



Ramsgate Town Council

MINUTES

MEETING: Council.

MEETING DATE: 26th July 2017.

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

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shonk (Chairman), Campbell, Connor, Falcon,
J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Larkins, Kennedy, Martin, Newman L.Piper, Rev Piper and
Stummer- Schmertzing.

R.Styles - Town Clerk.

E.Richford - Deputy Town Clerk.

061. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr - Fenner- other business.

Cllr - Young - Illness.

Cllr - Brown - Illness.

062. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Shonk, Campbell, Campbell, Connor, Falcon,
J. Fairbrass, L.Fairbrass, Larkins, Martin, L.Piper, Rev Piper and
Stummer- Schmertzing. TDC Cllrs appendix item 8.

063. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

064. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st May 2017 (Minutes 024 - 032) were
approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

- 064a. Resolution** 'That Cllr Martin is thanked for her past work as Chairman of the Town Promotion Committee, but that she is replaced as chairman of that committee by Cllr Larkins in order to ensure adequate representation of the ruling UKIP group on RTC, so that there is a correct political balance on all outside bodies connected with the work as Chairman of the Town Promotion Committee'.

Cllr Martin asked that the item be noted because it was not mentioned on the agenda.

The Town Clerk advised that the matter would in the normal course of events be a motion on notice, but as the matter had been arisen because of a announcement in the media and on social media without prior notice ,it was quite in order to allow this resolution to go forward as in the minutes of the 31st May 2017 there is a minute on appointments to outside bodies and the role of the Chairman of Town Promotion does require attendance and work with outside bodies.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev.Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Piper.

RESOLVED

3 Cllrs abstained.

065. COMMONPLACE ANALYSIS

The Town Clerk gave a report on the analysis of the findings of the Commonplace survey. The survey had a good response and indicated a number of very interesting items that will be included within the Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting briefly adjourned to hear further information on the analysis from Jenny Dawes of the Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan group. She stated that the analysis will be widely distributed to key organisations so that it will inform their deliberations. The analysis itself will be published so that the public can read its findings. The analysis has been done so that the survey results can be clearly understood.

The meeting noted the report.

066. AWARD OF CIVIC SERVICE BADGES

The Town Clerk gave a report and option B of the report was adopted, which proposed that Civic service by those elected as Mayor are awarded a badge in precious metal and that Civic Service of Deputy Mayors are awarded a lower cost version of the civic service badge.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev.Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr Campbell.

RESOLVED

067. RAMSGATE FUND APPLICATIONS

- a) **RF11- 2017/18: Academy FM - Purchase of FM stereo transmitter and a computer.**

AWARD: £2,195.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded: Cllr Connor.

RESOLVED

Note: Academy FM to be persuaded to seek co- funding/crowd funding by engaging with the community.

- b) **RF12 - 2017/18: Spencer Square Residents Association** - General maintenance of garden in Spencer Square.

AWARD: Referred back to SSRA to request a breakdown of the capital spend on tools in order to return the application to the next meeting for further consideration.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded by: Cllr Stumme -Schmertzling.

RESOLVED

- c) **RF13- 2017/18: Mooch** - 5.4.1 arts project.

AWARD: £739.90.

Proposed by: Cllr Kennedy.

Seconded by: Cllr. Campbell.

RESOLVED

Balance remaining of Ramsgate fund: **£12,578.67**.

068. CLOSURE OF YORK STREET AREA OFFICE

The Town Clerk gave the report which referred to a meeting with TDC held on 19th July 2017.

Cllr Campbell updated the report with new information, which suggests that East Kent Services which operate the office will arrange a meeting with the Town Clerk to discuss practical assistance that RTC may be able to offer when the closure takes place.

Further items from that meeting were approved:

- ❖ Management of Charlotte + Albert Courts.
- ❖ Management of land in Belle Alliance Square.
- ❖ Management of land in Northwood Park.

Note these are interim proposals and a transition to a more permanent arrangement. TDC will also be asked for costings for winter opening at the toilets adjacent to Ramsgate Tunnels.

Proposed by: Cllr Rev.Piper.

Seconded by: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

Approval and adoption of Draft RTC/TDC memorandum of understanding and Draft Devolution of services agenda. Copies to be sent to all Cllrs for proof reading purposes.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell.

Seconded: Cllr L.Fairbrass.

RESOLVED

000a. Appendix to the agenda item:

This part of the meeting was taken as a confidential item as deemed advisable by the Chairman under the terms of the Public bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. The public was therefore asked to leave.

The Town Clerk gave a report and outlined the legal situation. The Clerk also submitted a draft letter.

The meeting accepted the report and its findings and approved an amended version of the letter to be sent with immediate effect. The Clerk is authorised to receive any response to the letter and where necessary to apply the appropriate legal remedy to uphold the Council's legal position.

Proposed by: Cllr Kennedy.

Seconded by: Cllr Rev.Piper.

RESOLVED

The meeting closed at; 8.36pm.

MAYOR/CHAIRMAN