



**Ramsgate Town Council**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 31st January 2018 (preceded by a meeting of the Planning and Environment Cttee).

**VENUE:** The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon, J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Fenner, Martin, Stummer- Schmertzing and Young.

R.Styles - Town Clerk.

E.Richford - Deputy Town Clerk.

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**174. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr - Kennedy - Work commitments.

Cllr - Larkins - Other business.

Cllr - Brown - Illness.

Cllr - Rev Piper - Illness.

Cllr - L.Piper - Illness.

**175. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**176. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received.

**177. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd November 2018 (Minutes 114 - 123) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr J. Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

The meeting agreed to alter the consideration of the agenda items so that staffing matters which are treated as confidential by the meeting, are received at the end of business, enabling the public to see the process of approving the budget for 2018/19. Therefore the Ramsgate fund will be given precedence in the order of the agenda.

**178. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS**

- a) **RF16- 2017/18: Thanet Community Development Trust - Community kitchen in Ramsgate.**

**AWARD: £2,000.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded:** Cllr J.Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

- b) **RF17 - 2017/18: Chilton Lane East Allotment Tenants - Notice board.**

**AWARD: £450.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded by:** Cllr L.Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

- c) **RF18 - 2017/18: Ramsgate Heritage Regeneration Trust - Tunnel survey.**

**AWARD: £0.**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded by:** Cllr Stumme -Schmertzling.

**RESOLVED**

- d) **RF19 - 2017/18: Western under cliff regeneration group - Repair of 'sofa' in Albert Court.**

**AWARD: £0. (Item to be put on RTC repair list).**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded by:** Cllr L.Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

**179. RAMSGATE TOWN CENTRE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report on the condition and status of the Town Centre. The meeting agreed the following actions:

- a) Seek permission from KCC Highways and where possible arrange funding for a substantial rising bollard device (including traffic light etc) to protect Harbour Street from prohibited vehicle entry during the hours of 10am to 5pm.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded by:** Cllr J. Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

- b) Form a small informal committee or working group consisting of the Chairs of Town Promotion and Planning, with the Town Clerk to devise of a new regeneration and management plan for the Town Centre. To meet with representatives of Thanet District Council and Kent County Council on the contents of that plan and to discuss the possibility of local devolution on the management and regeneration of the Town Centre.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Campbell.

**Seconded by:** Cllr J. Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

**180 TOWN CLERKS REPORT**  
**Quorum of the Council - Standing order 5.**

The Council decided to amend Standing order 5 in the light of recent experience as follows:

**5. QUORUM OF THE COUNCIL**

*5.1 The quorum at meetings of the Council shall be one half of the total membership or 8 members whichever is the greater and a minimum of 5 members for any Committee or sub Committee of the Council.*

*5.2 If a quorum is not present or if during a meeting the number of councillors present (not counting those debarred by reason of a declared interest) falls below the required quorum, the meeting shall be adjourned and business not transacted shall be transacted at the next meeting or on such other day as the Chairman may fix.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr. Connor.

**RESOLVED**

**181. BUDGET 2018/19**

The Clerk presented the budget proposed and recommended by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. From the report the Council resolved the following:

That the Events fund be administered by a Committee with delegated powers to administer and allocate the budget allocation for Events on a confidential basis. The minutes of the Committee however will be published in full. The Committee will meet twice a year in March to consider events taking place between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and in September to consider events taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Proposed by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

Seconded by: Cllr. Stummer - Schmertzling.

**RESOLVED**

**The remaining budget agenda items contained staff matters and were taken as confidential as deemed advisable by the Chairman during the meeting under the terms of the Public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960**

The overall Ramsgate Town Council budget including staff conditions and remuneration was approved. The Council intends that the precept agreed at this meeting be maintained for the 2018/19 financial year and the 2019/2020 financial year. The precept figure based on a band D Council tax band agreed is: £61.92/ per annum.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

The meeting closed at; 8.30pm.

**MAYOR/CHAIRMAN**