



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2013

Present: Councillors; Alexandrou, Campbell, E Green, Huxley, Moore and Shonk.

Also in attendance; E. Richford – Assistant Town Clerk and Mr D Williams – Technical Officer.

109 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dwyer, Everitt, Gibson, D Green, and Nicholson.

110 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Shonk declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 4 Planning Applications – a personal friend is the applicant for application no; F/TH/13/0694.

111 **MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 12 September 2013 (minutes 103 to 108) were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded by: Cllr E Green.

RESOLVED

112 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered 4 applications which had been called in for consideration.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **strongly objects, with comment** to the following application;

F/TH/13/0694 – 1 Archway Road, Ramsgate, CT11 9EN

Comment: Ramsgate Town Council considers the application to be overdevelopment and cramped, lacking communal space.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr E Green.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **raises no object to** the following applications;

F/TH/13/0711 – 3 Walnut Tree Cottages, Coldswood Road, Manston, Ramsgate, CT12 5AH

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr E Green.

F/TH/13/0712 – 45 Windermere Avenue, Ramsgate, CT11 0PL

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr Alexandrou.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **recommends that the TDC Planning Committee have a site visit to assess** the following application;

F/TH/13/0730 – Land rear of 62, Bellevue Road, Ramsgate

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr Alexandrou.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **raises no objection**, on the following applications;

F/TH/13/0648 – Land at 169 to 171, Pegwell Road, Ramsgate

F/TH/13/0686 – The Cherry Orchard, The Centre, Ramsgate

F/TH/13/0670 – 155 High Street, CT11 9TT

L/TH/13/0718 – 6 York Street, CT11 9DS

F/TH/13/0728 – Dashwood House, 24 South Eastern Road, CT11 9DU

OL/TH/11/0910 – Land at, New Haine Road, Ramsgate

F/TH/12/1018 – Land Adjacent Granville House, Victoria Parade, Ramsgate

L/TH/13/0729 – 2 Pegwell Road, CT11 0HU

F/TH/13/0070 – The Royal, 51 Harbour Parade, CT11 8LJ

113 **A TOWN PLAN FOR RAMSGATE**

The committee considered and noted the report from the Technical Officer following his analysis of the survey section 'Crime and Community'.

Increased visible policing was the highest priority and comments from the committee included;

Current police practice is for only one warranted officer in Ramsgate.

Unwarranted policing is carried out by PCSOs who report to Margate police station before starting their shifts and report back at the end of their shifts.

The Ramsgate PCSOs are also used for other duties during their shifts which may not be in Ramsgate and also cover duties previously carried out by administration staff.

Ramsgate Town Council has strongly objected to this form of policing with senior police officers and raised objections with the Police Commissioner, Ann Barnes.

The second highest priority 'Improve Safety in Ramsgate Town Centre after dark' would be greatly improved if policing levels were increased.

114 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The committee received information that the former Artwise Youth Club building was subject to a Community Asset Right to Bid application.

Thanet District Council had approached Ramsgate Town Council for its comments on the application.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council strongly supports the application, that the Town Clerk drafts a letter to Thanet District Council outlining this council's support, forward the draft to Members for approval, and send it to the district council within 24 hours.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.