



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 23 January 2019

Present: Councillors; Brown, Campbell, Connor, L Fairbrass, Falcon, Hartley, Shonk, Stummer-Schmertzing and Young.

Also in attendance: R Styles–Town Clerk and Miss E Richford – Deputy Town Clerk (RFO).

150 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Cllrs J Fairbrass, Kennedy, Larkins and Martin.

151 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

152 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Connor and seconded by Cllr Falcon that;

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2018 (minutes 092 to 102) are agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

153 ACCOUNTS 2018-19 AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS 2019-20

ACCOUNTS 2018-19

The committee received and noted the report from the Deputy Town Clerk (RFO).

All income and expenditure were noted as on track with any overspends accounted for.

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL 6 FEBRUARY 2019

The budget recommendations of the Finance Committee to Council on 6 February are as follows;

Custom House Income Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

The decision be deferred to Council to decide when more information is available.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Chamber Hire Income Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling that;

Chamber hire for community groups and Churches to be free of charge with a voluntary contribution only. Businesses to continue to pay for the room hire.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Allotments Income Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to remain at £20,300.00 with no increase to tenancy rents as recommended by the Amenities Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Visitor Information Centre Income Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to be reduced to £12,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Administration Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to be increased by inflation rate of 2.1% to £24,198.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

RTC Property Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget increased by inflation rate of 2.1% to £84,743.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Storage and Vehicles Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to remain at £15,500.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Allotments Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to remain at £18,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Democracy Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to remain at £15,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Finance Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to increase to £12,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Visitor Information Centre Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to be reduced to £12,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Civic Budget Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to be remain at £15,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Town Promotion Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Active Ramsgate	£18,000.00.
Active Ramsgate Activities	£12,000.00
Town Promoter	£25,000.00
Website	£ 2,000.00
Total Budget	£57,000.00

As recommended by the Town Promotion Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Council Grant Funds Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Shonk that;

Budget to be remain at;

The Ramsgate Fund	£32,000.00.
Ward Funding	£ 8,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Events Funding Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Budget to increase to £65,000.00 with £10,000.00 of the budget to be set aside for the 200 year Royal Harbour Celebrations in 2021.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Decorative Lights Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Shonk that;

Budget to be increased to £25,500.00 as recommended by the Amenities Committee.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Town Improvements Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Revenue budget to be increased to £30,000.00 as recommended by the Amenities Committee, and a renewal fund of £10,000.00 for equipment set aside making a total of £40,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr L Fairbrass and seconded by Cllr Campbell that;

£20,000.00 to be set aside as a contingency for the Neighbourhood Planning process.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

Restricted Grants Expenditure Budget

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

East Kent Rape Crisis and Thanet Citizens Advice Centre each receive a grant of £12,000.00 making a total budget of £24,000.00.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

154 PRECEPT 2019-20

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

The precept to be set at £65.02 per annum for a Band D property.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

155 TOWN PROMOTER REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Town Promoter.

Ramsgate Rocks Booklet 2019

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Hartley that;

Ramsgate Town Council contributes £1,171.00 towards the production the Ramsgate Rocks booklet 2019.

RESOLVED

Van Gogh Publication and Trail

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Any balance remaining from the Town Promoter's budget 2018-19 be put towards this project.

RESOLVED

Rainbow Steps

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Hartley that;

The Parish Lengthsmen remove the existing artwork and install new artwork to the steps.

This work is to be programmed in to fit with workload at the time.

RESOLVED

Pugin Steps at Kent Place

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

The Parish Lengthsmen to install the tiles and undertake repairs, replacement and maintenance as required.

This work is to be programmed in to fit with workload at the time.

RESOLVED

Advertising in Isle of Thanet News

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

Advertise Visit Ramsgate on the Isle of Thanet News website for £70.00 per month.

RESOLVED

156 PHOTOCOPIER QUOTATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Stummer-Schmerzting that;

RTC changes to ALE Business Systems for new equipment for the Custom House, contracted for 5 years.

The equipment for Effingham Street to be looked at when required.

RESOLVED

157 THE CUSTOM HOUSE – THE FUTURE AND OPTIONS FOR THE GROUND FLOOR

The Committee considered the report presented by the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr Stummer-Schmertzling that;

Room 2 to be restored and separated from the café area by bi-folding doors.

RESOLVED

It was noted that the Lengthsmen are currently making good the café interior.

158 PARKS AND GARDENS

The Committee received and noted the report of the Town Clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Campbell and seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass that;

A report be brought back to full Council. RESOLVED

The following agenda items were taken as confidential under the terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as proposed by Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr L Fairbrass and RESOLVED.

159 A. STAFF MATTERS

The Committee considered the confidential report presented of the Town Clerk.

Resolutions for this item are contained in the Budget Recommendations to Council on 6 February 2019.

RESOLVED

160 B. EFFINGHAM STREET

The Committee received and noted and agreed the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

161 C. BROADSTAIRS CONTRACT PROPOSAL

The Committee received and noted the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

162 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Committee received the report of the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.