



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: Green (Chair), Crittenden, Hudson & Makinson

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

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Young (unwell), Cllr Driver (hospital appointment), and Cllr Austin (family commitment). No apologies were received from Cllr Albon.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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PREVIOUS MINUTES

Members received and considered the draft Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 21st January 2026 (minutes 009/25 to 015/25) as a true record.

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

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ACCOUNTS & BUDGETS

The Responsible Finance Officer reported that the accounts to 31st March 2026 (financial year end) were not completed at the time of the agenda being issued.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

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STRATEGIC AIMS

Members received a review of the Business Plan from the Town Clerk, as well as the existing Business Plan 2023-2027, and considered what changes need to be recommended to the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(i) The general updates were approved.

- (ii) “1.13.5 A Beach Club for the East Cliff” should be removed.
- (iii) The Highways Improvement Plan should be divided back into Wards with the budget divided equally.
- (iv) The Council should continue to fund the security officers.
- (v) Add in the “3.10.3 Small planting schemes in pocket parks and larger parks”.

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Members received a draft schedule of meeting dates for 2026/2027, for confirmation at the Annual meeting of the Council on 6th May 2026 and consider if there are any changes that should be made to the current arrangements.

RESOLUTION: The draft calendar should be emailed to all councillors for feedback prior to approval.

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CHARLOTTE COURT RAILINGS

Members received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider how to proceed with the repair detailed therein. The Technicians were thanked for their enthusiasm for undertaking such repairs, which saves the council considerable money.

RESOLUTION: A quote should be obtained for wooden posts.

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UTILITY CONTRACTS

Members received a report regarding the electricity supply at Custom House and Radford House.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

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EMPLOYMENT LAW CHANGES

Members received a guide from Worknest detailing employment law changes that came into effect on 1st April 2026. Implementation is mandatory.

RESOLUTION: The changes were noted, and the content welcomed.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed at Annual Meeting of the Council.