



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.
Date: Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7pm.
Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey and Shonk

Also in attendance:
Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

103/26 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ara (work), Crittenden (TDC commitment), Ovenden (personal commitment), Wing (personal commitment) and Cllr Young (unwell).

104/26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

105/26 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

(ii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**

Cllr Shonk invited councillors to put any KCC problems in writing to him and he will raise them with KCC.

106/26 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Minutes of Council meeting held on 25th March 2026 (Minutes: 064/26 – 077/26) were received.

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

107/26 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Councillors received the report of payments and were asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 31st March 2026 totalling £18,031.37 and approve the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk between 1st and 31st March 2026 totalling £89,629.58.
RESOLUTION: The payments totalling £18,031.37 were noted, and the payments totalling £89,629.58 were approved.

(ii) Councillors received the report of payments; to note the

payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 30th April 2026 totalling £11,143.58 and approve the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk between 1st and 30th April 2026 totalling £148,297.01.

RESOLUTION: The payments totalling £11,143.58 were noted, and the payments totalling £148,297.01 were approved.

- (iii) Councillors considered a request from the technicians Team to purchase a petrol “Westermann Honda Moss Brush WR870” at a cost of £1,895.00 plus £55.00 shipping as detailed in an email sent to all Councillors on 24th April 2026.

RESOLUTION: This purchase was approved.

- (iv) Councillors received a report from Mr D Williams, Deputy Town Clerk & Compliance Officer regarding office printers and considered how to proceed.

RESOLUTION: To proceed with a new Ricoh IM C2010 on a three-year lease at £274.14 per quarter.

108/26

MANSTON AIRPORT AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL – STAGE 3 CONSULTATION

Councillors received and considered a draft response to the consultation as recommended by the Planning & Infrastructure Committee and considered whether to confirm Council’s response or if further investigation is required. Cllr Green proposed an addition to the response and an update from Alan Stratford & Associates Limited (ASA) was received. It was also noted that following the Councils communication with Riveroak Strategic Partners Ltd (RSP), RSP does now accept documents with consultation responses (i.e. photos, maps, etc).

RESOLUTION: The Council supports the draft submission, plus Cllr Green’s addition, however a quote from ASA for technical advice will be sought and brought to the Annual Meeting of the Council for consideration.

109/26

PRIVATE SECURITY PUBLIC CONSULTATION & REVIEW

- (i) Councillors received the outcome of the public consultation that ran from 9th to 23rd March 2026, asking residents and businesses for their thoughts on the use of private security officers in Ramsgate.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

- (ii) Councillors received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered how to proceed with private security arrangements in Ramsgate after 31st May 2026.

RESOLUTION: Subject to quotes being received and confirmed the council will extend the scheme for six months.

110/26

BUSINESS PLAN 2023-2027

Councillors considered various updates to the Business Plan for 2023-2027 as proposed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was noted that the Committee also recommended:

- The Council should continue to fund the security officers.
- The Highways Improvement Plan should be divided back into Wards with the budget divided equally. *For consideration by the Planning & Infrastructure Committee.*

RESOLUTION: The draft changes were approved.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (i) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee 1st April 2026 (Minutes 078/26 – 086/26)
- (ii) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee 8th April 2026 (Minutes 087/26 – 096/26).
- (iii) Draft Asset Management Committee 15th April 2026 (Minutes 097/26 – 102/26)
- (iv) Councillors considered a report from Mr D Williams, Deputy Town Clerk & Compliance Officer, and to considered arrangements for the continuation of the Climate Change Task Group's activities into the new Civic Year.

RESOLUTION: The draft minutes were noted, and Cllr Austin will continue as Chair of the Climate Change Task Group until the chair is re-appointed in June.

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UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Green provided the following updates from the Ramsgate Neighbourhood Board:

- Ramsgate's 'Pride in Place' celebration and St George's Day Spring Parade on April 19 were excellent.
- The Board is now busy trying to shape how applications and projects will be processed.
- The new Chair is taking charge and open to suggestions from Board members and officers.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Town Council: Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7pm.