



## Ramsgate Town Council

### MINUTES

**MEETING: Council.**

**MEETING DATE: 3rd February 2021.**

**VENUE: Virtual: online and streamed to the internet.**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: Campbell (Chairman), Albon, Ara, Green, Hetherington, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, L. Piper, Rev. Piper, Ruseicki, and Young.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

D. Williams – Digital Communication Officer -Host.

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#### **112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Knight – Other engagement. Cllr Wing - Other engagement.

#### **113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **114. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Minutes 059 to 071.

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell

Seconded by Cllr Green.

**RESOLVED**

#### **115. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

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#### **116. BUDGET 2021-22 AND PRECEPT 2021-22**

**A.** The RTC draft budget as recommended by the F+GP Cttee was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Rev.Piper.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

**RESOLVED**

**B.** The budget required an expenditure of £942,625.00.

The precept will raise £942,707.40.

The precept level on a band D dwelling is £80.64. A 2% increase.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Albon.

**RESOLVED** Cllr Rev.Piper voted against the precept increase.

## 117. REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS FOR AUDIT

- The Town Clerk outlined that he had reviewed the various council governance documents and concluded that no immediate change was required. He said that the review was constant and ongoing; and that various changes and improvements may still be introduced. He pointed out that the council's HR and Health + Safety policies were about to be given a detailed overhaul.

Council noted the report.

## 118. RAMSGATE FUND

### A. RF13 -2020/21- RNA CLUB Ramsgate -*Capital items for the RNA club room*

**Grant approved- £2,500**

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Ruseicki.

**RESOLVED**

*Payment will only be made on the basis that the RNA club can show it is a 'not for profit' organisation.*

### B. RF14 2020/21- MOOCH - *Our model high street 'pop up' arts unit.*

**Grant approved- £1,900**

Proposed by Cllr Albon.

Seconded by Cllr Ara.

**RESOLVED**

### C. RF15 2020/21-MISS RAMSGATE -*Pageant clothing.*

**Grant approved- £2,500**

Proposed by Cllr Albon.

Seconded by Cllr Ara.

**RESOLVED**

**D. RF16 2020/21- ROYAL HARBOUR RAMSGATE 2021-*Mould for GIV statue.***

**Grant approved- £3,500**

Proposed by Cllr Ruseicki .

Seconded by Cllr L.Piper.

**RESOLVED**

Cllrs Green + Hetherington dissented. Cllr Nixey abstained.

**119. EVENTS FUND**

**A. EVENTS FUND REALLOCATION REQUEST- *Active Ramsgate.***

Active Ramsgate requested that the sum of £6314,00 be reallocated from an original allocation of £10,000 for the 2020 Kite surfing event towards funding a website improvement project.

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

**RESOLVED**

**B. EF30 2020/21- POW THANET- *POW events 2021-Feb 27th to 8th Mar 2021.***

**Grant approved- £1,500**

Proposed by Cllr Ara.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

**RESOLVED**

Cllr L.Piper dissented.

**120. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported no business.

Under standing order 10.1(xvii) standing orders were suspended for:

## **A. Emergency resolution**

- "Ramsgate Town Council wishes to express its disappointment at the proposed closure of HSBC's branch office in Ramsgate centre. We undertake to:
- write to HSBC national management to draw their attention to the consequences of their decision both in deserting their customers not able to trek to Westwood Cross or use internet banking, and the impact on essential footfall in the town centre.
- we offer our support to a campaign to draw the Ramsgate public's attention to HSBC's withdrawal of support for its customers in the hope of withdrawal of their actions pending consultation regarding the future."

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

**RESOLVED**

**The meeting ended at 19.35 hrs.**

**CHAIRMAN**