



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 22nd January 2014.

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

Present: Councillors: Nicholson (Chairman), Campbell, Dark, Dwyer, Everitt, Fenner, Huxley, Moore, Poole and Shonk.
R. Styles - Town Clerk.

191. APOLOGIES:

Cllr D.Green - leadership training.

Cllr Gibson - Illness.

Cllr Doyle - Illness.

192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared at this time.

193. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd October 2013 (Minutes 128 -136) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Dark.

RESOLVED

194. ACCOUNTS - 3rd Quarter 2013/14

- a) IT + Telecoms tariffs to tenants to remain unchanged, with an option for review at the time of the general rent review.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Huxley.

RESOLVED

- b) Remain with Birchington Electrical + Marine for the next contract on telecoms with the Technical officer overseeing the service provision on IT.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Moore.

RESOLVED

194. ACCOUNTS - 3rd Quarter 2013/14(CONTD)

- c) The accounts report was received.
Proposed by: Cllr: Dwyer.
Seconded by: Cllr: Dark.
RESOLVED

195. COUNCIL BUDGET 2014/15

196. BUDGET - INCOME

- a) Chamber hirings: reduce target to £1000.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

- b) VIC : increase target for income to £6000.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED

- c) Agree overall budget income targets as amended.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

197. BUDGET -STAFF

- a) Approve a 2% increase on staff salaries for 2014/15.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Huxley.
RESOLVED

- b) Increase provision for staff training to £1,500.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED

198. BUDGET - TOWN PROMOTION

- a) Allocate £20,000 to Active Ramsgate.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

- b) Allocate £22,000 to Town Promoter but with verifiable targets to achieve and a 6 month rolling contract, renewable only on performance.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

- 198. BUDGET - TOWN PROMOTION (CONTD).**
Website - £3,000
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Huxley.
RESOLVED
- 199. BUDGET -CIVIC.**
Unchanged budget for 2014/15, but with the Civic allowance to paid only on receipts received in future.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED
- 200. BUDGET - ADMIN.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.
RESOLVED
- 201. BUDGET - PROPERTY.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED
- 202. BUDGET - ALLOTMENTS.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED
- 203. BUDGET - DEMOCRACY.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED
- 204. BUDGET - COUNCIL GRANTS.**
Budget allocation approved, but with Ramsgate fund unallocated balance; no longer to be carried forward over into following year.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED
- 205. BUDGET - EVENTS.**
Budget allocation approved
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED

206. **BUDGET - DECORATIVE LIGHTS.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.
RESOLVED
207. **BUDGET - TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.**
Budget allocation approved.
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Dark.
RESOLVED
208. **BUDGET - FINANCE.**
Budget allocation approved
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED
209. **BUDGET - VIC.**
Budget allocation approved
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.
RESOLVED
210. **BUDGET - RTC PRECEPT FOR 2014/15.**
Overall draft budget as approved and a 0% increase in the precept is recommended for 2014/15. Precept to remain at £27.45 per annum.
Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL
211. **STAFF FLEXIBLE HOURS POLICY**
The Staff flexible hour's policy document was approved as RTC policy under delegated powers from the Council.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Moore.
RESOLVED
212. **TOWN CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
Nothing reported.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN