706	5,012,829	26,877
Cl. Woirrey/ Cl. y C Ghlass	393	0	393	448	0	448
Brookfield Court	16,042	5,102	10,940	25,687	20,800	4,887
Close ny Mooragh	37,258	13,181	24,077	50,934	53,586	(2,652)
Sub Total	£3,988,860	£4,914,235	(£925,375)	£ 5,116,775	£ 5,087,215	£ 29,560

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Property and Assets						
Town Hall	183,377	25,051	158,326	230,449	25,293	205,156
Workshops	75,726	0	75,726	75,990	0	75,990
Public Conveniences	59,464	0	59,464	76,746	0	76,746
Courthouse - loan repayment	14,800	0	14,800	14,800	0	14,800
Courthouse - maint., H & L etc.	6,991	0	6,991	34,157	0	34,157
Mansail Lease	6,938	13,148	(6,210)	5,700	11,680	(5,980)
Lakeside Centre	5,867	9,881	(4,014)	4,778	12,546	(7,768)
Parklands Day Nursery	3,742	20,323	(16,581)	3,539	20,965	(17,426)
Bowling Alley	6,317	11,250	(4,933)	2,780	15,000	(12,220)
Non-Lease Properties	8,583	0	8,583	5,294	0	5,294
Prom shelters, benches, signs	33,395	0	33,395	30,625	0	30,625
Private Property Repairs	7,372	2,306	5,066	40,500	0	40,500
CCTV town centre	3,518	0	3,518	6,135	0	6,135
Apprentices	0	0	0	21,467	1,628	19,839
R.N.D.H.C.	20,516	22,602	(2,086)	15,955	17,551	(1,596)
Park assets	81,626	0	81,626	111,302	0	111,302
Sub Total	£518,232	£104,561	£413,671	£680,217	£104,663	£575,554

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Works & Development						
Foreshores & Flags	3,408	0	3,408	4,463	0	4,463
Car Parks	16,014	26,974	(10,960)	31,112	28,903	2,209
Refuse Removal	776,779	135,758	641,021	872,357	173,334	699,023
Civic Amenity contribution	261,364	0	261,364	302,325	0	302,325
Sewers & Pumps	78,125	78,125	0	104,141	104,141	0
Street lighting & maint.	121,867	0	121,867	232,350	0	232,350
Decorative maint.	14,318	0	14,318	10,343	0	10,343
Decorative lighting new items	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000
Local Services	253,235	0	253,235	327,391	0	327,391
Sub Total	£1,525,110	£240,857	£1,284,253	£1,909,482	£306,378	£1,603,104

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Parks & Leisure						
Events & Attractions	69,409	15,605	53,804	78,068	16,000	62,068
Parks & Gardens	281,545	102	281,443	297,067	710	296,357
Games Concessions	657	0	657	1,280	0	1,280
Public Library	136,829	8,617	128,212	180,595	9,165	171,430
Sub Total	£488,440	£24,324	£464,116	£557,010	£25,875	£531,135

	2024-25 to date			Estimate for 2024-25		
	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)	Expenditure	Income	Net Expend. / (Income)
Finance & General Purposes						
Administration	75,941	0	75,941	139,679	0	139,679
Office Expenses	612,891	44,864	568,027	853,909	134,135	719,774
Sundry Expenses	11,041	0	11,041	9,582	0	9,582
Miscellaneous	52,836	44,379	8,457	62,148	34,419	27,729
Swimming Pool	45,197	0	45,197	45,111	0	45,111
Town Band	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000
Town Centre Management	1,738	67	1,671	1,368	506	862
Sub Total	£801,644	£89,310	£712,334	£1,113,797	£169,060	£944,737

TOTAL	£7,322,286	£5,373,287	£2,053,560	£ 9,377,281	£ 5,693,191	£ 3,684,090
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Town rates	£ -	£3,420,716	(£3,420,716)	£ -	£ 3,513,954	(£3,513,954)
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**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
20 MPH LIMITS
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

You may be aware that the Department of Infrastructure is commencing the roll-out of 20mph 'blanket' limits within the towns and villages of the Isle of Man.

A copy of the Proposed Isle of Man (Speed Limits) Order 2025 is attached which was advertised in the local press on Friday 7 March.

Any objection to the proposal which you may wish to make should be sent in writing to Highway Services, Regulations Section, Sea Terminal, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2RF or by email to HighwayRegulations.DOI@gov.im on or before **Friday 21 March 2025**.



Figure 1. A map showing the extent of 20mph limits across Ramsey

Further information for consideration.

