



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, Shonk, Wing & Young

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

207/24

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson (other commitment).

Note: Apologies from Cllr Makinson had been received in advance but were not reported at the meeting in error.

208/24

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

209/24

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no public requests to speak.

210/24

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th August 2024 (Minute no; 179/24-187/24).

RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

211/24

FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) Council received a report of payments; the Council was asked to note the payments between 1st to 30th September 2024 authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £6,472.58) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £21,048.91). Cllr Green noted that three councillors scrutinise every payment before it's authorised with the bank for payment.

RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £6,472.58) were noted and the payments above the

threshold of the Town Clerk (total £21,048.91) were approved.

- (ii) Members received a report from the Deputy Town Clerk & FO and considered how to proceed in respect of application EF21 – GB Carnival CIC/ St Georges Church / JH Events Ltd – Ramsgate Lumiere 2024 24th November 2024 to 1st January 2025. This application had been deferred from August's Council Meeting. Members had a lengthy discussion about this application.

RESOLUTION: To award £10,000 to this joint applicant.

212/24 REMOVAL OF BT PHONE BOXES

Members considered the motion from Cllr Austin that the Council contributes £1810 towards the removal of two derelict phone boxes, with TDC matching this contribution. Dismay was expressed that BT can charge to remove their property, which they've let get into disrepair.

RESOLUTION: The £1810 be allocated from the Project Contingency (incl. Legal) budget for this project.

213/24 SCHEME OF DELEGATION (INCL. COMMITTEES)

Council considered if any representatives from Ramsgate should be invited to attend the installation of the Lord Warden, alongside the Mayor, Chair & Town Clerk. Up to 14 delegates can be sent at a cost of £50.00 per attendee.

RESOLUTION: Members to advise the Deputy Town Clerk if they wish to attend.

214/24 COMMITTEE MINUTES

Members received the following Committee Minutes for information (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Approved Planning Committee 10th July 2024.
- (ii) Approved Planning & infrastructure Committee 14th August 2024.
- (iii) Draft Town Promotion Committee 10th September 2024.
- (iv) Draft Extra-ordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 11th September 2024.
- (v) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee 11th September 2024.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted.

215/24 RADFORD HOUSE

Members received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the three matters contained therein.

RESOLUTIONS:

- (i) **The informal meeting to discuss Radford House on 3rd October 2024 at 7pm was noted.**
- (ii) **The quote of £5,000 from Elev8 Fire Engineering to ensure compliance with fire regulations was approved. The quote from Neat Studio to provide the services of a Building**

- Regulations Principal Designer for £7,000 was approved.
- (iii) It was noted that a various documents relating to Radford House have been shared with the members. List attached to the official Minutes.

216/24

THE CUSTOM HOUSE

Members received a written report from the Town Clerk & RFO providing an update on remedial matters at the Custom House.

RESOLUTION: The content of the report was noted.

217/24

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th October 2024 at 7pm.

Minute 215/24(iii)

Record of documentation shared with Members regarding Radford House:

Radford House Questions Sept 2024

1. Summary of Answers

Appendix 1 – Income Expenditure RH to Sept 2024

Appendix 2 RHP BP Draft V10 24 08 23 – IV

Appendix 3 Mr Radford's Will

Appendix 4 RADFORD HOUSE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO DATE 10092024

- 2024 Income Radford House
- 2023 Income Radford House
- 2022 Income Radford House
- 2021 Income
- 2021 Radford House Gas
- 2021 Radford House Cleaning
- 2021 Radford House Electricity
- 2020 Radford House Gas
- 2020 Radford House Cleaning
- 2020 Radford House Electricity
- 2019 Radford House Gas
- 2019 Radford House Cleaning
- 2019 Radford House Electricity
- 2016 Radford Bequest – 2 payments received
- 2017 Radford Bequest Payment Received Final
- 2024 Radford House Development Expenditure
- 2024 Radford House Utilities etc Expenditure
- 2023 Radford House Development Expenditure
- 2023 Radford House Utilities etc Expenditure
- 2022 Radford House Utilities etc Expenditure
- 2022 Radford House development Expenditure
- 2021 Fire Station Expenditure
- 2020 Fire Station Expenditure
- 2019 Fire Station Expenditure
- 2018 Fire Station Expenditure
- 2017 Fire Station Expenditure

Appendix 5 RH Stage 2 Cost Plan

Appendix 6 Radford House IE Projection

Appendix 7 Radford House Minutes 2017

Appendix 7 Radford House Minutes 2016

Appendix 7 Radford House Minutes 2018

Appendix 7 Radford House Minutes 2019

Appendix 8 Technicians Depot #2

Appendix 8 Technicians Depot

Appendix 9 Report for AMN on finance Radford House hires Sept 2024

Appendix 9 Report on learning Aug 2024