



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: 3rd April 2013.

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

Present: Councillors: Nicholson(Chairman), Campbell, Dark, Doyle, Everitt, Fenner, E.Green, , Huxley, Moore and Poole.
R.Styles – Town Clerk.

247. APOLOGIES:

Cllr D.Green – Other Meeting.

248. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared at this time.

249. MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of the 23rd January 2013 (Minutes 204 -212) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr: Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr: Fenner.

RESOLVED

250. CUSTOM HOUSE REPORT

The Clerk's report detailed the repairs completed and those required in the near future, in it he also referred back to the items discussed in minute 208 and supplied quotations accordingly:

250a *Custom house inner door repair/improvement.*

Quotation from RM building services @£348.00

Accepted and approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

250b *Coffee shop: Rear door and Kitchen electrical repairs.*

Carried out and invoices received

Noted

250c RNLi shop: re-hanging of entrance door.

Quotation noted and no objection to alteration at RNLi expense.

250d Lease: Rooms 2+7 (Coffee shop.

Termination of existing lease and commencement of replacement lease in final stages and to be completed expeditiously. Exclusive terms on all utilities as agreed. Cleaning arrangements to be reviewed after commencement of new lease.

251. REPORT FROM V.I.C. WORKING GROUP

The meeting considered a report from the Working group. Who made the following recommendations:

251a VIC Volunteer coordinator

The working group's recommendations were received and debated and it was proposed to adopt those recommendations for a 3 months as a trial, with the Working group asked to submit a further report on the general fitness for purpose that the recommended scheme has in meeting all the various objectives required by RTC in operating the VIC.

The revised VIC Volunteer Coordinator guidelines were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson.

Seconded by: Cllr E.Green.

RESOLVED

251b Town promoter

The meeting received and debated the recommendation from the Working group, the following actions were agreed:

- *A trial 6 month contract to be funded from the Council budget.*
- *To start a search process for a suitable person (or organisation) with the key skills required to meet the specific objectives laid down within the recommendation.*
- *To advertise the post as a fixed term, performance based contract to supply key skills based on successful past experience of similar projects.*

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr E.Green.

RESOLVED

251c Sub Committee structure.

The working groups recommendation was accepted but the title was simplified to: The Town Promotion Sub Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr Everitt.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

251d Great Wall of Ramsgate

The meeting received the recommendation from the Working group and agreed to vire £500 from the vacant Northwood unspent ward grant.

Cllr E.Green objected.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Huxley.

RESOLVED

252. TOWN CLERK'S/CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on the vacancy arising in Northwood ward. It is reported that the bye election is allocated to take place on May 9th; one week after the KCC elections.

The Clerk was instructed to find out the true position is regarding the cost of the election to RTC, the definitive date of the election and to ascertain what RTC must do and finance in regard to the election process.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Poole.

RESOLVED

253. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Cllr Campbell proposed that the public be excluded under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 as the next matter concerned Staff conditions and terms of service.

Seconded by: Cllr Huxley.

RESOLVED

The covering minutes for these transactions are held on a confidential appendix for use by the Committee.

254. STAFF MATTERS

Various staff matters were discussed by the Committee, but are held as a confidential appendix.

255. CIVIC MATTER

The Clerk gave a report. Various options were offered within the report.

The meeting received the report, noted its contents and decided on no action.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN