



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Document: *Minutes of the Council meeting.*

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

Date: *Wednesday, 6th February 2013.*

Present: *Councillors, D.Green (Chairman), Campbell, Everitt, Fenner, Gibson, E.Green, Huxley, Moore, Nicholson, Ovenden and Poole*

Town Clerk: *Richard Styles.*

Asst Town Clerk: *Eileen Richford.*

Office apprentice: *Dean Williams.*

213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Doyle - Leave.

Cllr Dwyer – Work commitment.

Cllr Alexandrou -Illness.

Cllr Dark-meeting.

Cllr Driver attended a meeting nearby but gave no apologies.

The Chairman proposed that a letter to Cllr Alexandrou be written urging his future attendance at council meetings and asking for an explanation of his record of attendance.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

214. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Moore: A relative as member of the Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Club (RF18-12/13).

Cllr D. Green: Tenant- Stirling way allotments.

215. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The meeting was suspended by the Chairman to receive public questions.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS: CONTINUED

Three (3) questions were received from representatives of the friends of Ramsgate sea front on the following subjects:

1. TDC and its business transactions with SFP ventures on the Royal Sands Development.
2. The flood risk assessment on the Royal sands site.
3. East Cliff 'cliff face' stability and repair.

(The full text is available as appendix to these minutes)

The Chairman replied and pointed out RTC's remit and lack of technical knowledge on the subject matter and that the questions would be referred to TDC for a considered response.

One(1) question was received on the subject of the funding criteria for events.

The reply was given by Cllr Campbell who pointed out the scale and range of events sponsored by RTC and TDC in 2012. A reference was made to the events application form which lays down guidance on events funding for the assistance of applicants.

The meeting resumed.

216. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7TH NOVEMBER 2012 (Minutes 156- 167)

The Minutes were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr D.Green.

RESOLVED

217. RECEPTION OF COMMITTEE MINUTES

Finance and General Purposes Committee - 1st Aug & 5th Nov 2012

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr D. Green.

RESOLVED

Amenities Committee -21st Jun & 5th Sept 2012.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.

Seconded by: Cllr D. Green.

RESOLVED

Planning & Environment Committee -13th Jun,16th Jul,8th Aug,12th Sept,10th Oct,14th Nov & 5th Dec 2012.

Proposed by: Cllr Huxley.

Seconded by: Cllr D. Green.

RESOLVED

AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED:

218. RECEPTION OF PETITION FROM STIRLING WAY ALLOTMENTS

*The petition from the Stirling way allotments tenants was received.
Cllr Campbell proposed that having fully investigated the allocation of water charges on the RTC allotment estate (the subject matter of the petition) we find them to be both fair and reasonable.*

Seconded by: Cllr Everitt.

RESOLVED

219. DRAFT RTC BUDGET – 2013/14.

Cllr Nicholson went through the subject matter of the draft budget, explaining to the meeting the various points by referring to the report and spreadsheet. The key points being the difficulty in setting a budget because of the Government changes to Council tax benefit and its effect on the Council tax base; upon which the RTC precept is set.

The Chairman thanked the Cllr Nicholson and the Clerk for their work in deriving a prudent budget in difficult circumstances.

Cllr Nicholson proposed that the draft budget as recommended by the Finance & general purposes committee be approved as the Ramsgate Town council budget for 2013/14 and that the Ramsgate Town council precept remain for the second year at £27.45 per annum for a Band D property and is therefore a zero(0)% increase.

Seconded by: Cllr D.Green.

RESOLVED

220. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS

The following awards were made:

1) RF11-2012/13- Thanet development trust.

Kitchen equipment.

Cllr Everitt proposed: the sum of £1600 as an award.

Seconded by: Cllr Huxley.

This resolution failed on the Chairman's casting vote.

Award: £1000(notice of sponsorship must be displayed in premises).

Proposed by: Cllr Huxley.

Seconded by: Cllr Everitt.

RESOLVED

2) RF15-2012/13 –Ramsgate Small boat owners association.

Replacement central heating boiler for clubhouse.

Award: £1500.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.

Seconded by: Cllr E.Green.

RESOLVED

3) RF16-2012/13 –Fegans (Thanet).

Kitchen equipment.

Award: £1103.28.

Proposed by: Cllr E.Green.

Seconded by: Cllr Nicholson.

RESOLVED

4) RF17-2012/13 –Royal British Legion (Ramsgate Branch).

Gazebo for events and outreach work.

Award: £1000.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Moore.

RESOLVED

5) RF18-2012/13 –Ramsgate Olympic taekwondo club.

Equipment and club tee shirts(with town crest applied).

Award: £800.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

221. RAMSGATE TOWN PLAN SURVEY

The survey was received and considered.

Cllr Huxley proposed that the survey results be presented to the Annual Town meeting; that work towards completing the Town plan continues and that the further surveys are launched via the new Town website.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

222. TOWN MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The report was noted and received.

Proposed by: Cllr D.Green.

Seconded by: Cllr Moore.

THE CHAIRMAN/MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.42pm.

CHAIRMAN