

## RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF RAMSEY TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING held on Thursday 14 May 2020 by remote video conference.

**Present:** - Councillors L Brady, R Brereton, J Bufton, J Clarke, Ms M Clarke, S Corney (Mayor), Mrs A Costello (Deputy Mayor,) R Costello, D Darmody, T Lavender, J Palmer, Mrs G Rayment, N Soer, P Wright and E Welsh. **In Attendance:** - G Cook, Town Clerk and Mrs A Jerrom, Town Clerk's Assistant.

40. **Election of Town Mayor for 2020/21** – Councillor Corney welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillor Corney was proposed for the position of Mayor for a further year. There being no other nominations Councillor Corney was unanimously elected Mayor for the Municipal Year. He thanked everyone for giving him the honour of continuing to represent Ramsey.
41. **Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2020/21** – Councillor Corney nominated Councillor Brereton for the position of Deputy Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs Rayment. There being no other nominations Councillor Brereton was unanimously elected Mayor for the Municipal Year. The Mayor then took the opportunity to thank Councillor Mrs Costello for taking on the role as Deputy and supporting him during a difficult period.
42. **Apologies for Absence** – Councillor H Edwards.
43. **To Receive Declarations of Interest** - Councillor Corney declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute No.47, Planning Applications, as a Member of the District Council's Development Management Panel and reserved the right to change his view when presented with applications at the Panel.
44. **Public Participation** – There were no members of the public present.
45. **Town Mayor's Announcements** – Due to the Covid-19 pandemic there had been no public engagements. Many groups were still holding meetings but remotely, the Promotions Manager for Promoting Ramsey is retiring at the end of May and it was agreed that the Council send a card expressing our thanks and flowers. Over 200 volunteers have joined the Ramsey Covid-19 Group and are providing assistance within the community. There has also been a significant uptake in food bank requests.
46. **Minutes of the last Meeting to be Approved** - The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2020 were **Approved** by 13 votes with 1 abstention as a true record and duly signed.
47. **Planning Applications for Consideration**  
1.1 **20/00621/S73** Removal of Condition 11 0702490FUL to be only used as ancillary accommodation - 5 Abbey Rooms Lane, Ramsey. **APPROVED** the Town Council was unanimous in its support of the application which they felt would have no adverse effect on the character of the area.
48. **The Annual Governance Statement and End of Year Accounts** - The annual governance statement and end of year accounts were presented by the Town Clerk. These were both unanimously **APPROVED** and would later be signed by the Mayor.
49. **Town Council Representatives on External Organisations** – A list was presented and any amendments made.
50. **Financial Matters**  
a) BACS/Cheque list to be tabled and approved – No payments had been made since the last meeting.  
b) Donation requests: Ramsey in Bloom – Unanimously **APPROVED** to make a donation of £600. The Clerk was to enquire into the maintenance regime for the tubs.
51. **Town Mayor's and Clerk's correspondence**  
Policing Issues - Councillor Wright outlined the concerns which had been expressed to him regarding break ins on the industrial park along with an increase in anti-social behaviour during the "lockdown" period aligned to the lack of policing within the Town. Letter to be sent expressing the concerns to the PCC.
52. **Date of Next Meeting**  
Thursday 28 May 2020 at 7pm.

Town Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

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