

## RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the TOWN IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE duly convened and held in the Council Chamber, Albion House, Albion Place, Ramsgate on 21 September 2009**

Present: Councillors O'Donnell (Chairman), Byne, Dark, Rogers, and Ward.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Landi and Mrs. Fenner.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Dark and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. **FUTURE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE TOWN'S ALLOTMENTS**

Representatives from Jackey Baker's and Chilton East and West allotments were present. It was disappointing that Paul Verrall was unable to attend and agreed that the Chairman ask him to attend the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October and, if possible, meet him beforehand.

The letter sent to Sue McGonigal had been forwarded to Mark Seed for response, but none had been received. Councillor O'Donnell to write again to remind TDC of its responsibility.

Councillor Mrs. Rogers will attend the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October and raise the question of the Manston Road Allotments money. She will report back at the 19<sup>th</sup> October meeting.

The allotment representatives outlined the charges, their opinions and requirements.

Compost toilets are needed at Chilton, although they may be a problem for the Porchlight group

Entrance gates at Chilton West are in a hazardous position

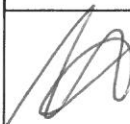
5 more standpipes are needed at Jackey Baker's

The water pressure is a problem at Chilton. Councillor O'Donnell to write to Southern Water asking for 2" pipes to replace the current 1" pipes.

Sheds need to be moved at Chilton to allow the path to be repaired and widened – TDC, as the current administrator, should write to the allotment holders concerned.

TDC is responsible for the administration of allotments until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

The allotment representatives were thanked for attending with apologies that their questions were unanswered in the absence of Paul Verrall.

Chairman's Initials


5. **CONSULTING THE ELECTORATE**

Councillor Ward said the Town Council is not in a position to consult the public until costings are known for the various options.

It was suggested that the local paper might like to print an article, in which case it will be free of charge.

Ramsgate Arts Festival are prepared to report on the 'Love, Hate, Hope' survey – possibly at the next full council meeting.

It was suggested an open meeting be held at Albion House as soon as possible with meetings at other venues in outlying areas of the town.

Proposed by Councillor Ward, seconded by Councillor Byne and agreed, that 2 items from the Eastcliff Residents' Association e-mail be put on the next agenda.

Councillor O'Donnell suggested the use of the now empty Ramsgate Town Partnership office as a possibility.

6. **LAVATORY PROVISION - SITUATION IN RAMSGATE**

Councillor O'Donnell reported that there are only 3 functional lavatories open in Ramsgate. It was agreed that more lavatories should be open, particularly the ones in St. Lawrence High Street.

He had a meeting with Mark Seed who had suggested Ramsgate Town Council make a contribution towards keeping toilets open, as Broadstairs Town Council does for the Albion Street Car Park toilets. Councillor O'Donnell to write to Broadstairs TC requesting facts and figures and to Ramsgate's Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The Chairman will also write to Councillor Shirley Tomlinson, with copies to the Chief Executive and Leader, that Ramsgate TC has no money to contribute.

The Chairman will write to TDC asking that the Bathing Station lavatories be opened and closed by a beach kiosk owner (who has already offered to do this), as it is believed the owner of the Lookout café opens and closes the lavatories at Screaming Alley.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Albion House.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

  
Chairman – 19 October 2009