



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

Meeting: TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting date: 7th May 2014.

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

Present: Councillors: Gibson (Chairman), Alexandrou, Campbell, Dark, Doyle, Dwyer, Everitt, Fenner, D.Green, E.Green, Huxley, Nicholson, Moore, Ovenden, Poole and Shonk.

R.Styles – Town Clerk.

E.Richford – Assistant Town Clerk.

D.Williams – Technical Officer.

H.Tyrrell – Mayor's P.A.

T.Major – Town Sgt.

001. ELECTION OF MAYOR(CHAIRMAN) FOR 2014/15

The Mayor asked for nominations.

Two (2) were submitted:

Cllr Dwyer: Proposed by Cllr E.Green and Seconded by Cllr Shonk.

Cllr Moore: Proposed by Cllr Dark and Seconded by Cllr Doyle.

The Mayor called for the vote.

001a. Cllr D.Green proposed a secret ballot; Seconded by Cllr E.Green.

RESOLVED

001b. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk undertook the secret ballot process (slips of plain paper were issued, the members indicated their preference on the slips).The slips were collected and the results enumerated.

The result: Cllr Moore was elected as Mayor for 2014/15.

The new Mayor retired to receive the insignia of office and the retiring Mayor gave a valedictory speech.

001c. Cllr Nicholson proposed: an official vote of thanks for the work that had been carried by Cllr Gibson during her term of office as Mayor.

Cllr D.Green seconded.

RESOLVED

001d. Cllr Moore then took the chair and presented Cllr Gibson with a past Mayor's badge and past Mayoress badge.

Cllr Gibson then retired from the meeting.

001e. The new Mayor announced that Ms Penny Webb will be her Mayoress for 2014/ 15.

002. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014/ 15

The Mayor called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Cllr Campbell proposed Cllr Dwyer. Seconded by Cllr Dark.

There being no other candidates Cllr Dwyer was elected.

RESOLVED

Cllr Dwyer gave a brief speech on the appointment and her work as Deputy Mayor in the last year.

Cllr Everitt congratulated Cllr Dwyer on her election and her work carried out in the past year which was above and beyond what was expected of a Deputy Mayor, because of the unexpected illness of the Mayor during this time.

003. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None applicable.

004. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared.

005. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February 2014 (Minutes 237-252) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Dwyer.**

RESOLVED

006. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE 2014/15

The Committee structure to remain unchanged for 2014/15.

Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**

RESOLVED

007. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 2014/15

007a. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Nicholson.

Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Dark.**

RESOLVED

007b. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (CONTD)

Amenities Committee.

Cllr Campbell.

Proposed by: Cllr D.Green.

Seconded by: Cllr Moore.

RESOLVED

007c. Planning and Environment Committee

Cllr Huxley.

Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Doyle.**

RESOLVED

007d. Town Promotion Committee

Cllr Dark.

Proposed by: **Cllr D.Green.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**

RESOLVED

008. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed that for 2014/15 each Committee will have a core membership to ensure quoracy at all times. Other members could attend as required, but with regard to a maximum of 15 attendees.

008a. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Cllr Everitt (Vice Chairman).
Cllrs Campbell, Dark and Huxley (Core members).
Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**
RESOLVED

008b. Amenities Committee.
Cllr Dwyer (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs Shonk and Ovenden (Core members)
Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Alexandrou.**
RESOLVED

008c. Planning and Environment Committee
Cllr Alexandrou (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs: Campbell, D.Green and E.Green (Core members).
Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Nicholson.**
RESOLVED

008d. Town Promotion Committee
Cllr Doyle (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs: Dwyer and Everitt (Core members).
Proposed by: **Cllr Dark.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**
RESOLVED

009. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS
The Clerk went through the accounts and explained the audit return and process.

'That the Fidelity bond be increased in line with the recommendations of the internal auditor'.

Proposed by: **Cllr D.Green.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**
RESOLVED

'Thank the Chairman of F+GP, the Clerk and RTC staff for their work on the Council's finances'.

Proposed by: **Cllr D.Green.**
Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**
RESOLVED

'I propose that Ramsgate Town Council receive the report documents in reference to the audit of the Ramsgate Town Council accounts for 2013/14 and that:

- 1) Ramsgate Town Council approves the accounting statement as listed in section 1 of the Annual return for the year ending 31st March 2014.***
- 2) Approves the annual governance statement for 2013/14 (in which questions were answered 'yes', saving question 9 where not applicable applied).***
- 3) The council notes the findings of the internal auditors report and the Annual internal audit report in section 4 of the annual return (all questions being answered 'yes'; saving question 9 which was not applicable) '.***

Proposed by: **Clr Nicholson.**

Seconded by: **Clr D.Green.**

RESOLVED

010. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES

KALC District Committee

Clr Campbell proposed: Clr Huxley and Clr Dwyer.

Seconded by: **Clr Alexandrou.**

RESOLVED

KIAAC (Kent International Airport Advisory Committee)

Clr Campbell proposed: Clr Nicholson.

Seconded by: **Clr Dwyer.**

RESOLVED

011. COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES

'No alteration to the policy of transferring Councillors allowances to the Councillor Ward grant scheme, meaning that Councillor's allowances are zero'

Proposed by: **Clr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Clr Dark.**

RESOLVED

012. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS

The Assistant Town Clerk introduced the following applications in turn:

012a. RF1 2014/15 – RAMSGATE OLYMPIC TAEKWONDO.

Awarded: **£2000.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson.**

Seconded by: **Cllr E.Green.**

RESOLVED

012b. RF2 2014/15 – ST LAURENCE CHURCH.

Awarded: **£579.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Alexandrou.**

Seconded by: **Cllr E.Green.**

RESOLVED

012c. RF3 2014/15 – FRIENDS OF RAMSGATE SEAFRONT

Awarded: **£653.98.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Nicholson.**

RESOLVED

012d. RF4 2014/15 – ST LAURENCE CHURCH.

Awarded: **£2500.** Award deferred to end of financial year and if sufficient funds are available. Applicant to supply details of KCC funding for the same project.

Proposed by: **Cllr Alexandrou.**

Seconded by: **Cllr E.Green.**

RESOLVED

012e. RF5 2014/15 – MISS RAMSGATE ORGANISATION.

Awarded: **£1500.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Dark.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell.**

RESOLVED

012f. RF6 2014/15 – PROJECT MOTORHOUSE.

Awarded: **£2500.**

Proposed by: **Cllr Campbell.**

Seconded by: **Cllr Dark.**

RESOLVED

Total awarded at this meeting: **£7132.98 + £2,500 (deferred)**.
Balance c/ fwd: **£24867.02**

013. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

013a. APPOINTING FREEMEN AND FREEWOMEN

The Town Clerk delivered a report on the change of law regarding this new power and outlined a process by which any Freedoms of the Town should be undertaken.

The report was received and adopted as policy.

Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson**.

Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell**.

RESOLVED

Cllr D.Green asked the Clerk to investigate the status of HMS Bulldog.

013b ACQUISITION OF STORAGE SPACE

The Clerk delivered a report setting out the issues and the possible options.

The following was resolved:

'That the Clerk enter into negotiations with TDC and the Ramsgate Harbour Master to rent some space in the harbour to install 2/3 containers for storage'.

Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson**.

Seconded by: **Cllr Green**.

RESOLVED

013c RTC GAS SUPPLY CONTRACT

The Clerk informed that the current supply contract was due to expire. Having researched various options the offer via ESS using British Gas supply at 3.47p/unit with no standing charge was selected as best value.

'The Clerk is authorised to enter into a 2 year contract with ESS and British Gas for two years at a fixed price of 3.47p/unit and no standing charge'.

Proposed by: **Cllr Nicholson**.

Seconded by: **Cllr Campbell**.

RESOLVED

014. MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT

The Report was noted.

The Mayor thanked the meeting for their support in her election as Mayor and said that she would do her very best to promote Ramsgate and to represent the Town Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27 pm

CHAIRMAN