



**Ramsgate Town Council**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

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

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, J. Fairbrass, L. Fairbrass, Falcon, Hartley, Larkins and Stummer- Schmertzing.

R. Styles - Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

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**051. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Brown- Away.

Cllr S. Piper - Away

Cllr L. Piper- Away.

Cllr Young - Illness.

**052. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hartley -Ramsgate fund Town Team - wrote application.

Cllr Shonk - Wife is a guider - RF application Brownies.

**053. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Minutes 038 - 045) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

**RESOLVED**

**054. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received.

**055. PRESENTATION UPDATE: TALL SHIPS + DUNKIRK MEMORIAL**

Mr D. Murphy for the Dunkirk memorial + Mr S. Byrne for the tall ships gave a presentation in which they outlined their latest proposals for the two projects. The Council received the presentation and discussed the matter with the two presenters.

**056. CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk reported that he had been asked by a member of Council to look into the matter of the Council and its Committees being quorate. In his report he suggested under Standing order 5.1 that the number of Councillors attending for both Committee and Council meeting that qualifies as being quorate should be 5. The Council did not accept this and instead the following resolution was proposed:

***Standing order 5.1***

*The quorum at meetings of the Council shall be one half of the total membership or a minimum of 7 councillors whichever is the greater and a minimum of 5 councillors for any Committee or Sub Committee of the Council.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

**057. KCC CONSULTATION ON RURAL BUS SERVICES**

The meeting noted the report and resolved the following:

*Ramsgate Town Council opposes the reduction or withdrawal of services on routes 42 and 42a in Ramsgate as it will considerably reduce the level of services to Nethercourt.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED

**058. RESPONSE TO KCC PROPOSALS FOR OPERATION STACK IN THANET.**

The report and letter published by Dover District Council was noted.

*It was resolved that a letter be sent to Highways England expressing concern about the current arrangements for Operation Stack and in support of the letter issued by Dover District Council where it describes the arrangements for the use of Manston Airfield as 'inadequate'.*

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

**059. RESPONSE TO DEFRA ON THE STATUS OF THE GOODWIN SANDS.**

The report from the Clerk was noted, which outlined the draft response to DEFRA sent on behalf of the Council and seen by all members of the Council.

The following resolution was agreed:

*That the draft response on the Goodwin Sands Marine Conservation Zone be affirmed and that a letter should be sent to DEFRA regarding the recent granting of a licence to dredge 3m tonnes of aggregate from the Goodwin Sands and its effect on a possible Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) covering the Goodwin Sands.*

Proposed by Cllr Hartley.

Seconded by Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

**060. OUTCOME OF MEETING HELD WITH THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

The Clerk reported that a meeting had taken place between Ramsgate Town Council and Thanet District Council and various proposals were put to Thanet District Council which considerably increased the level of partnership work in Ramsgate by Ramsgate Town Council.

A memorandum of understanding was sent to Thanet District Council shortly afterwards, having been approved by the Chairman of F+GP, who attended the meeting with the Clerk.

*The meeting discussed the proposals in the memorandum and agreed to support them as they were described, including the asset transfer of Charlotte Court.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

**061. RAMSGATE FUND**

RF6 /2018-19 - 12<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate West Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Ramsgate West Senior Section;

Camp equipment storage.

A proposal for the sum of £2,000 to be allocated to this application was proposed by Cllr Campbell and was seconded by Cllr J. Fairbrass; was voted upon and failed to get sufficient support.

A subsequent resolution was agreed.

Amount approved: £3,200.

Proposed by: Cllr Larkins.

Seconded by: Cllr Stummer -Schmertzing.

RESOLVED

RF7/2018-19- Ramsgate Town Team.

Contribution towards the Town Team 'No ifs no butts campaign'.

Amount approved: Rejected: Reason the Council believes that Council tax payers' money, should not be used to encourage businesses to keep the frontage of their premises presentable.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED

RF8/2018-19 - The Ramsgate Boxing Club.

New boxing equipment.

Amount approved £1,500.

Proposed by: Cllr. Connor.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

**062. ALLOTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

The meeting received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk in which it was proposed that a 5-year contract at £360 per annum be entered into with Edge systems to streamline allotments administration and to harmonise with existing Edge systems accounts system.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

**063. TOWN CLERK'S AND CIVIC REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported that the survey document on Effingham Street Fire station had been received from the surveyors PMC and that the first meeting of the Building sub Committee should be held in August to review the survey findings and to discuss the options for the use of the Fire station. He also reported that the legal work was making progress towards exchange of contracts and that the Kent Fire and rescue Service had suggested that the handover to RTC control should take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019.

The Town Clerk also reported that KCC Highways had been given all the supporting documents for the Bollard in Harbour Street and that the only outstanding issue was how to monitor and control entry for emergency and selected service vehicles. The Clerk said that he would take the matter up with Thanet District Council and Kent police.

The Civic report was received by the meeting.

The meeting ended at 20.15.

**MAYOR/CHAIRMAN**