The National Road Safety Strategy for the Isle of Man (2019-2029) (Isle of Man Government, 2018) promotes a 'Safe System' approach in the quest to reduce casualties. This is made up of four key elements – safer people (education and training and improving attitudes and behaviours), safer roads, engineering out harm, safer vehicles, promoting improvements such as automatic braking and stability control, and finally safer speeds, recognising the evidence that higher speed collisions invariably result in more serious injuries, particularly with regard to pedestrians.

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It also focusses on the 'Fatal Four', use of mobile phones, not wearing seatbelts, drink and drug driving and speeding.

The strategy states;

As part of this Strategy, we will use data from road traffic collisions to ensure speed limits are appropriate to individual sections of roads. Education of road users on the effects of speed will form part of the Strategy. Finally, enforcement will remain a key part of a Safe System Approach to road safety in the Isle of Man.

Further;

The Council of Ministers does not plan to change the current policy on derestricted roads at the present time. We will prioritise the use and enforcement of speed limits on roads where there is clear evidence that reduced speed will make them safer.

Also;

The Isle of Man is unique within the British Isles and Crown Dependencies because of the areas of our road network which are de-restricted in terms of speed limits. This derestriction poses additional challenges to the Road Safety Partnership in respect of enforcement and safety. The nature of our roads, however, is part of the culture of the Isle of Man. Speed limits will not be considered on a blanket basis, rather on a case by case basis, informed by evidence.

It may be viewed as disingenuous that a blanket roll-out of a 20 mph limit is being considered against the matter of derestriction. Although the data is not readily to hand, having attended collisions on the roads of the Isle of Man for some eighteen years, I can say with a high degree of confidence that the problem lies elsewhere than in the towns and villages.

There is a counter to this, in that 'scene setting' is important. If a consistent approach is taken across the island, so that drivers know what to expect in every town and village, this may contribute to overall change in attitudes and behaviours. The further reality is that meaningful enforcement of such limits is difficult, due to volumes of traffic and finding suitable sites to both set up a detection device and safely stop alleged offenders. Further to this, the sheer volume of routes being considered render it near impossible for constabulary-led enforcement to be effective. In addition, a constable is likely to deploy to an area where intelligence suggests there has been a high prevalence of collisions or careless driving.

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Although the overall cost of this roll-out is unknown, it is likely to be considerable in respect of time and money. Current thinking in casualty reduction is exemplified in Cumbria, where a partnership approach has created a 'Road Harm Index'. This intelligence-led approach targets enforcement and engineering in the most effective manner possible, reducing costs and casualties.

By 1st June 2024, the reductions over the previous year was reported 26.7% drop in fatalities, and 29.2% drop in serious injury collisions using this approach. (Milton, 2024)

The views of the Board are sought in order to compile a response to the DOI.

Recommendation – For discussion

D.C. Flint
Town Clerk

13 Mar 2025

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Statutory Document No. 20XX/XXXX

*Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985*

ISLE OF MAN (SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2025

*Made:**Coming into Operation: in accordance with article 2*

The Department of Infrastructure, having consulted with the Chief Constable¹ and having complied with the requirements of paragraph 1 of Schedule 2² to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985, makes the following Order under section 23 of that Act.

1 Title

This Order is the Isle of Man (Speed Limits) Order 2025.

2 Commencement

This Order comes into operation on the day after it is made.

3 Interpretation

(1) In this Order –

“**the Act**” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985;

“**Map Schedule**” means the collection of Map Tiles attached to this Order and listed in Schedule 2, which depicts the roads or lengths of road in the Isle of Man where speed limits are imposed by this Order, and the speed limit imposed on each road or length of road is determined by the representation of each speed limit and its extent as identified within the Map Schedule compared to the representation of each speed limit in the Map Schedule Legend;

“**Map Schedule Legend**” means the Map Schedule Legend in Schedule 1 to this Order which, when used in conjunction with a Map Tile as listed in Schedule 2, identifies the specific representation of each speed limit imposed by this Order and shown in the Map Schedule; and

“**Map Tile**” means an individual Map Tile with a specific reference, being part of the Map Schedule as listed in Schedule 2 to this Order.

¹ As required by section 23(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985.

² As required by section 23(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985.

