



## Ramsgate Town Council

### MINUTES

**MEETING:** Annual Statutory Town Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

**VENUE:** Virtual: online and streamed to the internet.

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Ara, Campbell (Chairman), Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, L. Piper, Rev. Piper, Rusiecki, Wing and Young.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford – Deputy Town Clerk.

D. Williams – Digital Communications and Marketing Officer - Host.

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**001 RATIFICATION TO RETAIN THE COUNCIL STRUCTURE UNTIL MAY 2021.**

The Council agreed to retain the entire structure of committees, chairmanships/vice chairmanships, and any representation on other bodies until May 2021 when a new council structure will be decided by election by the members for council year 2021/22.

Proposed by Cllr Hetherington.

Seconded by Cllr Young.

**RESOLVED**

**002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Albon – Other engagement.

Cllr Knight – Illness.

**003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **004 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman opened up this item, The Deputy Town Clerk read out each question and the Town Clerk gave a response.

Questions were received from:

Mr Terence Huckstep – RTC funding for the judicial review on the Secretary of State for Transport’s decision on the application for a DCO for Manston airport and public support for and against the judicial review.

Ms Kathy Stevens – Declarations of Interest regarding the resolution to provide up to £10,000 towards funding the judicial review.

The Clerk gave a response with Cllr Rev Piper dissenting.

Ms Shelagh Adams – RTC funding the judicial review.

No response given as the item was not a question but was instead a statement.

The transcript of the responses is available on the streamed record of the meeting.

#### **005 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

##### **Council meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Minutes 195 to 203.**

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

**RESOLVED**

##### **Extraordinary Council meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Minutes 204 to 206**

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Hetherington.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

**RESOLVED**

##### **Extraordinary Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – Minutes 224 to 226**

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

**RESOLVED**

**006 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT RETURN STATEMENTS 2019 -20.**

The Deputy Town Clerk (RFO) introduced each item as follows:

**A. ANNUAL RETURN 2018/19 – EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT AND CERTIFICATE**

*‘This Council has received and notes the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2018-19’.*

Proposed by Cllr Hetherington.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

**RESOLVED**

**B. & C. ANNUAL RETURN 2019/20**

**THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

*‘This Council certifies that the statements made in Section 1 of the annual return are a true record of the system of governance at Ramsgate Town Council’.*

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

**RESOLVED**

**THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

*‘This Council certifies that corrective action has been taken with regards to the*

*‘except for’ matters as detailed in the 2018-19 annual return External Auditor Report’.*

There were no except for matters 2018-19.

*‘This Council certifies that the accounting statements made in section 2 of the annual return for 2019-20 are a true and fair record of the financial position of the Council’.*

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Young.

**RESOLVED**

The Deputy Town Clerk (RFO) ran through and Council noted the report of the Internal Auditor in relation to the Annual Return 2019-20.

## **D. REPORT ON CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO 30 JUNE 2020.**

Report on current income and expenditure - noted.

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

**RESOLVED**

### **007 COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES**

The council agreed to continue with the policy of not having councillor allowances but instead to use the budget allocation for Councillor ward grants.

A proposal was made to pay these grants by use of a card or by cheque as carried out currently. This proposal did not find favour and was withdrawn by the proposer, Cllr Green.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Ara.

**RESOLVED**

### **008 RAMSGATE FUND**

This item was introduced by the deputy Town Clerk:

**RF1 -2020/21- Royal Harbour of Ramsgate 200 -Souvenir 'Harbour book'.**

**Grant approved- £2,692.**

Proposed by Cllr Rusiecki.

Seconded by Cllr Wing.

**RESOLVED**

**RF2 -2020/21- St Laurence in Thanet Team – Replacement boiler.**

**Grant approved- £1,000.**

Proposed by Cllr Rusiecki.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

**RESOLVED**

**RF3 -2020/21- Miss Ramsgate Organization -Dresses and accessories.**

**Grant approved- £2,500.**

Proposed by Cllr Ara.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

**RESOLVED**

**RF4 -2020/21- Ramsgate and Broadstairs Sea Cadets – chairs + tables.  
Grant approved- £454.62.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rusiecki.

**RESOLVED**

**009 EVENTS FUND UPDATE**

The Deputy Town Clerk introduced this item and demonstrated the large of number of events that were/are cancelled due Covid-19. A few events moved on line, others may schedule.

Active Ramsgate made a request to have the Kite Surfing Championship Events Funding award of £10,000.00 reallocated to the Re-starting Active Ramsgate Post Lockdown Campaign work.

*Council agreed to ringfence the £10,000.00 with Active Ramsgate coming back to Council with proposals; the purpose; and benefit to the town of Ramsgate.*

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

**RESOLVED**

One event was submitted for approval:

**EF26 -2020/21- Black cat and Backfill -Arts trail.**

**Grant refused.**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

**RESOLVED**

**010 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk stated that he had been asked to give advice on the lawfulness of the resolution to fund the judicial review on the Manston airport DCO and a possible liability for defence costs.

The advice is given a memorandum to Cllrs, but he outlined its points for the meeting.

Cllr Rev.Piper disagreed with the analysis and said he had alternative legal opinion.

No conclusion was reached but the Clerk agreed to send the memorandum to Cllrs.

**011 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Noted.

**The meeting ended 20.25 hrs.**

**CHAIRMAN**