



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 4th October 2017

Present: Councillors; Campbell (Chairman), Brown, Connor, J. Fairbrass, L. Fairbrass, Falcon, Kennedy, Larkins, Martin, L. Piper, S. Piper, Shonk Stummer-Schmertz and Young.
Also in attendance: R Styles – Town Clerk and Miss E. Richford – Deputy Town Clerk (RFO).

095. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Cllr Newman – Family matter.

096. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

097. MINUTES

Proposed by: Cllr S. Piper.
Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2017 (minutes 046 to 055) are agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

098. RADFORD BEQUEST

The Town Clerk gave a presentation on the possible options for the use of the bequest and made the following recommendations:

1. That Effingham Street Fire station is investigated for acquisition as a suitable community centre or hub.
2. That a professional valuation of the building and site be carried out at a cost of around £500 +Vat.
3. That if acquired the building should be renamed 'Radford House'.
4. That the investigation should concentrate on acquiring the building as it is and not based on any notional development project.

RADFORD BEQUEST- CONTD

'That the recommendations outlined and stated within the presentation are adopted as policy by the committee and the Clerk is authorised to spend the sum of money stated in recommendation 2'.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Young.

RESOLVED

099. HERITAGE ACTION ZONE REQUEST

The committee considered the report from the Heritage Action Zone Officer and authorised the expenditure of £1,000 for a video showing Ramsgate's Heritage.

Proposed by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED

100. ANNUAL AUDIT 2016-17

The report from the Deputy Town Clerk +RFO was noted.

101. ACCOUNTS INFORMATION

The report from the Deputy Town Clerk +RFO was noted.

101a. An account of the money received from the Coastal Communities fund was received from the Town Clerk and noted.

102. RAMSGATE'S PARKS AND GARDENS

The Town Clerk gave a full report on a survey he had done on the Parks and Gardens of Ramsgate, with recommendations on the future management of the Ramsgate Park and Gardens estate.

In response the Committee adopted a policy of taking on the management of the sites already agreed with TDC; once these had settled down and could be shown to be effectively and well managed, other measures of assistance could then be considered, if the resources were available.

On the matter of St Lawrence Churchyard, the Clerk is authorised to assist TDC in the safe, lawful and effective management of the site as a matter of urgency.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

103. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that because of various concerns expressed by the Thanet Events Team on marshalling and first aid for the New Year's Firework display, this will result in increased expenditure on this event.

Cllr S. Piper agreed to approach an organisation to see if they would be prepared to help with the marshalling of this event.

The Clerk also agreed to look at other sources for marshals. He also stated that he intended to engage an appropriate first aid provider to deliver cover for the event.

The meeting noted the Clerk's verbal report and sanctioned enhanced first aid provision and security, to ensure that the event takes place barring any unforeseen circumstances.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.