



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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

Date: Wednesday 29th June 2016

Present: Councillors: Campbell(Chairman),Connor,L.Fairbrass,J.Fairbrass, Larkins, Martin, Rev Piper, Shonk and Stummer- Schmertzing.

Also in attendance: R.Styles - Town Clerk and Miss E. Richford -Asst Town Clerk.

051. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Cllr Rev Piper was nominated and elected nem con, there being no other candidates.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

052. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Falcon – On other business.

Cllr. Young – On holiday.

Cllr Kennedy- On other business.

053. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

054. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2016 (minutes: 253 to 262) were agreed as a true.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

055. COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

The Committee agreed to support in principle the following:

- A general commitment supporting the bid as a whole.
- Responsibility as the receiving body for any grant.
- Ownership and management of the Business centre. Originally this was intended to be the remit of a development trust, but the CCT was prevailed upon to make RTC as the owner in order to give confidence to the CCF.
- Ongoing maintenance of the Sturgeon/Dolphin lights when refurbished.
- Ongoing maintenance of any floral improvements made by this project (the private sector will be expected to contribute).
- Commissioning of the initial scoping exercise for the way finding part of the project approximately £5,000.

Each item received unanimous support from the committee.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

056. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF GOVERNANCE AND RISK FOR RTC

The report was noted and approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

057. DIVERSIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Committee decided against diversification of financial assets at this time.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling.

RESOLVED.

058. STAFF REPORT

Cleaner

The report was noted.

Redeployment of Staff

It was agreed to assist Broadstairs TC with their temporary staff problem. The ATC will assist them on two (2) mornings per week for a limited period with the Clerk providing mentoring back up.

The ATC, Eileen Richford was thanked by the Cttee for sorting out this matter.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr J. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

Employment of maintenance person

The committee agreed to defer any final decision about this matter until the 2017/18 budget is discussed. Therefore the current policy remains unchanged until then.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

059. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The Town Clerk reported on:

a) The VIC glass cabinets.

The Committee agreed to enter an agreement with Nice Things where they pay a 10% commission on each item sold from the cabinet.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

b) Gas contract for Custom House.

The Committee agreed a 1 year fixed price contract with British Gas.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr J. Fairbrass.

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c) Leopold Street Car park subvention to TDC for Saturday free parking.

This has already been approved and a new invoice without VAT will be forthcoming from TDC. –Noted.

d) Defence of the Nation Museum request for a loan.

The Clerk reported that Museum had been damaged by a water leak and needed nearly £4,000 to afford the necessary repairs.

The Committee agreed in principle

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

e) Poll card for forthcoming bye election.

The committee agreed that there should be poll cards and instructed the ATC to convey their instruction to TDC.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.29 pm