



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 5th February 2020.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Campbell (Chairman), Albon, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Knight, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Rev. S Piper and Rusiecki.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ara – Civic engagement.

Cllr L. Piper – illness

Cllr Young – Illness.

196. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

197. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

198. MINUTES

The minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of the 8th January 2020 (Minutes 174 - 178) were accepted as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Albon.

Seconded by Cllr Rev.Piper.

RESOLVED.

199. BUDGET 2020-21 AND PRECEPT 2020-21

The Deputy Town Clerk read through the recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Cttee meeting held on the 23rd January 2020. The meeting noted and agreed with those recommendations but made the following resolutions:

Council Chamber Hire

Cllr Green proposed that the policy on a discount so that the chamber made available for free to Churches, Charities + Community groups.

Seconded by: Cllr Moore.

RESOLVED

Pest control at allotments.

Cllr Campbell proposed that training should be given to all the technicians so that they can administer rodenticide at all the Council's allotment sites.

Seconded by: Cllr Nixey.

RESOLVED

The Council technicians were commended for their activities in cleaning up and maintaining parts of Ramsgate.

East Kent Rape Crisis Centre

Cllr Campbell proposed that the EKRCC be awarded a grant for carrying out 2 days' work per week at an annual cost of £20,000.

EKRCC are asked to identify the towns where their clients reside without breaching their anonymity and then asking the Town Councils concerned to contribute to the running cost of this crucial service.

Seconded by: Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

Thanet Citizens Advice Centre

Cllr Campbell proposed that before the Council commits to a future level of funding, it should receive from the CAB, a breakdown of operating costs for the Ramsgate office. This should be to a standard no lower than exists for a Ramsgate fund application. The F+GP Cttee at its meeting to be held on 22nd April 2020, will then decide.

Proposed by: Cllr Green

RESOLVED

Staff remuneration

F+GP recommendation noted and approved.

Cleaning

The current arrangement to stay in place until a decision is made by the F+GP Cttee at its meeting to be held on 22nd April 2020. Whether this will be done in house or using a cleaning service will depend on the findings of a report to be submitted at that time.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

Precept 2020/21

A precept of £79.02 per annum per Band D property was approved by the Council. This will raise £941,002.58.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

Cllrs Rev.Piper and Rusiecki objected and this was noted.

200. REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS FOR AUDIT

A report reviewing the status of the Council Standing orders, Financial regulations, Health and Safety policy, a General risk assessment and an Asset register was noted by the meeting.

The Council may at any time alter these documents to meet changing circumstances and changes to legislation.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

201. RAMSGATE FUND

No report -Fund fully subscribed.

202. TRANSFER OF ALBION GARDENS

A report was received on the current status of Albion Gardens and other sites in Ramsgate and this was noted. The following resolutions were made:

Heads of Terms -Albion Gardens

The heads of terms were agreed in principle, but no payment of either Thanet District Council's legal costs or an estates fee is to be made.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

Albert Court

The Clerk is asked to ascertain the cost and feasibility of extending the Charlotte Court CCTV system to Albert Court for a decision at the next F+GP Cttee meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

RESOLVED

203. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Automatic bollard at entrance of Harbour Street

The final figures on how much it will cost to install a fully functioning highways automatic bollard system has been received.

RTC is prepared to subscribe up to £25,000 towards the cost of providing this bollard system. The Clerk is requested to seek additional funding from KCC, KCC members grant, TDC and the Help for High Streets fund.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

Meeting ended 20.00 hrs.

CHAIRMAN