



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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

Date: Wednesday 13th January 2016

Present: Councillors: Campbell (Chairman), Connor, L. Fairbrass, J. Fairbrass, Falcon, Larkins, Leys and Rev Piper.
Also in attendance: R. Styles - Town Clerk and Ms E. Richford - Asst Town Clerk.

178. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Cllr Stummer- Schmertzing- Other business
Cllr Shonk – On Civic business.
Cllr Smith - On other business.
Cllr Collins – Unwell.
Cllr Martin – On other business.

179. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

180. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2015 (minutes: 122 to 132) were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED

181. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2015-16 – 3rd QUARTER

The report on the 3rd Quarters accounts outturn was considered in detail, noted and received.

Proposed by: Cllr Larkins.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED

182. DRAFT BUDGET 2016/17

The draft budget report was noted and considered and some changes were made.

183. INCOME

The draft income budget was accepted saving for:

Item 5: Allotments which is set at £18500.

Items 6+7: TDC grants which is agreed to remain set at £0.

Items 8: Market stalls which is set at £1750.

The income part of the budget except the total set for the precept was agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Rev Piper..

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

184. EXPENDITURE

The draft expenditure budget was agreed as set down in the report. This excludes staff costs and the amount allowed for contingency which will depend on the level of precept agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr Connor.

Seconded by: Cllr Leys.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

185. STAFF COSTS

The Committee asked the staff present to leave the meeting and debated on an appropriate increase in staff remuneration. After due consideration it was agreed to award the staff a 5% increase in their salaries for 2016/17.

Proposed by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

186. PRECEPT

The Committee having examined the current financial position of the Council, the loss of income already sustained and expected; with the greater burdens expected in the medium and long term, decided it would be prudent to set a precept of £38.43. This means a £10.98 annual increase from the current figure. The Town Clerk was asked to work out the contingency figure for the Council before its meeting on the 3rd February.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

187. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The Town Clerk reported that the Ramsgate Coastal Revival Fund bid was successful and this meant that both the Maritime museum and Harbour Street would benefit jointly by the sum of £50,000. The Clerk gave an outline proposal for one of the sites in Harbour Street, should no private sector solution be available.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.
