



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 26th June 2019.

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

PRESENT:

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

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

041. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Knight – Other business.

Cllr Rusiecki – Holiday.

Cllr Albon – other business.

042. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

043 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

The Friends of Albion gardens did make a statement that they supported a position that Albion Gardens remain within local authority control, irrespective of the transfer process.

044. MINUTES

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of the 21st May 2019 (Minutes 016 - 019) were accepted as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Huxley.

RESOLVED.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 12th June 2019 (Minutes 032-034)

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

RESOLVED

045. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT RETURN STATEMENTS 2018-19

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 Rev Piper.

Seconded by Cllr Nixey.

RESOLVED

THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

'This Council certifies that any corrective action has been taken with regards to the 'except for' matters as detailed in the 2017-18 Annual Return External auditor report'.

Proposed Cllr Rev Piper.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

'This Council certifies that the accounting statements made in section 2 of the annual return for 2018-19 are a true and fair record of the financial position of the Council'.

Proposed Cllr Rev Piper.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

Accounts 1st Quarter

The report from the Deputy Town Clerk was noted.

Proposed Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

046. RAMSGATE FUND

RF07/2019/20 – East Kent Mencap.

Kitchen equipment.

Amount approved: **£3139.**

Proposed by Cllr Ara .

Seconder Cllr Moore.

RESOLVED

047. RADFORD HOUSE UPDATE REPORT

The Clerk gave a report on the work done at Radford House and asked for approval to order an outline survey to ascertain the likely cost of converting Radford House to community use.

The Council agreed to hold an open day at Radford House by allocating 10am -12pm for Councillors to visit and 12pm to 3pm for visitors from the general public. A feedback sheet containing basic details such as name, address, contact details, community interest and ideas for the use of Radford House should be made available on the day.

The Council decided to rescind a previous decision to apply oversight to the Radford House project via the Amenities Committee and instead to form a discreet Radford House project Committee to provide direct oversight and to report directly to the Council.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell .

Seconder Cllr Wing.

RESOLVED

The Council agreed to approve the sum of £800 + VAT for the purpose of obtaining a survey of likely conversion costs.

Proposed by Cllr Wing .

Seconder Cllr Crittenden.

RESOLVED

048. HERITAGE IN RAMSGATE

The Town Clerk went through the report section by section and the following items were resolved:

ALBION GARDENS AND THE PULHAMITE ROCKWORK REPAIRS

The Council will discuss with Thanet District Council the proposed asset transfer of Albion Gardens at a meeting to be arranged by Thanet District Council in the near future.

The Council agrees in principle to join in a match funding arrangement with Historic England, to make good the backlog of repairs to the Pulhamite rockwork as identified by a survey report to be published shortly. This agreement in principle will only be implemented if Thanet District Council and Kent County Council both agree to subscribe an appropriate level of funds into the Pulhamite repair fund.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell .

Seconder Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT AND STREET LIGHTING

The management of the Ramsgate conservation areas will be tabled at the meeting requested by RTC Chairman with Thanet District Council.

The Council also invited the KCC Street Lighting Asset Manager and the Cabinet Member for Highways to meet with a delegation from RTC and to inspect the condition of street lighting in Ramsgate conservation areas, post the LED retrofit.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell .

Seconder Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

049. RAMSGATE AS A CARBON NEUTRAL LOCAL AUTHORITY

"Ramsgate Town Council, along with many organisations, both public and private, aspires to be carbon neutral in its operations. The Council recognises that steps to achieve this need to be taken carefully with the minimisation of costs to the Ramsgate Ratepayer firmly in mind, but those steps do need to be started.

A first step will be to audit our operations to understand our energy use and what can be changed to make reductions. We ask the Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee to create a small working party to undertake the audit and report back with a plan of action.

It is likely that after all our efforts some of the Council's energy and other requirements will need to be offset by carbon capture measures in our environment. For this and many other reasons, Ramsgate Town Council recognises the value of trees in the urban environment. As well as the visual impact, (for example London Road,) native trees provide carbon capture, attenuate noise, reduce pollution and provide habitat for many insects and birds.

We ask the Council's Planning and Environment committee to investigate how best to promote the planting and aftercare of trees in Ramsgate, including the merits of establishing a tree bank/nursery on one of our allotment sites. Working with ward councillors and residents groups and Highways officers to identify suitable sites and help with watering and aftercare. We ask the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee to agree to allocate an initial £1000 towards this project."

Proposed by Cllr Green .
Seconder Cllr Wing.
RESOLVED

'The Council determined that the Planning and Environment Committee have oversight of Ramsgate Town Council's carbon footprint'.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell .
Seconder Cllr L.Piper.
RESOLVED

050 WAYFARING SIGN ALTERATION -KENT STEPS

'The sum of £443.40 is authorised for the purposes of renewing the Wayfaring signs at Kent Steps'.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell .
Seconder Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

051. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Manston airfield submission to the Planning inspectorate was noted. Cllrs Rev + L. Piper demurred from the content and conclusion of the submission.

Paddle boarding proposal

Cllr Green made a proposal that RTC put in an application into the Ramsgate Fund to acquire 9 paddle boards which would be leased to 'Kite pirates' on the basis of a full repayment of the capital sum.

Proposed by Cllr Green.
Seconder Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

Road closure Harbour Parade -Kitesurfing event.

The Council authorised the expenditure from the Events fund of £990 to pay for a 2-day road closure during the Kite surfing event, but only the premise that a music event is organised by Harbour side businesses during that period.

Proposed by Cllr Green.
Seconder Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

052. MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

Was noted.

The meeting ended at 20.50.

CHAIRMAN