



**Ramsgate Town Council**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

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

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Brown, Campbell, Connor, Falcon, J. Fairbrass, L. Fairbrass, Fenner, Kennedy, Larkins, Martin, L. Piper, Rev Piper, Stummer-Schmertzing and Young.

R. Styles - Town Clerk.

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**209. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Brown declared a personal interest because her partner was a candidate for co-option. Cllr Brown did not take part in the consideration or ballot process. She left the chamber during the consideration process.

**211. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received.

**212. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2018 (Minutes 174 - 181) were approved as a true record, with a minor alteration (date).

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

**RESOLVED**

The meeting had already heard the report on the Town Centre (item 6) and the Town Clerk's report (item 7) in which both were noted and the 'rising bollard project was urged forward.

**213. CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

The Council moved to the main item of business which proceeded as follows:

- ❖ Each candidate present was allowed up to 3 minutes each for a brief presentation and up to 2 minutes of questions.
- ❖ The candidates were as follows:
  - Cllr Messenger.
  - Mr R. Hoult OBE.
  - Mr J. Moore.
  - Dr J. Pritchard.
  - Ms T. Hartley.
  - Mr O'Donnell.
- ❖ Two candidates were not present:
  - Mr B. Morton and Mr T. Garbutt.

Once the presentations were completed the Council moved a resolution asking the Press and the Public to retire (including the candidates), while the meeting considered each candidate's qualities.

Cllr Campbell moved the resolution.

Cllr L.Fairbrass seconded.

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Brown also retired.

- ❖ After a brief period to consider each candidate's qualities the meeting resumed and moved to the ballot stage.
- ❖ The ballot process used was the 'eliminating' ballot method in which the lowest scoring candidates were removed until a candidate received the required minimum 8 votes which constituted an overall majority based on the 14 Councillors present and able to vote, (half the votes +1)
- ❖ Two (2) ballots were run and on the final ballot only 2 candidates remained:
  - Mr R. Hoult and Ms T. Hartley.
  - Ms T. Hartley was the successful candidate and was duly co-opted.
  
- ❖ Cllr Campbell proposed that Ms T. Hartley be formally co-opted as a member of Ramsgate Town Council.
  - Cllr Larkins seconded.
  - RESOLVED**
  
- ❖ The Town Clerk completed the formalities with Ms Hartley.
- ❖ the Mayor Closed the meeting at 7.50pm

**MAYOR/CHAIRMAN**