



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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

Date: Wednesday 28th October 2015

Present: Councillors: Munday (Chairman), Campbell, Falcon, Larkins, Leys, Martin, Piper, Shonk, Smith and Stummer- Schmertzing.
Also in attendance: R. Styles - Town Clerk.

122. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Cllr Fenner – On other business.
Cllr J. Fairbrass – On other business.
Cllr L. Fairbrass – On other business.
Cllr Collins – Unwell.

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

124. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2015 (minutes: 053 to 063) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED

125. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2015-16 – 2nd QUARTER

The report on the 2nd Quarters accounts outturn was noted and received.

Flags and Flag poles: to be given a separate allocation in future.

125. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2015-16 – 2nd QUARTER-CONTINUED

Paper: To be recycled where possible in future. Electronic documents to be default option in future. One ordinary print copy and one large print copy to be made available per meeting. Councillors to have paper copy on request only.

126. CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS 2015/16

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

Coffee shop skylight to be repaired and billed to Coffee shop.

Report noted and received.

127. FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE AND STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk went through the revised document and recommended adoption with a revision to standing order 35.3.

Resolved to recommend to Council that the NALC model Financial regulations be adopted as part of the Council's review of financial risks and also adapted to fit RTC details and that Council standing order 35.3 should now read £60,000 instead of £10,000 as the figure where it is mandatory to instigate a full tendering process.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

128. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

The Committee received the report and debated whether certain standing orders should be altered the committee resolved to recommend to Council the following resolutions:

Council standing order 23.4 to read a minimum of 7 members to achieve quoracy for all Committee and Sub Committee meetings.

Proposed by: Cllr Munday.

Seconded by: Cllr Piper.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

5 votes for and 5 against; passed on Chairman's casting vote.

128. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS - CONTINUED

Council standing order 1.1 to read meetings to take place on Tuesday's instead of Wednesday's.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Council Standing order 23.7 to read that members of Thanet District Council's Planning Committee are not debarred from sitting on the Ramsgate Town Council Planning and Environment Committee and it is no longer considered to be an act of premeditation following the passing into law of the 2011 Localism statute.

Proposed by: Cllr Leys.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

129: REPLACEMENT VEHICLE

The Committee selected the quotation from Pierremont Hire for a Nissan cab star truck altered to RTC specification at £445/month + vat for a term of 4 years and that the Town Clerk is authorised to enter into a contract with Pierremont on the terms reported.

Proposed by: Cllr Munday.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED

130: DRAFT BUDGET 2016/17

The report was noted and further consideration was deferred until the autumn financial statement and the meeting with TDC on 4th December 2015.

It was agreed that the Clerk and the 4 Committee Chairmen will form the delegation to meet with TDC officials and Cabinet.

Proposed by: Cllr Munday.

Seconded by: Cllr Piper.

RESOLVED

131: STAFFING REPORT

The Committee noted and received the report.

The following action was agreed:

- The Clerk to start recruitment process for a new Town Sgt in January 2016. Following selection an interim period for training will take place before the successful candidate replaces the existing Town Sgt.
- The proposal to hire a Maintenance foreman to be an agenda item at the F+GP budget meeting.

Proposed by: Cllr Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED

132. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Permission was granted to allow the Council trust account to hold any money sent to it by Westgate on Sea TC until the division of assets is resolved between Westgate on Sea TC and the Margate Charter Trustees.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell

Seconded by Cllr Munday.

RESOLVED

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.