4 Speed limits

- (1) No person shall cause any vehicle to proceed in the roads or lengths of road identified in the Map Schedule to this Order at a speed exceeding the maximum speed imposed by this Order and identified in each Map Tile by reference to the Map Schedule Legend for the indication of speed applicable to that road or length of road except those exempted under section 27 of the Act.
- (2) The Department does not accept responsibility for inaccuracies contained in the Ordnance Survey data relied upon to create the Map Schedule and where a speed limit is depicted on the Map Schedule as applying to a specific named road, that restriction continues to apply to that named road irrespective of any subsequent changes that have been made to the underlying Ordnance Survey data.
- (3) Nothing in this Order shall apply to private roads.

5 Revocations

This Order revokes all orders made under section 23 of the Act within the Isle of Man and as set out in Schedule 1.

Signed on behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure

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M PEDHURU

Interim Director of Highway Services



SCHEDULE 1
REVOCATIONS

[Article 5]

This Order revokes all existing speed limit orders on the Isle of Man.

SCHEDULE 2

MAP SCHEDULE

MAP TILES: The list of Map Tiles, which in conjunction with the Map Schedule Legend comprise the Map Schedule to this Order.

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Map Tile Ref	Revision
AA45	0
AA46	0
AA54	0
AA55	0
AA56	0
AB44	0
AB45	0
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AC44	0
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AF63	0
AG47	0
AG59	0
AG62	0

Map Tile Ref	Revision
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AI59	0
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AJ48	0
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AK48	0
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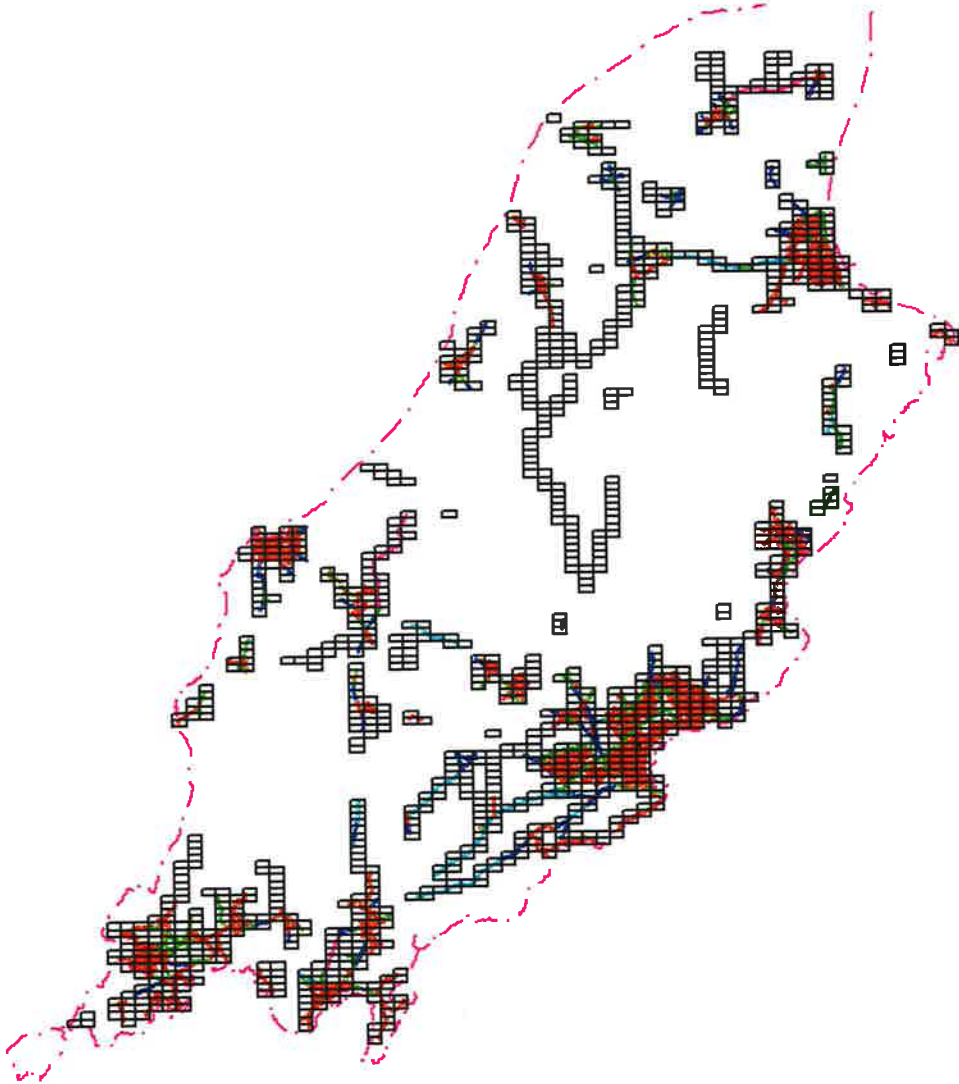
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[ADDITIONAL MAP TILE TABLES TO BE INSERTED]

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Road Traffic Regulation (Speed Limits) Order 20245



MAP LEGEND

DATE:

-  10mph
-  20mph
-  20mph zone
-  30mph
-  40mph
-  50mph
-  60mph

trc



[MAPS TO BE INSERTED]

NOTE: PROPOSED SPEED LIMITS CAN BE VIEWED ON AN INTERACTIVE MAP AT:

[ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE](#)

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*EXPLANATORY NOTE**(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order modernises the speed limit orders on roads on the Isle of Man by introducing map-based schedules.

The Order also amends the limit of speed in residential areas to 20 mph to facilitate safer roads and a pedestrian friendly environment.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
PLAZA CAR PARK TT 2025
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

In the above connection, local business 'The Hutch' is restricted from trading during racing and practice for both TT and MGP due to the imposition of a safety buffer in Parliament Square.

In order to compensate they have been examining other ways to trade during the festival. They have partnered with Fynoderee Distillery, who are extending their hospitality offer for the festival, with their proximity to Cruickshanks Corner.

Their joint request is to be granted permission to make use of a single car parking space at the Plaza Car Park (the space in the bottom left-hand corner as the car park is entered) during TT Fortnight as a location for "The Hutch" to site their mobile catering horse box.

The hospitality package offered will encourage visitors to spend the day based in Ramsey with food served to them on the Fynoderee mezzanine floor which will be for their exclusive use. Visitors will be encouraged to explore the town and visit the different viewing spots on offer (May Hill, Parliament Square, Hairpin)

As well as supporting the package, The Hutch could sell food to passers-by and service the crowd who often watch the races at May Hill and Cruickshanks. It would also provide refreshments close to the MER station for Tram passengers. The Fynoderee Distillery would provide downstairs space for anybody consuming food from The Hutch Horse Box should they wish to sit down or if the weather is not being kind - this would assist in bringing footfall to their premises.

They make the case that temporary loss of a car parking space as mitigated by the promotion of Ramsey as a place to come and experience the TT - promotion that will promote the easy accessibility of coming to the town on foot, via the MER or Bus Vannin. It also allows 2 businesses to collaborate and attempt to make the most of the TT trade which is critical to surviving the rest of the year.



A photo of the car park to show the space in question is attached. The view of the officers is this would not require a street trader permit.

Recommendation: for discussion and a decision

D.C. Flint
Town Clerk

10th March, 2025.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
S13 AGREEMENT BALLACHRINK
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

As previously discussed, the Ballachrink Farm site is now subject to a planning approval in principle. This is actually contrary to the Planning Inspector's observation in respect of the proposed Area Plan for the North and West.

Before this progresses, the matter of public open space has to be considered. This is facilitated by planning law and policy.

Section 13 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 states;

Agreements regulating development of land

(1) The Department may enter into an agreement with any person interested in land for the purpose of restricting or regulating the development or use of the land, either permanently or during such period as may be prescribed by the agreement; and any such agreement may contain such incidental and consequential provisions (including provisions of a financial character) as appear to the Department to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the agreement.

(2) Nothing in this section or in any agreement made thereunder shall be construed

(a) as restricting the exercise, in relation to land which is the subject of any such agreement, of any powers exercisable by the Department or any other authority under this Act; or

(b) as requiring the exercise of any such powers otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (a).

Thus, the agreement is led by DEFA (The Department) with any other interested parties. For the case of public open space, that would be the local authority in question.

Section 4.2 of the Operational Policy on Section 13 agreements (DEFA, 2020) states;

Open Space Guidance may be sought from the relevant Local Authority, Isle of Man Sports Council and any sport specific groups in relation to the provision of open space. Where a development includes the on-site provision of open space it should include details of how this will be laid out, equipped and maintained in perpetuity.

**Town Clerk's Report – S13 Agreement Ballachrink
March 2025 Public Continued:**

Local Authorities may be willing to adopt open space, but cannot be compelled to do so without an order from Tynwald (Section 12 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984) therefore Section 13 agreements may say that the land will be offered to Local Authorities for a nominal sum and then set out a fall-back position in the event that the Local Authority is unwilling to acquire the land. In order for open space to be useful it is important the development results in it being provided in a suitable location, of a suitable size shape and in a fit-for purpose condition (which may include the provision of relevant equipment).

