



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 1st February 2017.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon, J.Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Kennedy, Larkins, Martin, Newman, Rev Piper, Stummer- Schmertzing and Young.

R.Styles - Town Clerk.

E.Richford - Deputy Town Clerk.

199. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr - L.Piper-TDC Civic business.

Cllr - Brown -Other business.

200. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

201. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd November 2016 (Minutes 148-165) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

202. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

203. BUDGET 2017/18

203a. Precept and budget structure for 2017/18.

The budget structure as recommended by the Finance + General Purposes Cttee was approved and the precept for 2017/18 was approved at £51.93/annum for a Band D property.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

203b. Heritage action zone (HAZ).

It was agreed that the sum of £10,000 be allocated in principle to fund the operational requirements for the new Heritage officer to be recruited in 2017/18 (the salary of this officer to be paid by Historic England).

Proposed by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

203c. Devolved services

The following actions were agreed by the Council:

- **TDC** : Offer an expression of interest and as a first step to ask TDC to consider the immediate transfer of Margate Rd and Cemetery gates allotments (with a dowry if possible) and consider ceding the control of all closed grave yards in the Parish. Any subsequent proposals on service devolution will have to come from TDC with full details on how much these activities cost to carry out.
- **KCC**: Consider the Highways verge management proposal carefully and to enter into dialogue with KCC Highways before any contract would begin. Council approval on any contract agreement with KCC Highways would be required.
- **Working group**: the F+GP Cttee has authorised a working group for the Radford bequest; the Council wishes to add the subject of Service devolution to its remit to do with the Radford bequest and will receive a report on Service devolution from the working group if one is drafted. The working group consists of the 4 committee chairs, the Mayor plus two councillors.
- **Training**: Before RTC agrees formally to any measure of devolution of services, the Council instructs the Clerk to arrange suitable training via KALC.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

203d. Town Centre Management

The report was received and it was agreed that a proposal be put to the Thanet Joint Transport Board for a rising bollard or gated scheme similar to the Week Street scheme in Maidstone. The meeting expressed the view that the rising bollard installation was the least obtrusive means of controlling vehicle access to the Town Centre.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

203e. Budget press release

The Clerk submitted a draft press release explaining the 2017/18 RTC budget to the public was received. Some amendments will be made before final release.

204. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr Young was nominated by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

No other nominations were received.

Cllr Young was therefore elected by the meeting.

RESOLVED

205. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS

No applications were received and the Report of the Deputy Town Clerk was noted.

206. TOWN CLERK'S + CIVIC REPORT

There were no items in the Town Clerk's report.

The Civic report was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN