



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 23rd November 2016.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon,
J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Fenner, Larkins, Martin, Rev Piper, L.Piper.

R.Styles - Town Clerk.

E.Richford - Assistant Town Clerk.

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kennedy - Other business.

Cllr Newman - Other business.

Cllr Young - illness.

Cllr Stummer- Schmetzing - One leave.

149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

150. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 8th June 2016 (Minutes 072-086) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

151. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

152. COASTAL COMMUNITY FUND -UPDATE

The Clerk reported on current progress and how the different parts of the application were being adjusted in the light of new evidence and circumstances. The meeting discussed the anti social behaviour and unlawful vehicular use which occurs on Harbour Street and possible solutions.

The meeting thanked all those who are contributing to the CCF application.

The report was noted.

153. VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

The Clerk gave the report.
The report was noted.

154. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS**155. RF6 2016/17 - Newington Community Association -Deferred.**

Project; Repairs to Newington Centre
Grant amount: £2,000.
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell
Seconded by: Cllr Fenner.

RESOLVED

156. RF17 2016/17 - Spencer Square Residents Association.

Project: Maintenance and replanting of public gardens.
Grant amount; £500.00 -Bedding plants.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell
Seconded by: Cllr Piper.

RESOLVED

157. RF18 2016/17 - 6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour Seas Scouts.

Project: Camping equipment.
Grant amount: £750.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell
Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

158. RF19 2016/17 - Nelson Crescent Residents Association.

Project: Seafront Improvements.
Grant amount; £1000.00 - Christmas lights and replacement plaque.
Proposed by; Cllr Piper.
Seconded by; Cllr Campbell

RESOLVED

159. RF20 2016/17 - The Ramsgate International Film + TV Festival.

Project: Rubber mould for casting award trophy.
Grant amount: £311.94.
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by; Cllr Falcon.

RESOLVED

160. RF21 2016/17 - Arts in Ramsgate (AIR).

Project: Equipment for arts project.
Grant amount: £3,200.
Proposed by: Cllr Martin.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

Ramsgate Fund allocation remaining: £7,592.70.

161. RAMSGATE CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2016

The report was noted.

162. VIREMENT WITHIN EVENTS BUDGET FOR CHRISTMAS EVENT

Approval was given to transfer £1,230 within the Events budget from the Victory show allocation which has been rescheduled till next year, to the Christmas switch on event. The Christmas event requires additional funding because of greater activity within the event than originally estimated.

163. AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT

The report gave details of a successful application to the Awards for All grant funding body and detailed its use to fund a 'Commonplace consultation' project.

The report was noted.

164. COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS - AMENDMENTS

The following additional clauses were added as amendments to the Council standing orders:

36.2 *Following a reference to the Thanet Standards Committee, any recommended action from that body, may be deemed binding at the discretion of the Council. The Council will adhere to any findings of the Thanet standards Committee in full and for the period prescribed by that body as it deems appropriate.*

36.3 *Any Councillor under an interdict from the Thanet Standards Cttee, who fails to comply with any terms or recommendations issued by that body may be deemed to be in breach of the Council's standing orders and therefore bringing the Council into disrepute. In such circumstances the Council may apply sanctions which mirror those recommendations if they are within the Councils powers be they discretionary or statutory. The method of application will be by a motion of censure at a full meeting of the Council, Committees and Sub Committees can only recommend such action to Council.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

165. CODE OF CONDUCT - CLLR S. LARKINS.

The Finance + General Purposes Committee received a report from the Thanet Standards Committee and accepted its findings on the 26th October 2016.

Cllr Larkins was asked to comply with those findings at that meeting and several times subsequently.

Cllr Larkins contacted the Clerk by email and stated that she would comply with the requirement to withdraw from all RTC Committee , Sub Committee and outside body appointments, but would not resign as Deputy Town Clerk.

Cllr Campbell proposed that the press and public leave the meeting, due to the confidential nature of the business.

Seconded by: Cllr Fenner.

RESOLVED.

Cllr Larkins requested that she be allowed to make a statement to the meeting and this was granted. After making the statement, she left the meeting while the meeting considered the matter.

The Clerk explained the position to the meeting and gave his advice on what should be done.

After due consideration Cllr Campbell proposed:

'That Cllr Larkins be removed from the appointment as Deputy Mayor of Ramsgate and that the Council should elect a replacement at the next Council meeting on 1st February 2017; to hold the appointment until the annual statutory meeting in May 2017'

Seconded by: Cllr Fenner.

RESOLVED

There were 6 Cllrs in favour and 4 abstentions. None against.

Cllr Larkins returned to the meeting and was formally informed of the decision. She made a brief statement.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN