



**Ramsgate Town Council**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Extraordinary Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 21st July 2020.

**VENUE:** Virtual by Microsoft Teams and stream to You Tube.

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**PRESENT:**

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

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

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**224. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Young – Technical difficulties on joining the meeting.

**225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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## **226. MANSTON AIRFIELD – AWARD OF DCO**

The Chairman read out the following resolution from Cllr Green:

### ***Resolution to Ramsgate Town Council***

*Dated: 11/07/2020 Proposer: Cllr David Green*

#### ***Riveroak Strategic Partnership (RSP) application for a freight hub***

*Ramsgate Town Council welcomes the recommendation of the expert planning inspectors (ExA) having examined the evidence in public over a 6-month period and concluded that RSP's application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) failed to meet the requirements for acceptance.*

*RTC had previously submitted evidence to the enquiry concerning the likely detrimental impact of the planned freight hub on the lives of residents in Ramsgate. The ExA endorsed those concerns, listing amongst others, detrimental impacts through noise and pollution as well as impacts on heritage and archaeological assets, climate change and other environmental damage.*

*The ExA conclude that," the applicant has failed to demonstrate sufficient need for the proposed development additional to (or different from) the need which is met by the provision of existing airports."*

*RTC applauds the over 2000 residents and residents' groups that provided evidence to the enquiry*

*RTC notes with great regret therefor that the Secretary of State (SoS) has chosen to ignore the expert advice, and the accumulated evidence of 2000 residents, and granted permission for the DCO.*

*In view of the clarity of the ExA recommendation and the overwhelming bulk of evidence, RTC anticipates that the SoS's decision will be challenged in terms of reasonableness in the high court through means of Judicial Review.*

*Ramsgate Town Council agrees to contribute £5,000.00 towards the cost of the Judicial Review and up to £10,000.00 if there is a shortfall in the funding.*

Cllr Rev Piper made a point of order to the effect that the resolution should be subject to a 7-day notice period. The Chairman replied that that standing order 9.1 requires 7 days' notice for a resolution on a subject not on the agenda or to ensure the item is on the agenda. In this case the subject of the resolution is covered under the agenda item, so no notice was required.

The Clerk was asked to confirm the Chairman's statement which he did.

Cllr Green spoke to the resolution and made a specific proposal that RTC should agree to subscribe £5,000 to the fund for the Judicial Review and up to £10,000 if there is a further shortfall in the funding.

Cllr Campbell seconded the specific proposal and the resolution.

Cllr Rev Piper asked where the request for money originated and by whom?

The Chairman replied Cllr Green.

The Chairman opened up the debate and the following points were made:

- That 'residents' money should not be used for this purpose'.
- What legal advice was taken? Chairman answered yes, KALC and the JR will be structured on one person.

Cllr Albon proposed an amendment 'If funding for the Judicial Review doesn't reach the target amount, then RTC will contribute £5,000 and up to £10,000.

Cllr Ara seconded the amendment.

Cllr Green spoke against the amendment.

The Chairman opened up debate on the amendment. Various Cllrs spoke for and against and then the Chairman called for the vote.

**For the amendment**

Cllrs Albon + Ara.

**Against the amendment**

Cllrs: Campbell, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Knight, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, L. Piper, Rev. S. Piper and Rusiecki.

**Abstain** Cllrs: Wing.

The amendment therefore fell.

The resolution was therefore put before the Council and a vote was taken:

**For the resolution**

Cllrs: Albon, Ara, Campbell, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Knight, Makinson, Moore, Nixey.

**Against the resolution**

L. Piper, Rev. S. Piper and Rusiecki.

**Abstain**

Cllrs: Wing.

The resolution was therefore carried.

The Clerk agreed to report back at the next meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> July on regulations regarding donations to judicial reviews.

**Meeting ended 10.49 hrs**

**CHAIRMAN**