



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 22nd November 2017.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon, J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Fenner, Larkins, Kennedy, L.Piper, Rev Piper, Stummer- Schmetzing and Young.

R.Styles - Town Clerk.

E.Richford - Deputy Town Clerk.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr –Newman - Illness.

Cllr - Martin, - Illness.

Cllr - Brown - Illness.

115. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

116. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were some questions from Mr Garbutt, but as the RTC officers had not received them and as there was substantial content, it was agreed that Mr Garbutt would receive a written reply in due course.

117. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st May 2017 (Minutes 061 - 068a) were approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

118. PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND ACQUISITIONS

The Town Clerk reported on progress made with the following sites:

- ❖ Albert Court - *Transfer in hand from TDC ownership.*
- ❖ Belle Alliance Square - *Awaiting response from TDC.*
- ❖ Northwood Park - *No further action recommended.*
- ❖ Wellington Crescent Bandstand- *No further action recommended.*

- ❖ St Laurence Churchyard - *RTC work on site well received. A heritage management plan and a natural environment plan from Kent wildlife trust to be carried out or arranged. Working with TDC in partnership.*
- ❖ Ramsgate toilets - *TDC are reviewing their options before responding.*

Resolution:

- a) The Clerk is authorised to enter into an agreement with Kent Wildlife Trust to deliver a natural environment 5 year plan for St Laurence Church yard at a cost not exceeding £1700.
- b) The Clerk is authorised to purchase a high capacity chipper/ shredder for £1400.

Proposer: Cllr Campbell.

Secunder: Cllr Rev Piper.

RESOLVED

Former Allotment land at Manston Road

The Town Clerk gave a report on the progress made to uphold RTC's claim on the land and/or proceeds of sale. The Clerk gave a full and complete explanation of the actions taken, the cost so far and the legal issues and processes that will deliver a remedy to the situation.

The Clerk was asked to make an estimate of the final cost to take in a worst case outcome and allocate it within the budget.

The report was noted by the meeting.

119. REVIEW OF POLICY ON SAFETY

The Town Clerk submitted a health and safety policy document for approval. The document is designed to meet the Council's statutory duty towards the Health and Safety of Staff, Councillors, Volunteers and members of the general public. The Town Clerk recommended that a Health and safety specialist be employed to advise the Council on Health and Safety policy and implementation.

The Council formally adopts the policy document on Health and Safety submitted by the Town Clerk and agrees to authorise the Clerk to engage a Health and safety specialist to advise the Council on health and safety matters.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev.Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

120. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS

- a) **RF14- 2017/18: Ramsgate Town Carnival - Collection buckets.**

AWARD: £381.49.

Proposed by: Cllr Larkins.

Seconded: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

- b) **RF15 - 2017/18: Thanet Community Development Trust - Kitchen equipment.**

AWARD: Refused.

Proposed by: Cllr Stumme -Schmertzling.

Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.

RESOLVED

121. EVENTS FUND

- a) **EF24- 2017/18: Mooch** - 5.4.1 arts project. Retrospective application.
AWARD: Rejected.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr. L.Fairbrass.
RESOLVED
- b) **EF25 -2017/18 - Addington Street Community Project** - Westcliff Christmas fair.
AWARD: £1,000.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.
RESOLVED
- c) **EF26 -2017/18 - Community Church, Ramsgate** - Carols by Candlelight.
AWARD: £1,000.
Proposed by: Cllr L.Piper.
Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.
RESOLVED
- d) **EF27 -2017/18 - Newington Wellbeing Network** - LGBTQ one day event at Newington community Centre.
AWARD: £500.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr L. Fairbrass.
RESOLVED
- e) **EF28 -2017/18 - Royal Temple Yacht Club** - Christmas lights on vessels in the Royal Harbour.
AWARD: £500 from Events fund. + £500 from Ramsgate Fund.
Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.
Seconded by: Cllr Larkins.
RESOLVED

122. BUDGET 2018/19 - INITIAL REPORT

The Clerk gave a report based on information he had received from TDC.

The two key points being:

- ❖ The status of the Tax base support grant - How much is to be paid in 2018/19.
- ❖ The size of the grant required to maintain free parking at the Royal Harbour Car Park.

The Town Clerk described the process to be followed starting with spending bids from each Committee and the collation process to be carried out by the F+GP Cttee.

Resolution

Cllr L.Fairbrass is asked to facilitate a negotiation with TDC on a goodwill basis on settlement figure for both key items.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Young.

RESOLVED

Montefiore Woodland - Any repairs to the flint walls should be considered by the Amenities Committee at its next meeting.

123. TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The following items were included:

- ❖ Update on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- ❖ KALC AGM.
- ❖ Wayfaring.

The Clerk gave a report on each subject and has arranged for the survey report received from Fitz Patrick -Woolmer on the wayfaring sign estate in Ramsgate and possible options for the future.

The Clerk asked that the first invoice from Fitzpatrick -Woolmer for the survey described in the report be settled.

The Town Clerk is authorised to pay the invoice for the initial wayfaring survey from Fitzpatrick -Woolmer.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr J. Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

Allotment request

A letter was received from a tenant requesting permission to keep Ducks, Quail and Turkeys on his allotment.

Permission was refused.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Shonk.

RESOLVED

The meeting closed at; 8.20pm.

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN