



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, The Custom House, on Wednesday 25th October 2023 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 Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP

Membership: All Councillors

Date: Wednesday 25th October 2023 at 7pm

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence from Members of the Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(i) To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded to declare any dispensations granted.

(ii) To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider whether to permit Cllr Dark to be absent from Council Meetings (due to recovering from an accident) for longer than the 6 months.

3. PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK

To be received in writing prior to the meeting. Three questions in total permitted and a maximum of 15 minutes overall to be spent on this item.

NB. Updates received at the meeting can only be noted.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

To approve the following Minutes:

- (i) 27th September 2023 – Ordinary Meeting (Minute numbers: 168/23 – 176/23).

Only questions of record may be considered.

5. FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) To receive a report of payments; the Council is asked to note the payments between 22nd September to 18th October 2023 authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £6,902.29) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £60,708.88.).
- (ii) To receive a report from Miss E Richford and consider 4 grant applications contained therein from; Events Fund: EF18 Ramsgate Society – Ramsgate Design Awards. Community Services Fund: CS5 St George’s Ramsgate Community Development Trust – St George’s Community Meals. CS6 Discovery Planet – Learning space Running Costs November 2023 to February 2024. CS7 United Mothers – English as a Second Language Lessons for Migrant Families.
- (iii) To receive and note the findings of the external audit of the accounts by MAZARS LLP for the year ending 31st March 2023.
- (iv) To consider a recommendation from the Town Promotion Committee that the Council vires £10,700.00 from the Project Budget for:
- £3600 for 2 days of relocating palms @ £1800 per day (Youngs Nursery are the local specialists)
 - £4500 for operators and digging 12 x holes and planting 12 x mature palms (approx.)
 - £1000 to hire digger, dumper truck and grab away (approx.)
 - £600 for plant feed plus tree watering tubes x 12
 - £1000 for suitable bedding plants such as Sedum or Phlox (good choices for pollinators and droughts).
- A re-organisation of the palms (including planting in the ground for 12) will reduce future annual maintenance costs by i.r.o £8,000.
- (v) To receive a comparison quote of electricity prices and consider which one to choose. All quotes are for the supply of 100% renewable electricity (as per the current supply).

6. TALL SHIPS REGATTA

To consider an outline proposal from the Ramsgate Regeneration Alliance for a Tall Ships Regatta in 2025 and consider a request for a letter of support (in principle) for this proposal.

7. DEBATE NOT HATE CAMPAIGN

To consider a motion from the Central Harbour Ward Councillors that the Council sign up to the Debate Not Hate campaign, a written report accompanies this motion.

8. EAST CLIFF LIFT

To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding

the transfer of the East Cliff Lift from TDC, and consider the question contained therein.

9. ACTIVE RAMSGATE

To receive a report from Mr S Davis, Active Ramsgate Project Manager, seeking approval for a market research project; the funding for which is within the Active Ramsgate Activities budget. *Report to be circulated on 23/10/23.*

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 29th November at 7pm.