



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 23 July 2014

Present: Councillors; Campbell, Dark, Doyle, Dwyer, Fenner, D Green, Moore, Nicholson, Poole, and Shonk.

Also in attendance; E. Richford – Assistant Town Clerk.

079 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Everitt – Holiday, E Green – Previous engagement, and Huxley – Holiday.

080 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

081 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2014 (minutes 296 to 304) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell, Seconded by: Councillor Nicholson, and resolved that the minutes be agreed as a true record.

082 **ACCOUNTS – YEAR END 2014-15 – 1ST QUARTER**

(a) Expenditure – the committee agreed that no further Past Mayor badges should be purchased by the council.

(b) Income - it was noted that one tenant of the Custom House was in arrears and the committee were keen to ensure that this matter was resolved as quickly as possible. The committee also noted that at a previous meeting the Town Clerk had been tasked with producing an action plan to promote the hire of the council chamber. A report to be brought back to the next meeting.

Proposed by: Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by: Councillor Campbell, and resolved that the report be received and noted.

083 **CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS**

- VIC toilet (ground floor) – the committee agreed that the taps should be retained and that the only quote required was for the acid wash of the sink in order to remove scale and discolouring. A new quote was to be sought for this and brought back to the next meeting of the committee.
- Upper toilet near council chamber – the committee agreed that three (3) further quotes for the work should be sought from local plumbers.
- Chamber furniture - Proposed by: Councillor Campbell, Seconded by: Councillor Dwyer, and resolved that new furniture is not to be purchased and that the matter should be reviewed annually.
- Railings at front of building - Proposed by: Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by: Councillor Campbell, and resolved that the production of new menu boards are agreed in principle, subject to a report being brought back to the next meeting to cover the following; the cafe owner to be approached and asked if he is willing to pay half the cost for the menu boards; menu boards to be produced which are removable and not left outside when the cafe is closed; a new quote submitted if there is a difference in the cost of producing menu boards which are removable.

084 **FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND CONTROLS – ANNUAL REVIEW**

Proposed by: Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by: Councillor Campbell, and resolved that the report is noted and a report brought back to the next meeting on the cost and process of card payments to the council.

Cllr Fenner requested information on the amount of insurance cover provided for the Montefiore woodland and which budget the premiums were taken from. Town Clerk to respond to Cllr Fenner's request but all Members to also be informed.

085 **LAND REQUISITION**

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell, Seconded by: Councillor Dwyer, and resolved that the proposed purchase of land for allotment use is too costly, not value for money for the residents of Ramsgate and should not be followed up.

ALLOTMENT TENANCY FEES 2014-15

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell, Seconded by: Councillor Nicholson, and resolved that there is no increase in allotment tenancy fees for the allotment year 2014 – 2015.

086 **KCC PENSIONS – POLICY DECISION**

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell, Seconded by: Councillor Dwyer, and resolved that the Statement of Ramsgate Town Council Employer Decision under regulation 60 of the LGPS regulations 2013 scheme, be adopted as supplied at Appendix A of the report.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was resolved that the public and press were excluded from the meeting for Item 10 – Staff Matters.

087 **STAFF MATTERS**

After consideration of the report it was agreed that the report be noted with the confidential minute being resolved.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.