



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

**Date:** Wednesday 20 December 2017

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

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

### **COUNCILLOR STUMMER-SCHMERTZING IN THE CHAIR**

#### 143 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Connor, Kennedy, Martin and Young.

#### 144 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 Allotments Report 2017 as he is an allotment tenant.

#### 145 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 2 August 2017 (minutes 069 to 074) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Rev S Piper.

#### **RESOLVED**

#### 146 **EVENTS FUNDING REPORT 2017-18**

There were no Events Fund applications to be considered. The report was noted.

#### 147 **KITESURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The committee received a verbal report from Cllr Campbell. The last leg of the national event will take place in Ramsgate in September 2018. The event will attract circa 100 competitors and will bring a large amount of visitors to Ramsgate before the actual event, when competitors practice, and during the event itself.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Rev S Piper.

Ramsgate Town Council to support the National Kitesurfing Championships at a cost of £10,000.00. £5,000.00 to be allocated from the residual of the events budget 2017-18 and £5,000.00 to be earmarked from the Events budget 2018-19.

RESOLVED

148 **ROYAL HARBOUR CAR PARK**

The committee received a verbal update from Cllr L Fairbrass who had been asked to negotiate with TDC on the matter of free parking on Saturdays at the Royal Harbour Car Park.

Proposed by Cllr L Fairbrass, seconded by Cllr Campbell.

Ramsgate Town Council to no longer pay TDC for free parking on Saturdays at the Royal Harbour Car Park. The money saved to be used elsewhere for the benefit of the residents of Ramsgate.

RESOLVED

It was noted that Cllr Larkins abstained from the vote and Cllr Shonk voted against the resolution. The Town Clerk to advise TDC in writing.

149 **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The committee received the report from the Deputy Town Clerk. The report was noted.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass.

The Site Representative from the Chilton Lane East allotment site to apply to the Ramsgate Fund for a new notice board.

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Larkins.

The Town Clerk to agree to the proposal received from Pest Check for rodent and wasp nest control at all allotment sites at a cost of £4,750.00 + VAT per annum.

RESOLVED

150 **MONTEFIORE WOODLAND**

The committee received the report from the Deputy Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Falcon that;

The application from the Friends of Montefiore Woodland for full flint wall repairs is refused on the grounds that the work is out of the scope of this council to fund the work.

RESOLVED

151 **CIVIC AWARDS - GUIDANCE**

The committee received the report from the Deputy Town Clerk and the guidance created by the Mayor's PA.

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

The Guidance for the wearing of Past Mayor, Past Deputy Mayor and Honorary Freeman of Ramsgate badges is agreed and adopted.

**RESOLVED**

152 **BUDGET 2018 - 2019**

The committee received the report from the Town Clerk with the following recommendations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee;

Civic Budget 2018-19 Increased to **£15,000.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr S Piper.

**RESOLVED**

Allotments Budget 2018-19 Increased to **£18,000.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

Allotments rents 2018-19 Increased as detailed;

Whole Plots – increase of £4.00 from £72.00 to £76.00 per annum.

Half Plots – increase of £2.00 from £41.00 to £43.00 per annum.

Whole Plots – increase of £1.00 from £20.50 to £21.50 per annum.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

Town Improvements Budget 2018-19 Increased to **£28,000.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr S Piper.

**RESOLVED**

Decorative Lights 2018-19 Increased to **£20,600.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Larkins.

**RESOLVED**

Events Budget 2018-19 Remains at **£60,000.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Shonk.

**RESOLVED**

It was noted that the committee will be more rigorous in considering the funding applications.

153 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no report but the Briefing Note supplied by the Town Clerk was noted earlier in proceedings.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.