

**Ramsgate Town Council****MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 3rd February 2016.

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

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon,  
J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Fenner, Kennedy, Larkins, Leys, Rev Piper,  
Stummer- Schmertzing and Young.

R.Styles – Town Clerk.

E.Richford – Assistant Town Clerk.

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**197. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Collins – Illness.

Cllr Smith – family commitments.

Cllr Martin – work commitments.

**198. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

**199. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2015 (Minutes 137-150) were approved as a true record (with amendments).

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

**RESOLVED**

**200. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

The meeting was suspended by the Chairman

The Chairman then called for any questions from the public to be tabled.

None were received.

The Chairman reopened the meeting and moved to next business.

**201. BUDGET 2016-17**

The Clerk outlined the financial situation faced by the Council and the outlook for the coming financial year 2016/17 and came to the conclusion agreed and recommended by the F+GP Cttee.

It was agreed therefore to set the precept for 2016/17 at £38.43 for a band D property.

This is significantly less than the average for Kent which is currently £54/annum (and likely to rise still further) and much less than many other Coastal Counties where enormous precepts are being set.

There is a caveat which will allow the Council to ride out future changes, providing that the District holds its line and does not deliver cuts in services beyond what is anticipated.

Assuming 1.99% increases for TDC, the Police and Kent Fire +Rescue, with 3.99% for KCC, the percentage of the total Council tax charge for a band D property in Ramsgate for 2016/17 is as follows:

KCC =	70.35%
TDC =	13.38%
Kent Police =	9.43%
Kent Fire and rescue =	4.50%
RTC =	2.34%
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Total =	100%

RTC's increase works out at 91.5p/month

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Stummer- Schmertzling.

**RESOLVED**

**202. RTC-TDC project proposals**

The Clerk outlined the proposals made to Thanet District Council and their response following a follow up meeting of officers held on 20<sup>th</sup> January at Margate. The proposals which are mixture of regeneration and service improvements in Ramsgate, were received and noted by the Council as work in progress with further exploratory work yet to be undertaken.

**203. RAMSGATE FUND****204. RF14 2015/16 – The Ramsgate Costumed Walks**

Project; Replacement/new costumes

Grant amount; £500.00

Proposed by; Cllr Campbell

Seconded by; Cllr L Fairbrass

**RESOLVED**

- 205. RF15 2015/16 – Ramsgate Event Organisers**  
Project; Ramsgate Rocks Booklet; extra 12 pages - printing  
Grant amount; £1,100.00  
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell  
Seconded by; Cllr Larkins  
**RESOLVED**
- 206. RF16 2015/16 – Ramsgate Arts**  
Project; Bases, spinners and two A frames for monthly art, craft, produce and vintage fairs  
Grant amount; £159.90  
Proposed by; Cllr Larkins  
Seconded by; Cllr Campbell  
**RESOLVED**
- 207. RF17 2015/16 – Defence of the Nation Museum and Education Centre**  
Project; Spitfire Day on 5 March 2016; advertising costs  
Grant amount; £500.00 with caveat that the Amenities Cttee are able and decide to allocate Events Funding and that the event goes ahead.  
Proposed by; Cllr Larkins  
Seconded by; Cllr Campbell  
**RESOLVED**
- 208. RF18 2015/16 – Art4U**  
Project; Adult Art Classes  
Grant amount; **Application rejected**. Council suggests that the applicant link with other groups offering the same service i.e. Ageless Thanet.  
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell  
Seconded by; Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling  
**RESOLVED**
- 209. RF19 2015/16 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate West Brownies**  
Project; Annual subscriptions to Girl Guiding  
Grant amount; **Application rejected** as it is not for Capital expenditure and therefore does not meet the criteria for the Ramsgate Fund.  
However, funding/part funding (amount to be decided) will be allocated from another source.  
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell  
Seconded by; Cllr Shonk  
**RESOLVED**
- 210. RF20 2015/16 – Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)**  
Project; To purchase promotional material, banners plus tables and chairs for the a new gazebo provided by the RNLI to enable promotion of the charity.  
Grant amount; £250.00  
Proposed by; Cllr Campbell  
Seconded by; Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling  
**RESOLVED**

**211. RAMSGATE TOWN CENTRE – REGENERATION**

Report received and noted as proposed at the previous meeting of the Town Council.

**212. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT****Awarding Freedom of the Town**

The Clerk referred to the report he had written on the subject. Having explained the law and the process of awarding freedom of the Town. Freedom of the Town should only be awarded to candidates who meet a stringent standard of long term, meritorious community activity. Two candidates were nominated to go forward to the annual statutory Council meeting where their nomination will be considered. Should they be approved then the awards will be made at a ceremony at the 'Mayor making' ceremony proposed for the Granville Theatre in May. The following persons were nominated:

Mr Ralph Hout

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Fenner.

Mr Patrick (Pat) Doyle.

Proposed By Cllr Shonk.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

The Clerk was authorised to order three 'Freedom of the Town' badges.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Larkins.

**RESOLVED**

**213. Mobile Library services**

The Clerk submitted a report on the mobile library service and a proposal to meet an unmet need on loneliness of senior citizens.

The meeting noted the report.

**214. Staff training**

The Clerk submitted a report on CPD for senior staff and it was received and noted by the meeting.

**215. TOWN MAYOR + DEPUTY MAYOR REPORT**

Noted and received

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

**MAYOR/CHAIRMAN**