



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

**Meeting:** Finance and General Purposes Committee

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

**Date:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

**Present:** Councillors; Dark, Dwyer-King, Everitt, Fenner, Huxley, Moore, Nicholson (Chairman), and Poole.

Also in attendance: R.Styles - Town Clerk.

#### **225. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Campbell - On TDC business.

#### **226. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

#### **227. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2014 (minutes 150 to 155) were agreed as a true record in principle and will be signed off by the Chairman in due course as the document submitted at the meeting was done so in error.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson Seconded by: Cllr Everitt.

**RESOLVED**

#### **228. ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2014-15 - 3rd QUARTER**

The report on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarters outturn was noted and received and the following was agreed.

**Civic Insignia** :The proposal to have a 'working' chain fabricated for general use, did not appeal to the users, but the matter will remain under review for the new Council to agree on policy if necessary.

**ACCOUNTS YEAR END 2014-15 - 3rd QUARTER (Contd)**

Holocaust memorial: The Clerk referred to increased costs, but the Cttee did not accept that there should be any changes, but that the matter would be kept under review and left to the new Council to consider an overall budget ceiling.

Rental income: The Clerk explained that there was a lag in payments and that back rental had been received in January and was not shown as it came after the quarterly accounts deadline.

Cllr Ward grants: The Clerk was instructed to remind all Councillors that any unspent ward grants will automatically drop into the reserves at the end of the financial year.

Proposed by Cllr Nicholson, Seconded by Cllr Dark.

**RESOLVED**

**229. CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS**

The Clerk described all the repairs made to the building since the last meeting. They consisted of the fitting of the replacement toilet near the Council chamber, the acid cleaning of the down stairs VIC toilet and various electrical repairs to switch gear and chandeliers.

Electro-Hydraulic automatic doors for VIC: The Committee had agreed the proposal in principle but not all the estimates were in as yet and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

Roof security system: the Cttee was advised that anti climbing paint on the roof parapets was probably sufficient as the roof was now much more securely fixed than before the recent burglary. However if there is another incident something more substantial would be necessary.

Future repairs: Only minor internal decoration work is envisaged with possibly the painting of the outside railings in the spring will be necessary.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson, Seconded by Cllr Everitt.

**RESOLVED**

**230. DRAFT BUDGET 2015/16**

The draft budget document was accepted but with the following amendments:

**230a. CIVIC:** Allowance and function budget allocations to read £3750.00 each.

Cllr Dwyer-King proposed, Cllr Everitt seconded.

**RESOLVED**

**DRAFT BUDGET 2015-16 CONTD.**

230b. **TWINNING:** Budget allocation to read £2000.00.

Cllr Poole proposed, Cllr Dwyer-King seconded.

**RESOLVED**

**OFFICE:** The Samsung tablets used for the Cllr information experiment are to valued and offered for sale to their formers users and generally thereafter.

‘The draft budget for 2015/16 as amended is therefore recommended to Council for approval’.

Proposed by: Cllr Nicholson, Seconded by Cllr Everitt.

**RESOLVED****231. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS**

The Cttee agreed to defer the matter to the new Council. The statutory Town meeting will be held but mindful of electoral law. The report was noted.

**232. TOWN CLERK’S REPORT.**

Nothing submitted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39 pm.

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