



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 30th October 2019.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Campbell (Chairman), Albon, Ara (Mayor), Crittenden, Green, Huxley, Knight, Moore, Rusiecki and Wing.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rev S.Piper – Family business.

Cllr L.Piper – Family business.

Cllr Hetherington- Holiday.

Cllr Young – Illness.

134. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wing- Addington Street fair.

135. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Phil Spain-Ramsgate Heritage Trust – Proposal to collate, digitize and make ready to archive a collection of Ramsgate Borough Council documents cached at Pierremont House, Broadstairs and in the safe keeping of RTC.

Cllr Campbell pointed out that the collection is not complete as several documents were destroyed on the orders of Broadstairs Town Council and Thanet District Council following a contamination incident at Pierremont House. RTC had remonstrated with BPTC and TDC but to no avail. RTC has sent a letter to BPTC stating its unhappiness with how the matter was resolved.

Cllr Green proposed that Ramsgate Heritage trust's offer be accepted.
Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

136. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 31st July 2019 (Minutes 074 - 083) were accepted as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Albon.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

RESOLVED.

137. TRANSFER OF ALBION GARDENS TO RTC OWNERSHIP

The Clerk described to the meeting the proposal made to Thanet District Council (TDC) on the 8th August 2019. He explained the latest response from TDC and its possible ramifications.

Cllr Wing proposed that Albert Court be added to the list for transfer as the transfer of Charlotte Court without Albert Court was of concern to local businesses and was not a sound policy. The transfer might be difficult because of the lease given to People for Places but should at least be looked into.

Cllr Ara seconded

RESOLVED

The employment of an additional team of 2 Technicians to carry out the additional work was proposed

Proposed Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

The debate then moved to the substantive matter of the transfer of Albion Gardens and the other sites.

A proposal was tabled to go ahead with the transfer of Albion Gardens but to insist on the transfer of the additional sites, as RTC is investing a substantial sum of money in the public interest, and that a licence which could be revoked at any time, is insufficient security to safeguard that investment. It was further proposed that a further meeting with TDC be arranged and that the matter of Albert Court be resolved ,if necessary, with a temporary agreement to gate the alleyway to York Street.

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Wing.

RESOLVED

138. RAMSGATE FUND

RF13/2019 REO -Ramsgate rocks

The proposal was to take up part ownership by RTC and fund Ramsgate Rocks from the general fund.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Ara.

RESOLVED

The proposal was made to discuss RF22/2019 first.

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

RF22/2019/20 – Hornets Community Boxing Club.

6 x heavy changing room benches.

Amount approved: **£1,408.00.**

Proposed by Cllr Green .

Seconder Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

RF20/2019/20 – Community Church Ramsgate (CCR).

Furniture for hall and lounge.

Amount approved: **£1,452.00**

Proposed by Cllr Wing .

Seconder Cllr Crittenden.

RESOLVED

The fund is now closed for 2019/20.

139. RADFORD HOUSE UPDATE REPORT

The Clerk gave a report on the work done at Radford House which was noted.

The Clerk was instructed to start the process of working up a planning application which change the use of the building and reduce its carbon footprint, without harming its listed status. He is also authorised to acquire sufficient space heaters to maintain a minimum temperature within the building over the winter.

Proposed: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded: Cllr Green.

RESOLVED

Cllr Albon said he would speak to the TDC Conservation officer and ask her to submit her views on the proposed refurbishments to the building, so that the planning application would be in concurrence with her considered views.

140. ITEMS FOR DEBATE AS REQUESTED BY CLLR WING

V.E day

The proposal was made for RTC and the Town Team to collaborate on an event in Harbour Parade, taking the Addington Street revival fair as its template, to be funded from the general fund and not the 2020/21 Events fund.

Proposed by Cllr Wing.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

'20 is plenty' speed limit.

The proposal is to include a proposal to include a Ramsgate wide scheme for selected streets in the Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

Charlotte and Albert Courts

Cllr Wing called for a revival of events to be held within the two courts, possibly of a 'pop up' format, but nothing specific was agreed.

141. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

RTC Carbon Footprint.

The Digital Communications and marketing officer submitted a report on RTC's current carbon footprint. The meeting agreed that it was an excellent piece of work and will prove useful as a datum point in assessing RTC's progress to a zero-carbon footprint.

The proposal was made to change to a renewables only electric supplier, when all RTC's contracts fall due and to report on the options at the next Planning and Environment Cttee meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Wing.

RESOLVED

Lengthsmen

The Clerk proposed that in future that there would be 3 grades of 'Technicians' to replace the term 'Lengthsman':

- Supervisor Technician.
- Lead Technician.
- Technician.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Huxley.

RESOLVED

Allotment waste management

The Clerk suggested that the current policy on bonfires was not in conformity with a desire to reduce carbon emissions, was difficult to maintain with increasing urbanisation at some sites and the requirement for more composting of waste.

He suggested a solution, but the meeting decided instead to ask the Chairman of the Amenities Cttee to consult with all the Allotment site reps and to ask them to produce a workable solution.

Proposed by Cllr Knight.

Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

Promoting RTC services

The Clerk produced a two-page description of the many services that RTC carries out in Ramsgate. This will be revised with additional services. It was agreed to use the 'Active Ramsgate' leaflet format to create a single A4 leaflet giving an outline of those services.

142. MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

Was noted.

The Mayor stated following the decision by Cllr Moore to step down as Mayoress to appoint her Husband as her escort from now on.

The meeting ended at 20.42.

CHAIRMAN