



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**Venue:** Virtual Meeting by virtue of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Date:** Wednesday 7 October 2020.

**Present:** Councillors; Albon, Ara, Campbell, Green, Huxley, Knight, Makinson, Nixey, L Piper, and Rev. S Piper.

Also in attendance: R Styles–Town Clerk, Miss E Richford – Deputy Town Clerk (RFO) and D Williams – Digital Communications and Marketing Officer.

#### **039 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from: Cllrs Crittenden, Moore and Young.

#### **040 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **041 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Albon and seconded by Cllr Green that;

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2020 (minutes 174 to 183) are agreed as a true record.

**RESOLVED**

#### **042 ACCOUNTS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTERS – FY 2020-21**

The committee considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (RFO) on the Councils accounts to 29th September 2020.

Proposed by Cllr Rev. S Piper and seconded by Cllr Green that;

Later in the year or early next financial year committee to look at the possibility of purchasing new robes using any unspent civic budget and also an application to the Ramsgate Fund dependent on its remaining balance.

**RESOLVED**

Proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Campbell that;

Due to COVID-19 an alternative to the Christmas Lights Switch On event due for the end of November and the new Year's Eve Fireworks, to be funded from the Events Fund. The event will take place at the end of November and involve LED lights being fitted to trees in the Town Centre and a play to take place on You Tube. The cost is estimated at £5,000.00.

RESOLVED

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Albon that;

The report is noted. Expenditure for Radford House and The Custom House to be presented separately in future.

RESOLVED

**043 TERMS OF REFERENCE RADFORD HOUSE AND THE CUSTOM HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr Campbell that;

The Terms of Reference to be presented to Council on 4 November 2020 for ratification. The Committee to meet at least bi-annually and every three months if required.

RESOLVED

**044 VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE MANAGER / VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY**

The committee considered the report of the Town Clerk and agreed that the matter of recruitment should be discussed at a later date. The Town Clerk will decide whether the Mayor's PA should cover the administration for the Visitor Information Centre in the interim period.

**045 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The committee considered the report of the Town Clerk on the interest paid on the Deposit Account which is to be reduced to 0% by the bank.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Green that;

The Town Clerk and RFO to look at other low risk accounts on offer and bring back to committee at a later date.

RESOLVED

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35 pm.