



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Amenities Committee**

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

**Date:** Wednesday 21 December 2016

**Present:** Councillors; Brown, Campbell, Connor, Falcon, Stummer-Schmertzling, J Fairbrass, L Fairbrass, L Piper, S Piper.

Also in attendance; E. Richford – Assistant Town Clerk.

179 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Martin, Shonk and Young.

180 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

181 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 5 October 2016 (minutes 122 to 126) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr S Piper.

**RESOLVED**

182 **ALLOTMENT REPORT**

The committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

The report is noted and the request for new padlocks is declined for the allotment site, Chilton Lane East.

**RESOLVED**

183 **EVENTS FUNDING REPORT**

The committee considered the report of the Assistant Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Application EF29 2016-17 be refused.

The payment to TDC, for loss of income in relation to parking on street and off street for late night Christmas shopping in Ramsgate on Thursdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December 2016 from 5pm to be taken from the Town Promoter expenses/allowance budget.

The Town Promoter to be advised that expenditure of this level needs to be authorised in good time rather than retrospectively.

RESOLVED

184 **AMENITIES BUDGET 2017-18**

The committee considered the report of the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr S Piper that;

The Amenities Cttee recommends the following to Finance and General Purposes Cttee;

**Civic Budget Allocation 2017-18**

Civic functions: £7,000.00.  
Civic Allowance: £3,000.00.  
Insignia: £500.00.  
Civic artifacts: £1,000.00.  
Cinque Ports: £1,000.00.  
Twinning: £2,000.00.  
Total £14,500.00.

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr S Piper, seconded by Cllr Campbell that;

The Amenities Cttee recommends the following to Finance and General Purposes Cttee;

**Allotment Budget Allocation 2017-18**

Whole plot fees to increase to £52.00 per annum plus £20.00 water contribution, totalling £72.00 per annum.  
Half plot fees to increase to £26.00 per annum plus £15.00 water contribution, totalling £41.00 per annum.  
Budget allocation will be adjusted accordingly.

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

The Amenities Cttee recommends the following to Finance and General Purposes Cttee;

**Events Fund Allocation 2017-18**

Allocate £60,000.00 with the funds remaining from the 2016-17 budget to be carried over, giving an Event Fund balance of £62,240.00.

The TDC grant money received in October 2016 is not to be vired into a one-off expenditure for a mobile stage.

**RESOLVED**

Proposed by Cllr Stummer-Schmertzing, seconded by Cllr Campbell that;

The Amenities Cttee recommends the following to Finance and General Purposes Cttee;

**Town Improvement Budget Allocation 2017-18**

Allocation to be increased to £30,000.00 and deferred for further consideration by Finance and General Purposes Cttee.

**RESOLVED**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.