



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Custom House, on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Fidler

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL **AGENDA**

Meeting: Full Council
Venue: The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP
Membership: All Councillors
Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7pm

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve apologies for absence from Members of the Council.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded to declare any dispensations granted.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 - (i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**
To be in writing prior to the meeting. Three questions in total permitted and a maximum of 15 minutes overall to be spent on this item.
 - (ii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**
NB. Updates received at the meeting can only be noted.
4. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**
To approve the Minutes of Council meeting held on 28th January 2026 (Minutes: 016/26 – 028/26). Only questions of record may be considered

5. **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

- (i) To receive a report of payments; Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 28th February 2026, totalling £9,415.22 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 28th February 2026, totalling £87,255.85.
- (ii) To consider the recommendations of the Grant Scrutiny Panel in respect of the following grant applications, and resolve what funding should be awarded:
- a) Events Grant:**
- EF1** – Sonder Arts CIC – Totem Sculpture Exhibition – June 2026 (TBC) – £3,500.00
- EF2** – ROMMC – Great Bucket & Spade Run – 7 June 2026 – £3,500.00
- EF3** – Ramsgate Pirates – Ramsgate Pirates Festival – 6 June 2026 – £6,243.00
- EF4** – Thanet Big Sing Community Choir – Operation Dynamo Commemorative Service – 24 May 2026 – £1,740.32
- EF5** – St George’s Church & Great British Carnival CIC – St George’s Day Spring Parade – 19 April 2026 – £5,000.00
- EF6** – Looping the Loop – A Midsummer’s Tea Party – 20 June 2026 – £3,796.00
- EF7** – Ramsgate Festival of Sound – Ramsgate Through the Senses – 25 & 26 April 2026 – £3,000.00.
- (b) Ramsgate Fund:**
- 2025–26 Applications
- RF17** 2025–26 – Ramsgate Space CIC – Ramsgate Space Kitchen Completion & Data Management System – (no event date; capital project) – £3,500.00
- 2026–27 Applications
- RF1** 2026–27 – 6th Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts – Ice House Community Centre Mains Water Connection – (no event date; capital project) – £3,067.20
- RF2** 2026–27 – The Ramsgate Society – Restoration & Repair of the Destiny Peace Memorial, Albion Gardens – (no event date; restoration project) – £2,635.00
- (c) Community Grant Scheme:**
- Deferred Applications (2025–26)
- CS13** 2025–26 – High Street Social Club for the Arts in Ramsgate – Community Meals, Cooking & Nutrition Lessons – (no event date; programme) – £2,500.00
- CS14** 2025–26 – East Kent Mencap – ScrapStore at Forrester’s Hall – (no event date; staffing & project support) – £12,945.34
- CS15** 2025–26 – Beyond the Page – United Mothers (ESOL & Literacy Programme) – (no event date; programme) – £3,000.00
- CS16** 2025–26 – Porchlight – Family Routes Funding for Year Two (2026–27) – (no event date; support programme) – £5,000.00
- New Applications (2026–27)
- CS1** 2026–27 – SHIFT within CIC – Connect with Respect Community Programme – (sessions run Jan 2026–Dec 2027) – £1,540.00
- CS2** 2026–27 – Your True Reflection AO CIC – Restorative Healing Group – (no event date; wellbeing support programme) – £3,500.00

CS3 2026–27 – Citizens Advice Thanet – Ramsgate Office Supervisor/Advisor – (no event date; service delivery) – £24,555.50

CS4 2026–27 – Sonder Arts CIC – Happy Mondays – (10-week programme; no fixed event date) – £3,445.50

CS5 2026–27 – Pie Factory Music – Pie Factory Music Youth Service – (year-round weekly sessions; no single event date) – £15,000.00

6. COMMITTEE MINUTES

To note the following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Town Promotion Committee 3rd February 2026 (Minutes 029/26 – 036/26)
- (ii) Asset Management Committee 11th February 2026 (Minutes 037/26 – 042/26).

7. UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL’S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Short verbal updates are invited from members. Updates received can only be noted.

8. JOB DESCRIPTION

To consider and approve a revised job description for the role of Marketing & Communications Officer, which follows on from the approved recommendations in Local Council Consultancy Services partial staffing review.

9. TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following two items have been referred from the Town Promotion Committee for consideration, due to the scale and costs involved with each:

- (i) To receive a written report from Mrs R Smith, Town Centre & Tourism Manager, and consider the proposal contained therein to commission a Standing With Giants display in 2026.
- (ii) To receive a written report from Mrs R Smith, Town Centre & Tourism Manager, and consider the proposal contained therein to purchase the MV Watchful.

The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation (for a virement in the new year):

- (iii) Minute 034/26(ii) “to carry forward underspent monies from the Town Promotion budgets at the end of the financial year (2025/2026), estimating at £8,500.00, and earmarking them under a new budget heading entitled ‘Electricity Costs for Decorative Lighting’. This heading will be used to meet the ongoing feeder pillar and lighting electricity costs.”

10. ARMED FORCES DAY 2027

To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider the proposal contained therein from the Royal Naval Association to make Armed Forces Day a more celebratory event.

11. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

- (i) It is recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.
- (ii) To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider how to respond to the matter contained therein involving a data breach on 13th January 2026. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the private individual concerned, and the financial negotiation to be considered.
- (iii) To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & FRO, and Mrs R Smith, Town Centre & Tourism Manager, regarding the recent criminal damage to various shops within the town centre, and consider if the town council can give any assistance to effected businesses. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the details of private businesses (finances, insurance) to be discussed.
- (iv) To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding a salary increment. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the individual staff member concerned.

12. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 7pm.