



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Town Promotion Committee.

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

Date: 7 September 2016, 7pm

Present: Councillors; Campbell, Connor, J Fairbrass, L Fairbrass, Falcon, Newman, Martin (Chairman), L Piper, S Piper, Shonk and Stummer-Schmertzling.

D. Williams – Technical Officer

R. Smith – Ramsgate Town Team, Ramsgate Town Promoter, Active Ramsgate Chairman

B. Fields – P22 Gunboat Owner

J. Brown – P22 Gunboat Manager

F. Simmonds – Ramsgate Town Team Harbour Street Working Group Chairman

T. Hartley – Ramsgate Town Team Harbour Street Working Group Secretary

4 members of public were present.

097 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

Councillor Brown – Out of the Area

Councillor Larkins – Other Commitments

Councillor Young – Family Illness

098 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

099 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2016 (minutes 060 to 067) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor L Fairbrass

RESOLVED

100 **GUNBOAT MOORING PRESENTATION**

A presentation was given by Mr B. Fields and Mr J. Brown on the history of the gunboat and why the gunboat is an asset to Ramsgate. Their aim is to have the gunboat permanently moored in the harbour, allowing for shows and events to take place, encouraging people to visit the area.

It was suggested that Mr B. Fields and Mr J. Brown were to liaise with Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling as the cabinet member for regeneration and enterprise services. Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling will talk to the port authorities and work together on the issues surrounding the long-term mooring of the gunboat.

Councillor Stummer-Schmertzling will report back at the next Town Promotion Committee Meeting on the progress.

101 **RAMSGATE TOWN TEAM**

The committee noted the report by R. Smith.

A presentation was given by F. Simmonds and T. Hartley, informing the committee of the actions and progress of the Ramsgate Town Team Harbour Street Working Group.

The working group was setup to tackle the issues affecting Harbour Street, these being; the rubbish, anti-social behaviour, night economy etc. The group has been working with the public and councillors to try and alleviate the problem.

On 2nd September, the group met at Thanet District Council with representatives of licensing, the Community Safety Unit, the taxi offices and a local security service. The taxi offices are prepared to install CCTV in their offices and patrols will be put in place for Harbour Street.

Thanet District Council will be paying for a newsletter to be sent out to residents and businesses to inform everyone in the area on the progress of the situation. Councillors were asked by F. Simmonds and T. Hartley to inform residents to report any disturbance in Harbour Street to the 101 police number, as a police reference number will be issued and logged on record.

Councillor S. Piper raised the concern over the length and scale of the project, as a quick solution may not be in reach with the current solutions in place.

Councillor L. Fairbrass updated the committee that Thanet District Council is looking into the premise of licensing for the businesses, informing the committee that one business has been rejected for requesting to extend its opening hours. A 'one ban' ruling is being looked into for the Harbour Street area. Diary sheets are being filled in by residents and are proving effective.

It was suggested that an alternative meeting place for the taxis should be looked into.

Councillor L. Fairbrass would take these issues further and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

102 **RAMSGATE TOWN PROMOTER**

The Town Promoter gave an update on activities since the last meeting.

R. Smith informed the committee of an interview undertaken by BBC Radio Kent, this was promoting the Route 69 open top bus.

An update was given regarding the heritage opens days in Ramsgate, the events calendar and the leaflets and maps of Ramsgate.

The Technical Officer detailed the amount of applicants for the advertised Visit Ramsgate website and the Invest in Ramsgate website. It was agreed to create a Website Sifting Sub Committee consisting of Councillors Campbell, Martin, L Piper and S Piper, to look through the applicants and proposals.

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor S Piper

RESOLVED

Councillor Campbell raised an idea from a resident that Charlotte Court would be looking to change and repair the Christmas lights in the area, it was asked if the Town Promotion Committee would give support to this provisional idea. The committee suggested not to support the idea on the grounds that funding is limited and is being spent on other projects and that permission would need to be granted by Kent County Council.

103 **RAMSGATE TOWN WEBSITE & COMMUNITY AD UPDATE**

The committee received and noted the report from the Technical Officer on the statistics of the Ramsgate Town Website.

104 **ACTIVE RAMSGATE**

R. Smith gave an update to the committee on the Active Ramsgate project.

R. Smith informed the committee of an interview undertaken by BBC Radio Kent, this was promoting the Canoe Trail.

Two suggested logos were presented to the committee as examples of the types of design we are looking to achieve with the project, it was suggested by the committee that more yellow should be included in the logo.

The committee was informed of how the community space proposed by Weatherspoons could be used to hold a beach club for activities such as wind surfing, canoeing etc. This is to be looked into and reported back to the committee on the progress.

It was suggested that more publicity should be made to highlight the activities and projects created and maintained by the council, the Active Ramsgate PR should include the involvement of Ramsgate Town Council in future publicity.

The committee were informed of the continued closure of the Tunnels Museum, as an inspection needs to be undertaken, in agreement with the Ramsgate Heritage Regeneration Trust (RHRT).

R. Martin stated that he would pass the information and matter onto Councillor L. Fairbrass who would take this forward to Thanet District Council as the lease holders.

The Town Clerk is to write to the chairman of the Ramsgate Heritage Regeneration Trust stating that the problem needs to be resolved and the museum needs to be opened as soon as possible.

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Shonk

RESOLVED

105 **TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk had nothing to report.

The following items were taken as confidential, it was deemed advisable by the Chairman during the meeting under the terms of the Public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Proposed by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor S Piper

RESOLVED

106 **VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR HONORARIUM**

The committee considered the report on the Volunteer Co-ordinator Honorarium from the Technical Officer.

107 **ACTIVE RAMSGATE TOURISM CONSULTANCY PROPOSAL**

The committee considered the proposal from Tribal Voice Communications for an Active Ramsgate Tourism Consultant.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm