



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 4th November 2020.

VENUE: Virtual: online and streamed to the internet.

PRESENT:

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

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

Williams – Digital Communication Officer -Host.

59. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ruseicki – Other engagement.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

61. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

62. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meeting 29th July 2020 – Minutes 001 to 011.

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell

Seconded by Cllr Ara.

RESOLVED

63. APPRENTICESHIP PROPOSAL FOR RTC

The following decisions were made:

- A proposal for a work experience scheme will come to a future meeting of the F+GP Cttee.
- There will be a 2 year 'admin' apprentice who will be recruited to cover some of the duties of Dean William, enabling Dean to concentrate on higher level duties. The apprentice be paid at the living wage if aged 18 or over (£8/hr currently) and at £6.25/hr for a 16-18 year old recruit.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

64. HIGH STREET HAZ + HELP FOR HIGH STREETS FUND APPLICATIONS FOR RAMSGATE

- The clerk reported that he had sent out requests for updates and briefings on both projects but so far nothing had been received. It was agreed that Cllr Albon would look into the matter for RTC.

65. RADFORD HOUSE -DISTRIBUTION CENTRE FOR FOOD BANK

- It was agreed that the Salvation Army could use Radford House as a food facility.
- RTC will not make any charge to the Salvation Army for the duration of this project.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

66. RAMSGATE FUND

- This item was introduced by the deputy Town Clerk:
- **RF8 -2020/21- Newington Community Centre -new fire doors.**
- A proposal to not give a grant was rejected.
- **Grant approved- £2,076.**

Proposed by Cllr Rev Piper.

Seconded by Cllr Wing.

RESOLVED

The grant was awarded with the caveats that payment will not be made until the building is owned by the charitable trust and secondly in future the trust cannot rely on RTC as the principal funding body.

- **RF9 -2020/21- Thanet Community Development trust – Laptops etc.**

Grant approved- Rejected.

Council believes that TCDT can find this money from its own resources.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Crittenden.

RESOLVED

- **RF10 Belle Alliance Square -Gates.**

- **Grant approved Rejected.**

- The Council has immense empathy for the residents in trying to reduce anti-social behaviour, but stopping off pathways requires KCC permission or the landowner's permission, which would be very difficult and if this precedent were set, not only would RTC be inundated with similar requests from other sites and it would reduce access to public spaces.

- Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

- Seconded by Cllr Nixey.

- RESOLVED**

- **RF11 -2020/21- Arts barge -repairs.**

- **Grant approved- £1,000.**

- Proposed by Cllr Green.

- Seconded by Cllr Ara.

- RESOLVED**

- **RF12 -2020/21- Royal Temple Yacht club – Yacht + boat Illuminations.**

- **Grant approved- £1,000.**

- Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

- Seconded by Cllr Green.

- RESOLVED**

Balance of fund remaining: £23,277.38.

67. EVENTS FUND UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk gave an update report, which was noted.

68. SAMUEL PATY-POSTHUMOUS FREEDOM OF THE TOWN.

- The Council agreed the following resolution:

'Ramsgate Town Council awards the posthumous honour of the Freedom of the Town to Samuel Paty.

This is the only time that the Freedom of the Town has been given Posthumously, and to a foreign national. It is a symbol of the strength Of feeling felt by Ramsgate Town Council, in response to the brutal Murder of someone whose life had been given over to the pursuit of Learning, tolerance, and enlightened thinking.

The Council hopes that by this action, the family of Samuel Paty, and The community in Conflans Ste Honorine, one of our 'twin towns', will Know that they have many friends in Ramsgate.'

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

When circumstances allow, RTC will send a representative to hand over the award.

69. STATUE of GEORGE 4TH - PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT.

- The Council is prepared to accept the gift but only on the basis that the Council incurs no future costs for insurance and placement.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr L.Piper.

RESOLVED

70. FOCUSSED PROMOTION OF RTC

- The Council received two reports.
- Two proposals were approved:
- Firstly, an advertisement describing RTC's activities on the new Ramsgate radio.

Secondly, a leaflet for general distribution within Ramsgate and distributed by businesses.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

RESOLVED.

71. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- **20mph speed limits.**
- The Council agreed that residential roads in Ramsgate would be submitted to KCC Highways for a 20mph speed limit, starting with two roads in Nethercourt. These roads will have a 'Speed watch' group to oversee speed levels in those roads.
- Other residential roads in Ramsgate will be submitted for 20 mph limits. KCC Highways will be asked to advise on the process of obtaining a 20mph for each road.
- Proposed by Cllr Green.
- Seconded by Cllr Campbell.
- **RESOLVED**

The meeting ended at 21.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN