



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 28th August 2024 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 28th August 2024 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**
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.
4. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**
To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 31st July 2024 (Minutes 164/24 – 172/24)
Only questions of record may be considered

5 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) To receive a report of payments 1st to 31st August 2024; the Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £4,550.24) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £45,229.82).

(ii) To consider a report from the Deputy Town Clerk & FO and the recommendations of the Grant Scrutiny Panel on the funding applications detailed below:

Ramsgate Fund applications: Friends of Spencer Square; RBL Ramsgate; Forelands Field Charity; Res. Assoc. Paradise & Ramsgate Historic Quarter; Ramsgate & District Model Engineering Club; Eastcliff Community Group; Thanet Athletics Club; Ramsgate Arts Club; Heritage Lab CIC; Kindness Catering.

Events Fund applications: Res. Assoc. Paradise & Ramsgate Historic Quarter; Starling Support CIC; ADJ Solutions (Love Where You Live; Lumen Studios; GB Carnival / St Georges Church/ JH Events; Ramsgate Historic Wkg Group/Discovery Planet/Canterbury CC University.

Community Services Fund: 21 Together; The Harmony Trust.

(iii) To review multiple gas supply quotes for The Custom House & Radford House and select the preferred contract for engagement

(iv) To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider how to proceed with decorative lighting repair detailed therein.

6. **POLICY & PROCEDURE**

To consider and approve a draft "Honorary Freeman And Freewoman" Scheme.

7. **INSTALLATION OF THE LORD WARDEN**

Council is asked to consider if any representatives from Ramsgate should be invited to attend the Installation of the Lord Warden, alongside the Mayor, Chair and Town Clerk. Up to 14 delegates can be sent at £50.00 per attendee.

8. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

(i) **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

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) **CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS**

To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk, and consider the information and quotes contained therein. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the quotes to be considered (which the contractor wishes to remain confidential).

(iii) **FREEDOM OF THE TOWN**

To consider a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk, regarding awarding the Freedom of the Town. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially so as not to cause disappointment if the matter does not progress. NB. An extra-ordinary meeting of the Council would be required to approve a Freedom of the Town being given.

9. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 27th September 2024 at 7pm.