



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Active Ramsgate Working Group

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

Date: Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 10am.

Present: Councillors: Albon (joined during item 4), Crittenden (Chair), Ovenden and Shonk.

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.

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Huxley.

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 8 October 2024 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.

- Mr S Davis to continue to monitor the ongoing situation regarding the licences for activities around Thanet and to await the results from the Walpole Bay Pilot.
- Mrs J Edwards updated on running a competition in 2025 as part of the National Coastal Tourism Academy, it was advised to book it in as soon as possible. It was also detailed that this competition would include a data collection for those that entered.

Councillor Albon joined the meeting.

PROJECT UPDATE

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

1. Mr S Davis had been working on digitising the Active Ramsgate estate, moving walking and cycling routes to an interactive OS Map. Using an OS Map would be more reliable and easier to update than a print run. These maps are ready to go live. The Viking Coastal Trial is the last one to be completed but this will be coming soon.
2. Mr S Davis is meeting with Natasha Brown, Health Improvement Officer, from Thanet District Council to discuss the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Programmes. This would be something that the group would like to get involved in to liaise and work with schools, while also hitting the 30% target of local residents.

3. Mr S Davis to circulate the HAF Programme flyer and follow up with research and report back to the next Active Ramsgate Meeting and Town Promotion Committee.
4. Mr S Davis to ask Ramsgate Football Club whether they would consider Monkton Nature Reserve in their list of places and activities for children. Mr S Davis to work with Ramsgate Football Club to explore collaboration opportunities for promoting Active Ramsgate beach and similar activities – not limited to 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.
5. It was confirmed by Councillor Albon that Your Leisure own the beach wheelchair, however due to the geography of Ramsgate Main Sands, boards cannot be put out to allow wheelchair users access. The beach wheelchair is available to hire from Your Leisure.

Councillor Albon left the meeting.

6. Plans and talks around Active Ramsgate Week 2025 are already underway by Mr S Davis.
7. Councillor Ovenden raised the potential for guidelines to be put in place regarding Coastal Exploring for fossils, shells and flints. A distinction needs to be made that items can or cannot be taken from the beach.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- LICENCE

1. **Mr S Davis to continue to monitor the ongoing situation regarding the licences for activities around Thanet and to await the results from the Walpole Bay Pilot.**

- GENERAL

2. **Mrs J Edwards to book in a competition with the National Coastal Tourism Academy for March 2025.**
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6. **Councillor Ovenden to work with Mr S Davis on publicising the existing guidelines set out by the Thanet Coast website on Coastal Exploring.**

DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 10am.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:15am.