The Isle of Man Planning Scheme (Ramsey Local Plan) (No.2) Order 1998 carries a 'Written Statement'. Para 6.9 states;

The Local Plan re-emphasises the need to make adequate provision for open space within large areas of new development. In addition it is important for residents and visitors to have both a good network of pedestrian cycle and bridle routes in and around town and to ensure that new development has an adequate supply of recreational open spaces. In this regard it is felt important to consider a system of financial contribution in order that developers complete areas of open space footpaths and highway proposals in large development schemes.

Further, Para 6.16 clarifies Policy R/T/P6 All Areas of New Residential Development.

Provision of open space for all areas of new residential development shall be required. This is likely to be in the region of up to 25% of the gross area dependent on topography density and existing open space.

The use of the word "shall" rather than "may", appears to compel the Local Authority.

Para 6.18 expands;

The Ramsey Commissioners and the Department of Transport should consider setting up a system of financial contribution by individual developments toward the provision of large areas of open space and landscaping.

To say the precise position is unclear is perhaps an understatement. Whilst a development provides the Commission with the benefit of more rates income, more space to manage and maintain also has a cost. To this end, I am currently seeking wider advice on this matter before I prepare a more detailed report for Members, which I hope to be able to bring back for the April Meeting

Recommendation: for information pending further inquiry.

D.C. Flint
Town Clerk

11th March, 2025.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
LOADING BAY- MARKET PLACE / WEST QUAY
MARCH 2025 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Licensee of The Commercial Hotel has contacted the Commission regarding the provision of loading bays in Market Place and on West Quay:

“Our cellar is at the front of the building and the brewery wagon does not fit in the car park so cannot access that loading area so has to double park which causes danger to drivers leaving the car park with zero visibility.

The other issue is that when we use the current allocated loading area for smaller deliveries we get constant abuse from people that are trying to exit the car park and do not understand this it is a designated loading bay.

The loading area was put here over 10 years ago it was not appropriate then and is not appropriate now and is causing a danger.

Would it be possible to move the disabled bays together as there are two and leaving a safe area to unload at the front of the pub where the cellar access is?

I understand that it was to serve all businesses but I do not know of any others using it? The larger wagons cannot access the car park as the turns are too tight. “



Members are asked to consider whether they would wish Officers to engage with the Department of Infrastructure regarding this matter.

Recommendation: for discussion

H. S. Bevan
Deputy Town Clerk

13th March 2025

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT
PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MARCH, 2025 PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Copies of the following application has been received from the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture, Planning and Building Control Division under the planning consultation procedures. The application is listed for consideration subject to comments where appended. Hyperlinks are provided on the P.A. No. to link to the plans which are available on the IOM Government website.

REF NO: 4211
P.A. NO.: [25/90197/B](#) **RETROSPECTIVE**
PROPOSED: Installation of refrigeration & gas coolers with an acoustic close boarded fence erected around, and modifications to the adjacent car park area
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Tesco Supermarket, Bowring Road, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4212
P.A. NO.: [25/90147/C](#)
PROPOSED: Change of use of Ground floor from Office (Class2.1) to Private Healthcare Clinic (Class 4.1)
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Ground floor 2-4 Peel Street, Ramsey**

REF NO: 4213
P.A. NO.: [25/90079/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of existing dwelling house (Class3.3) as tourist accomdation (Class 3.1).
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Mysore Cottages, 39 Waterloo Road, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4214
P.A. NO.: [25/10031/AIR](#)
PROPOSED: Information in relation to condition 2 of PA 24/91404/B detailing nesting bird surveys and mitigation methods.
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **The Old Bakery, 6 Christian Street, Ramsey.**

**Technical Services Manager's Report – Planning Applications
March, 2025 – Public Continued:**

REF NO: 4215
P.A. NO.: [25/90006/B](#)
PROPOSED: Change of use from garage to office with toilet and widening of access path.
NOTES: P.A. – Change of Use
SITE: **Block 3 garage 20 Magnus Court, Kings Reach Village, Jurby Road, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4216
P.A. NO.: [25/90139/C](#)
PROPOSED: Additional use of dwelling house for tourist accommodation
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **Lower Miltown Farm, Lezayre Road, Ramsey.**

REF NO: 4217
P.A. NO.: [25/90223/B](#)
PROPOSED: Re-roofing of existing dwelling house
NOTES: P.A. in Detail
SITE: **18 Laurys Avenue, Ramsey.**

B. Wallace,
Technical Services Manager

12th March, 2025