



**Ramsgate Town Council**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING:** RADFORD HOUSE AND CUSTOM HOUSE COMMITTEE.

**MEETING DATE:** 7th April 2021.

**VENUE:** Virtual: online and streamed to the internet.

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**PRESENT:**Councillors:Albon(Chairman),Crittenden,Green,Hetherington, Moore,Nixey and Wing.

R. Styles - Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

D.Williams - Digital Communication Officer -Host.

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**150. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None submitted.

**151. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**152. MINUTES OF RADFORD HOUSE CTTEE**

Radford House Cttee minutes 30th September 2020 (minutes 028-038).

Approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Albon.    Seconded by Cllr Crittenden.

**RESOLVED**

### **153. RADFORD HOUSE + CUSTOM HOUSE**

The committee considered the report by the Town Clerk, which described the circumstances why Custom House had a long lease and that Radford House had become a Community hub.

Cllr Albon proposed that Custom House be retained as the Town Hall for the Council and that Radford House continue to be repurposed for Community events + activities as a community hub.

Cllr Hetherington seconded.

#### **RESOLVED**

The Cttee agreed to the suggestion from the Architectural Heritage Foundation of a working group made up of 3 Council members and 2 residents with special skills or qualifications for guiding Radford House towards its new purpose. The Town Clerk was tasked with sending out an invitation to those wishing to offer their services in the project.

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### **154. CUSTOM HOUSE END OF LEASE ARRANGEMENT**

The Town Clerk stated that negotiations with the former tenant of the coffee shop/restaurant at Custom house had concluded and that terms had been agreed on the basis of instructions given by the Council. The first payment had been made.

The Cttee approved the settlement and the overall sum of £13,000.

Proposed by: Cllr Albon

Seconded by: Cllr Hetherington.

#### **RESOLVED**

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**NOTE:** Cllr Green raised an item which was not on the agenda, but fell within the general subject matter, which referred to Arts In Ramsgate who are seeking some accommodation on a temporary basis. The Clerk was asked to contact AIR and find out what their requirements are and report back to the Council.

**The meeting ended at 19.22 hrs.**

**CHAIRMAN**