



## **Ramsgate Town Council**

### **MINUTES**

**MEETING:** Annual Council.

**MEETING DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

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

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Mr Shonk (Chairman/Mayor), Albon, Ara, Campbell, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, L. Piper, Rev.S. Piper, Rusiecki and Wing.

R. Styles – Town Clerk.

E. Richford -Deputy Town Clerk.

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**001. CHANGE TO STANDING ORDERS**

The following change to standing order 3 -Chairman was resolved.

**3. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING**

**3.1** *The Chairman will preside at Council and F+GP Cttee meetings . In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will preside as Chairman over Council and F+GP Committee meetings. If neither the Chairman nor the Vice Chairman are present, then the Council shall elect a Chairman for the meeting from among the councillor's present; who shall be entitled to exercise all the powers and duties of the Chairman in relation to the conduct of the meeting. Cttee meetings of all Cttees save F+GP will be Chaired by Chairmen appointed at the annual meeting it being presumed that the Council Chairman/Vice Chairman have declined to Chair these meetings.*

**3.2** *The posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor will have the status of unpaid officers of the Council and their function will be to represent the Town (not the Council) at all Civic functions including Cinque Ports functions or events. These unpaid posts will be funded from the Civic budget. The posts will be fulfilled by annual election either at the annual town meeting or by a separate Mayor making ceremony as the Council sees fit.*

**3.3** *At Civic functions where the Town (Ramsgate) is being represented, the Mayor will take precedence, but for all matters where the Council is being represented the Chairman will have precedence. The Clerk will advise and arbitrate as to which function is being represented and his/her word shall be respected by both parties.*

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.  
Seconded by Cllr Green.  
RESOLVED

The Clerk explained to the meeting that this revision of standing orders split the functions of civic duties and executive duties. The Chairman would concentrate on council transactions and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor would become unpaid officers of the council with a remit of civic leadership.

**002. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Campbell was proposed by Cllr Albon.  
Seconded by Cllr Nixey.  
RESOLVED

Cllr Campbell took the chair, with Mr Shonk remaining as Mayor temporarily.

**003. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Nixey was proposed by Cllr Campbell.  
Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.  
RESOLVED

**004. ELECTION OF MAYOR**

Cllr Campbell proposed Cllr Ara.  
Seconded by Cllr Moore.  
Cllr Ara gave a brief resume on why she should be nominated for the post of Mayor.  
RESOLVED

The meeting was briefly adjourned to allow Mr Shonk to hand over the insignia of office to Cllr Ara.  
Mr Shonk gave a brief speech describing his service as Mayor and in return received a vote of thanks from the meeting.  
Cllr Ara stated that her escort for the year would be Cllr Moore.

**005. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

Cllr Nixey proposed Cllr Hetherington.  
Seconded by Cllr Green.  
Cllr Hetherington outlined why she had accepted the nomination as Deputy Mayor.  
RESOLVED

**006. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Knight – Other business.  
Cllr Young – Illness.

**007. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hetherington – Item 10 Ramsgate Fund-Addington Street Fair application.

Cllr Wing - Item 10 Ramsgate Fund -Addington Street Fair application.

**008 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None received.

**009. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Council meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Minutes 163 -170) were accepted as a true record

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED.

The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Minutes 178-180)

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

**010. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP**

It was proposed by Cllr Campbell that the Events funding Committee be merged with the Town Promotion Committee.

Seconded by Cllr Nixey.

RESOLVED

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Town Promotion

Cllr Campbell proposed Cllr Green.

Seconded by Cllr Nixey.

RESOLVED

Planning + Environment

Cllr Campbell proposed Cllr Albon.

Seconded by Cllr Green.

RESOLVED

Amenities

Cllr Campbell proposed Cllr Knight.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

Finance + General Purpose

As Chairman of Council and in accordance with the earlier resolved change in Standing Orders, Cllr Campbell presides as Chairman of this committee.

**011. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

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Representatives Cllr Campbell and Cllr Crittenden.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

**012. COUNCILLORS ALLOWANCES.**

Allowances to remain at £500 per annum and to be used as ward grants

Proposed by Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by Cllr Hetherington.

RESOLVED

**013. RAMSGATE FUND**

**(a) RF01/2019/20 – Addington Street Community Group (ASCG).**

*Pop up mobile event and multi – use trailer/caravan.*

Amount approved: **£3150.**

The sum of £2,500 was proposed by Cllr L.Piper and seconded by Cllr Rusiecki, failed.

The sum of £3,150 was proposed by Cllr Albon .

Seconder Cllr Nixey.

RESOLVED

Cllrs Hetherington and Wing left the meeting during the vote.

**(b) RF02/2019-20- Miss Ramsgate organisation.**

*Clothing and shoes for the new Carnival court.*

Amount approved: **£2,700.00.**

Proposer Cllr Campbell.

Seconder Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

**(c) RF03/2019-20 – Mooch.**

*Arts funding.*

Amount approved: Non qualifying application.

Proposer Cllr. Campbell.

Seconder Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

**(d) RF04-2019-20- Ramsgate International Film and TV festival**

*Reusable flags.*

Amount approved: **£706.20.**

Proposer Cllr. Campbell.

Seconder Cllr Rusiecki.

RESOLVED

**(e)** RF05 /2019-20 – Thanet Community Development Trust.

*15 Tablet computers.*

Amount approved: **£2026.69**

A proposal from Cllr Green , seconded by Cllr Crittenden for £842.33 failed.

Proposer Cllr Wing.

Seconder Cllr L. Piper.

RESOLVED

**(f)** RF06/2019/20 – Royal British Legion Club.

*Roof repairs.*

Amount approved: **Inappropriate to fund a private club.**

Proposer Cllr Campbell.

Seconder: Cllr Albon.

RESOLVED

**(g)** RF16 /2018-19 – Royal Harbour of Ramsgate 200.

*Statue, Commemorative book, 'Float'.*

Amount approved: **£3,200.**

Proposer Cllr L. Piper.

Seconder Cllr Campbell

RESOLVED

The old Council left this matter to be resolved to the discretion of the new incoming Council.

**014. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing reported.

**015. MAYOR'S AND DEPUTY MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mr Shonk gave an outline of the functions he had attended since the last meeting and was warmly thanked by the meeting for the 800 functions he has attended as Mayor.

The meeting ended at 20.10.

**CHAIRMAN**