



**RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group**

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

**Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 6pm

**Present:** Councillors: Tricia Austin (Chair), Jim Driver, David Green (joined during Item 3) and Corinna Huxley.  
Residents: Eddie Gadd (joined during Item 3)

Also in attendance:

Dean Williams (Marketing and Communications Officer – Minutes)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Hetherington and Ovenden. 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 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were received and considered.

**RESOLUTION:**

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

*David Green and Eddie Gadd joined the meeting.*

**CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE**

Unfortunately, Jim reported that the meeting with Stagecoach was postponed. A new meeting will be scheduled at a future date in Canterbury, to help answer questions and broker a relationship with Stagecoach.

Dean had not received a response from the manager at Tesco Manston regarding the recycling of Tetrapaks. David to follow this up with his daughter, who may be able to help at a more senior level in Tesco.

**RESOLUTION:**

- **David to progress the recycling of Tetrapaks with his contact at Tesco**

**CYCLING FACILITIES**

Tricia updated the group on an Active Travel meeting that was held by Thanet District Council to inform councillors and officers on the potential routes that could be created for cyclists and walkers from Ramsgate Station to the Harbour. This will be followed up with Adrian Verrall at Thanet District Council and members will be kept informed.

Tricia informed the group that the Bike Hanger trials are going ahead and she would chase this up with Penny Button on progress.

Tricia detailed the 40 bikes have now been delivered by Southeastern for the bike project to fix. Fortunately there was a company in Margate who was able to store the bikes, ready for the project.

**RESOLUTION:**

- **Members to be kept informed of the progress of the Active Travel cycling and walking routes in Ramsgate.**
- **Tricia to follow up on the bike Hanger trials in town.**

**REPAIR CAFÉ**

The group was informed of the progress with the Repair Café and decided to continue at the Pie Factory, for another 6 months (until September). The Pie Factory are to be informed that this would be reviewed, closer to the time.

**RESOLUTION:**

- **The Repair Café to continue at the Pie Factory for another 6 months, with a review closer to the time.**

**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.

The e-bike trials will be raised at the Active Ramsgate Working Group to help continue discussions with Harbour Bikes.

Dean and Tricia have created criteria and questions, which will be sent to members for consideration. This will be used as the basis for future recruitment to the Climate Change Task Group.

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

The group agreed to invite the new Project Manager, Charlotte Clarke, to the next task group meeting, to discuss various aspects such as Carbon Audit and Radford House redevelopment. A site visit was suggested.

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

**RESOLUTION:**

- **Dean to send the Recruitment Criteria to members for consideration.**
- **Tricia to follow up on planters and windowsill planters with Youngs Nursery.**
- **Dean to invite the new Project Manager to the next Climate Change Task Group meeting.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 6pm – 6:45pm.

Tricia closed the meeting at 6:40pm.