



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group

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

Date: Wednesday 25th February 2026, 6pm

Present: Councillors: Tricia Austin (Chair), Helen Crittenden, Jim Driver, David Green, Corinna Huxley and Tony Ovenden.

Also in attendance:

Dean Williams (Marketing and Communications Officer – Minutes)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Makinson and resident Phil Shotton. There were no other apologies.

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group meeting held on Wednesday 26th November 2025 were received and considered.

RESOLUTION:

- **The minutes were noted as accurate.**

CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE

Jim has a meeting arranged for the 15th March with Stagecoach to discuss plans for the Number 34.

Dean has emailed the manager at Tesco Manston regarding the loss of recycling of Tetrapaks. If a response is not received, this is to be sent to David, whose daughter is at senior level at Tesco.

Helen raised that what should and should not be recycle, is not clear to residents and suggested that Thanet District Council's recycling criteria should be put in the Community Ad Magazine.

RESOLUTION:

- **Dean to receive communication from Tesco regarding recycling Tetrapaks, and to progress to David if no response has been received.**
- **The Thanet District Council recycling schedule and criteria to be put in the Community Ad Magazine, for residents to be aware of what can be recycled.**

CYCLING FACILITIES

Tricia updated the group on discussions around bike storage in Ramsgate. Tricia had a meeting with Penny Button and Kristain Bright and a trial will start for three bike hangers in Ramsgate, one at Ramsgate Station, one for Staffordshire Street Car Park and one along the seafront.

Tricia detailed that Southeastern will be bringing 40 bikes which have been abandoned to Ramsgate from Ashford. Tricia will be asking the Pie Factory how many they can cope with, for their bike project to fix. Helen suggested contacting local community groups to help store the bikes, including St. Georges, St. Lukes and possibly Newington Community Centre.

RESOLUTION:

- **Tricia to report back at the next meeting on progress with the Bike Hanger trials.**
- **Tricia to contact community groups to enquire as to whether they can store bikes to be repaired in future.**

RECRUITMENT FOR MEMBERS

The group received a document detailing the interest from residents to join the group. The group agreed to create a set of criteria to determine who to will be joining the group.

RESOLUTION:

- **Dean and Tricia to draft a set of criteria for the new members. This will be sent to Councillors for comments to be added.**
- **It was agreed to recruit one member now and one if Phil Shotton is not able to return to the group.**

ACTION PLAN

Dean updated the group around the fruit tree initiative for 2026, stating that 98 trees have been planted. It was suggested that Churches and Community Groups should be included and allowed to apply for fruit trees.

Tricia detailed that she was waiting to hear back from Jackie at Youngs Nursery regarding the costs for planters and window boxes for residents.

Tricia informed the group of the new Thanet wide community minibus scheme. Tricia will circulate the details once they are received, these will also be publicised on the website.

The group agreed to invite the new Project Manager, Charlotte Clarke, to the next task group meeting.

Helen suggested that Tricia liaises with Gemma Dempsey, Visit Ramsgate Project Manager, regarding the e-bike trials, as this can fit in with Active Ramsgate Week.

The dropped kerbs are being considered under the Highways Improvement Plan for disabled access from the station to the seafront.

Dean will contact Thanet District Councils Home Energy Team for an update ready for the autumn.

Tricia has submitted another bid for a refill water fountain along the Westcliff, between the steps to Western Undercliff and Lookout Café.

Kent County Council have planted nine street trees in Nethercourt and a bench is now in situ.

RESOLUTION:

- **Tricia to follow up on planters and windowsill planters with Youngs Nursery.**
- **Tricia to send the group the details of the new Thanet wide community minibus, and for these to be publicised on the website, as and when received.**
- **Dean to invite the new Project Manager to the next Climate Change Task Group meeting.**
- **Tricia to liaise with Gemma on the e-bike trials for the summer, or as part of Active Ramsgate Week.**
- **Dean will contact Thanet District Councils Home Energy Team for an update ready for the autumn.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 25th March 2026, 6pm – 6:45pm.

Tricia closed the meeting at 6:45pm.