



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 23rd Oct 2013.

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

Present: Councillors: Nicholson (Chairman), Campbell, Dark, Gibson, D.Green, Huxley, Moore, Ovenden and Shonk.
R.Styles - Town Clerk.

128. APOLOGIES:

Cllr Everitt - meeting.

Cllr Dwyer - meeting.

Cllr Doyle - Illness.

Cllr Alexandrou - work commitment.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared at this time.

130. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of the 24th July 2013 (Minutes 061 -073) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Dark.

RESOLVED

131. ACCOUNTS - 2nd QUARTER 2013/14

The report was received.

The following actions were agreed:

- **Subscriptions:** A report on the role and effectiveness of KALC to be delivered to the next meeting.
- **Cleaning at Custom House:** warning letter to improve on the standard of cleaning to be issued.
- **Elections:** TDC to be asked to tender their account for the Bye Election in May 2013.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Dark.

RESOLVED

132. AMENITIES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Allotment rents + charges 2013/14.

No increase on the levels of rent and charges in 2012/13. A 0% increase.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Dark.

RESOLVED

b) Events fund application EF 28 Fegans - 'Carols by candle light'.

Awarded £1000.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Dark.

RESOLVED

133. CUSTOM HOUSE MANAGEMENT

The Clerk gave a report on the current situation regarding the new lease for the Coffee shop and will await completion in the very near future as all outstanding matters have been resolved.

A discussion about what signs if any, should be displayed at the front of Custom House and it was agreed to instruct the Clerk to write to KCC asking for permission to place banners on a suitable lamp standard and a letter to the TDC Conservation Officer asking for guidance on appropriate sign(s) in keeping with the listed status of the building.

In the meantime all tenants will be requested to remove all signs attached to the buildings and or railings at the front of the building.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

134. COUNCIL BUDGET 2014/15

The Clerk went through the report and pointed out the issues to be faced when constructing a budget for 2014/15; not least of which is the amount of the Council tax balancing grant for 2014/15. As no firm conclusions could be made it was agreed that:

All Committees and Sub Committees should agree an estimate of their budget allocation by early December 2013, so that a Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting can be arranged in December to consider the 2014/15 budget.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr D.Green.

RESOLVED

135. MANPOWER BUDGET REPORT

The Clerk gave the report pointing out where the office is overstretched in terms of capacity and at what times. The report offered several options as a way forward and it was decided to increase the number of hours worked by the Mayors PA by 10 hours. These extra hours to be monitored and allocated by the Clerk towards tasks that have been given priority status.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Dark.

RESOLVED

136. TOWN CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Nothing reported.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm.

CHAIRMAN