



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Active Ramsgate Working Group

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

Date: Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 10:05am.

Present: Councillors: Albon, Crittenden (Chair) and Huxley (Vice-Chair).

Also in attendance:

Mr S Davis; Active Ramsgate Project Manager.

Mrs R Smith; Town Centre and Tourism Manager.

Mrs J Edwards; Senior Tourism Officer, Visit Thanet, Thanet District Council. (Remotely)

Mr D Williams; Marketing and Communications Officer. (Minutes)

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Ovenden (Personal Commitment).

RESOLUTION: Apologies accepted by the working group.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Active Ramsgate Working Group meeting held on Tuesday 1 April 2025 were received and noted.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted as accurate.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ACTIONS

The working group reviewed the actions from the previous minutes. These had been completed and are covered in the Project Update.

It was noted that the Teenage Market was not included as part of Active Ramsgate Week but is now part of Ramsgate Day on 5 July 2025.

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL LICENCING – SMALL OPERATORS

The working group received and discussed various updates on Small Operators Licences required by Thanet District Council. It was noted that this has been the first year of implementation of these licences and there have been some inconsistencies across Thanet.

Councillor Albon confirmed that no changes could be made until next years budget. The budget setting process for 2025/26 is due to begin (dates to be confirmed), during which the processes for the licences can be reviewed. In order to facilitate this it was agreed that it would be useful for Mr S Davis to prepare a summary report of findings and experiences this year, along with facilitating a meeting between local activity providers who have been affected and Councillors Albon and Duckworth (as cabinet members with responsibility for beach and coast and estates respectively).

PROJECT UPDATE

The working group received an update from Mr S Davis, Active Ramsgate Project Manager. It was noted that:

1. Active Ramsgate Week (25th May to 1st June) was a success. With 20 activities over 8 days and around 2,900 spaces applied for, it proved a popular week.
2. Ramsgate hosted the winning family from the England Coast Competition, receiving great feedback on the activities they participated in. Over 1,000 sign ups were received, which will be used to contact them in the Active Ramsgate Newsletter.
3. Mr S Davis wanted to thank Mrs J Edwards for her help with the competition and publicity around Active Ramsgate Week.
4. Mr S Davis informed the group that TDC funded the Big Bike Revival. One event has already taken place allowing help with cycle repairs, community rides and learning to fix your bike. Further events are yet to be scheduled.
5. Mr S Davis is continuing to work with Ramsgate Football Club for the Holiday, Activity and Food Event (HAF) in the second week of August. This may have the help from Mrs M Morgan.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- TDC LICENCING – SMALL OPERATORS

1. **Mr S Davis to arrange a meeting between the operators, himself, Mrs R Smith and Councillors Albon, Duckworth, Crittenden and Huxley.**
2. **Mr S Davis to create a summary report covering the last 8 months to a year, including the issues and questions surrounding the licences for operators, this will be taken to the next Town Promotion Committee.**
3. **Councillor Albon to ask Thanet District Council when the Star Chamber budget process will start, and inform Mr S Davis as soon as possible.**

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4. **Mr S Davis to continuing work with Ramsgate Football Club to explore collaboration opportunities for promoting Active Ramsgate beach and similar activities – and including Monkton Nature Reserve – targeting disadvantaged children in Ramsgate. Mr S Davis to report progress at the next Active Ramsgate Working Group and Town Promotion Committee meeting.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th January 2026 at 10am.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:30am.