



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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

Date: Wednesday 22nd July 2015

Present: Councillors: Munday (Chairman), Campbell, Collins, Connor, Leys, Piper, Shonk and Smith.

Also in attendance: R. Styles - Town Clerk.

052: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Campbell was nominated by Cllr Munday.
Seconded by: Cllr Smith.

RESOLVED

053. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Cllr Fenner – On other business.
Cllr J. Fairbrass – On other business.
Cllr L. Fairbrass – On other business.
Cllr Larkins – On other business.
Cllr Martin – On other business.
Cllr Stummer- Schmertzing – On other business.

054. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

055. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2015 (minutes: 291 to 297) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

056. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2015-16 – 1st QUARTER

The report on the 1st Quarters outturn was noted and received.

057. CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS 2015/16

The Clerk described the current repairs situation and the following actions were proposed:

Office carpet

The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes to replace the current carpet.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell,

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

Flood lighting

The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes to renew the current flood lighting system.

Proposed by: Cllr Shonk.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

Standard lamp mounted sign indicating 'Town Council'

The Clerk to obtain permission from TDC and 3 quotes.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Collins.

RESOLVED

Other proposals in the report were not adopted.

058. FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND STANDING ORDERS

The meeting received a report from the Clerk on the risk management of the Council's finances and in particular a review of the Council's financial regulations. The Clerk recommended that the Council adopt the NALC financial regulations to fall in line with current best practice and as an additional safe guard.

The Clerk was instructed to draw up the new financial regulations in time for the next meeting and to go through the new regulations with the Vice Chairman before submission to the Cttee for approval.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

059. COASTAL COMMUNITIES TEAM FUNDING BID

The Committee agreed to become part of the Coastal Communities Team and encouraged the Town Clerk to apply for more funding from this source.

£10,000 applied for and granted.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

060: 10 YEAR PLAN FOR RAMSGATE

The document was received and remitted to the Council for discussion.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

061: STAFFING REPORT

The Committee noted and received the report.

The following action was agreed:

- Appraisals to be the sole responsibility of the Clerk as overall manager from now on.
- A paper on the cost/benefits of bringing general repairs and Custom House security in house to be brought to the next meeting.
- An ex gratia payment in line with the sum recommended in Clerk's report to be paid to the retiring Town Sgt.

Proposed by: Cllr Munday.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

062: EASTCLIFF LIFT

The Clerk is instructed to make strong representations to TDC to get the Eastcliff lift properly repaired, so that it is a reliable and fully functioning lift.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

063. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Nothing submitted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55 pm.