



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee**

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

**Date:** Wednesday 3 July 2013

**Present:** Councillors; Campbell, Doyle, Dwyer, Huxley, Moore, and Shonk.

Also in attendance; E. Richford – Assistant Town Clerk and D. Williams - Apprentice

#### 053 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### 054 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of interest were given.

#### 055 **MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 12 June 2013 (minutes 038 to 044) were approved.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded by: Cllr Moore.

### **RESOLVED**

#### 056 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The committee considered 5 applications which had been called in for consideration.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **opposes** the following application;

#### **F/TH/13/0431 – 34 Spencer Square, CT11 9LD**

Comment: The application changes the nature and character of a listed building in a conservation area.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr Huxley.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **supports with proviso** the following application;

**F/TH/13/0405 – 2 Addington Street, CT11 9JL**

Comment: The application will provide another attraction for Ramsgate which is much needed. However, TDC should ensure that the first floor is structurally sound in order to take the weight of the machines.

Proposed by Cllr Dwyer, Seconded by Cllr Campbell.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **supports with proviso** the following application;

**F/TH/13/0449 – 16 Avebury Avenue, CT11 8BB**

Comment: TDC is asked to check for overlooking before granting permission. Otherwise RTC supports this application.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr Dwyer.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **has no objection** in relation to the following application;

**F/TH/13/0340 – 14A Whitehall Road, CT12 6DE**

Proposed by Cllr Dwyer, Seconded by Cllr Doyle.

Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **raises concerns** over the following application;

**F/TH/13/0425 – 25 – 27 King Street, CT11 8NP**

Comment: Concerns raised over the siting of the extraction units and louvered screen in vicinity close to Anne Gibson Court. Concerns also raised over the noise produced by the extraction units.

Proposed by Cllr Moore, Seconded by Cllr Dwyer.

The committee did not consider the following applications and therefore it was Resolved that Ramsgate Town Council **raises no objection** to the following applications;

**L/TH/13/0313 – 3 Royal Crescent, CT11 9PD**

**F/TH/13/0479 – 23 Foads Hill, CT12 5EL**

**F/TH/13/0443 – 11 Cannon Road, CT11 9SQ**

**F/TH/13/0471 – 28 Quetta Road, CT12 6NG**

**F/TH/13/0400 – London Array Training Centre, Port of Ramsgate, Royal Harbour Approach, Ramsgate**

**F/TH/13/0287 – Ellington Park Grounds, Ellington Park, Ramsgate**

**OL/TH/13/0426 – Youngs Nursery, Arundel Road, CT12 5DZ**

**F/TH/13/0478 – 8 Brecon Square, CT12 6NS**

**F/TH/13/0421 – 3 Fir Tree Close, CT11 0BD**

**F/TH/13/0355 – 18 Vale Road, CT11 9LT**

057 **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCILS RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ONE 'ISSUES AND OPTIONS' OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Assistant Town Clerk advised the committee that following the meeting of the Local Plan Working Group, held on 25 June 2013, she had completed the online response to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council. The response could be amended at anytime up to 13 August 2013.

Resolved that if amendments to the response are requested, that the Working Group be reconvened to consider the request/s. A deadline to be set of 30 July 2013 in order to accommodate the arrangements for a meeting if deemed necessary. If residents of Ramsgate approach with comments then these may also be taken into consideration.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell, Seconded by Cllr Dwyer.

058 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP**

The committee agreed that the first meeting of the Working Group should be Wednesday 7 August 2013 at 7 pm. All Members of Council and interested parties such as residents associations and the Ramsgate Society to be invited to attend the meeting restricting attendance to one or two attendees from each group.

In light of information received from TDC officers, at a briefing held prior to the committee meeting, it was agreed that clarification of the criteria required should be obtained from TDC before progressing with any Neighbourhood Plan for Ramsgate or specific areas of Ramsgate.

059 **KENT COUNTY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING SWITCH OFF PROPOSALS**

Cllr Shonk updated the committee on his attendance of the recent Joint (KCC and TDC) Transportation Board meeting as agreed at the last meeting of the committee. Cllr Shonk advised that he had arranged a 1000 leaflet drop for residents of the areas affected by the proposals in order to gain their opinions, saying that there had been a good response.

Resolved that the response to the online consultation should be completed by the Assistant Town Clerk expressing the councils view that it disagrees with the Kent County Council street light switch off proposals in Ramsgate and that the Kent County Council Members for the Ramsgate area (County Cllrs Shonk and Heale) be asked to promote the Town Council views at County level.

060 **A TOWN PLAN FOR RAMSGATE**

The committee considered the report from the Office Apprentice following his analysis of the survey section 'Housing and Development'.

Resolved that the following be included in the final document 'A Town Plan for Ramsgate';

Restrict Development on Open Spaces in the Ramsgate Area

Ramsgate Town Council will support/engage with the Thanet District Council Local Development and Corporate Plans with the objective of no development on open spaces in the Ramsgate area.

Improve Range of Shops available in Ramsgate

Ramsgate Town Council will encourage an improved range of shops in Ramsgate and also encourage individual entrepreneurial shops to be brought into the town as opposed to the same shops found in Westwood Cross.

The Town Promoter will engage with current businesses to encourage them to bring 'pop up' shops into the town.

Ramsgate Town Council will seek to engage with the Thanet District Council in relation to a Development Plan for King Street, Ramsgate.

Create more Primary School places in Ramsgate

Noting that this was not within this council's remit Cllr David Green was to be asked for suggestions for this priority within the Town Plan.

Support more Affordable Housing and Properties to Rent

Ramsgate Town Council will seek to influence the housing mix through the Thanet District Council Local Development Plan.

Ramsgate Town Councillors to identify long standing empty properties in their Wards and bring to the attention of Cllr Huxley to progress.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.