



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting**

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

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors: Nixey (Chair), Albon, Austin, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Makinson, L Piper, S Piper and Rusiecki

Also in attendance

Miss L Fidler; Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (Minutes)

Miss E Richford; Deputy Town Clerk

#### **050/22 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ara and Young (personal matters) and Cllrs Crittenden & Wing (attending TDC Cabinet Meeting). No apologies were received from Cllrs Knight and Moore.

#### **051/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

#### **052/22 EMERGENCY MOTION: UKRAINIAN CRISIS**

Councillors received an emergency motion from Cllr Green for consideration in relation to the Ukrainian crisis.

##### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- (i) **It was resolved (as per Standing Order 10a(XV)) to suspend the following standing order so that the emergency motion could be considered:**  
***9b: "No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 5 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.***
- (ii) **the emergency motion was considered at it was resolved that "This Council joins with many others in the country in condemning the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine and expresses its solidarity with the people and legitimate government of Ukraine, and expresses its concern for the Ukrainian and Russian residents residing in Ramsgate who are caught up in this situation through no fault of their own.**  
**Given the fast-developing and confusing situation in Ukraine, the Council authorises the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair and Deputy Chair to investigate and implement measures such that the Council can best assist Thanet District Council and Kent County Council in helping**

Ramsgate residents to contribute to the Ukrainian relief effort, and assist those residents that are able to respond to the government's appeal for homeowners to open their homes to provide sanctuary for Ukrainian refugees.

- (iii) It was resolved to re-instate Standing Orders.

#### **053/22 RAMSGATE FUND**

Councillors received a report from Miss E Richford Deputy Town Clerk, and considered the three Ramsgate Fund applications contained therein for the 2021/2022 year.

##### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- (i) Pie Factory was awarded a grant of £3,000 to provide 60 counselling and creative intervention sessions for young people.
- (ii) Mischievous Theatre CIC was awarded a grant of £2,500 towards a online dramatic, humorous, and factual walking trail around Ramsgate concentrating on the people of the town, their stories, the history, events and major influences in Ramsgate. The applicant to report back on uptake following the launch of the walking trail.
- (iii) East Kent Mencap was awarded £3,500 to fund introductory taster sessions to develop a new integrated service in Ramsgate for adults with learning disability and with complex needs. An earlier motion for a grant of £2,000 failed at the vote.
- (iv) The remaining funds from the 2021/2022 year (£8,860.72) will be vired into the 2022/2023 events budget.

#### **054/22 EVENTS FUND**

Councillors received a report from Miss E Richford Deputy Town Clerk, and considered the various Events Budget applications contained therein. This matter had been carried over from the Town Promotion Committee, due to the possible virement of budgets that may be necessary in order to fund the requested activities. The applications relate to the 2022/2023 events budget.

##### **RESOLUTIONS:**

- (i) Ramsgate Festival of Sound was awarded £8,000 towards the 5<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Festival of Sound from 26<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- (ii) Addington Street Community Group was awarded £2,000 towards the annual Addington Street Revival Fair on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.
- (iii) People Place Planet CIC was awarded £2,500 towards a 'Light Up the Coast' event from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.
- (iv) It was resolved that £20,000 be allocated from the Miscellaneous Budget for the following Council organised activities:
- a. £10,000 for the National Kitesurfing Championship to return to Ramsgate in September 2022.
  - b. £10,000 to be put aside for the Christmas Lights Switch On in November 2022 and the New Years Eve Fireworks display. Detailed budgets will be returned to the Councillors for consideration in the year.

NOTE: Councillors voted to rescind the Standing Order that prohibits a motion being reconsidered within 6 months, in order to overturn a Resolution made at the start of the conversation that £10,000 be put aside in the Events Budget for the Christmas Lights Switch On in November 2022 and the New Years Eve Fireworks display, in order for the Resolution at (iv) to replace it.

**055/22 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

- (i) It was recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**RESOLUTION: To exclude the press and public for the following items of business.**

- (ii) Councillors received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding public conveniences. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the staffing considerations contained therein.

**RESOLUTION: The proposal from Thanet District Council was rejected.**

- (iii) Following an interview that took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Council was asked to consider appointing the top-scoring applicant as Project Manager for the Radford House Community Centre project (tender enclosed). A solicitor will be engaged to draw up a contract for the applicant. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the contract negotiation contained therein.

**RESOLUTION: The appointment of AP Construction Consultants (working with Standard Heritage) was approved to undertake the work required of a Project Manager for Radford House, costs approved as per this organisation's tender submission of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022.**

**056/22 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Annual Town Meeting)