



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Active Ramsgate Working Group

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

Date: Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 10:05am.

Present: Councillors: Albon (joined during item 5), Crittenden (Chair), Huxley 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 Ms L Collingwood.

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 6 August 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.

- Although requests have been made, the information relating to the first, second, fourth and fifth actions is still outstanding, although it was noted that Councillor Duckworth (TDC Cabinet Member) has responded to say that she has been in liaison with Ms A Plant (TDC Estates). To be followed up as one action (see below).
- Mr S Davis had forwarded the document to Councillor Albon detailing the discussions surrounding the new registration form and licencing for operators (third action).
- Mr S Davis stated the Walpole Bay Pilot had not yet ended and the information is not yet available (sixth action). Further information about grant funding for health and wellbeing activities is not yet available (fourth action). To be followed up as one action (see below).
- This meeting confirmed that it is not viable for RTC to take on the operation of the beach hut due to the constraints put on by TDC. Mr S Davis stated he has been in talks with two third parties; a Community Sauna and Heritage Lab, who are both interested in taking on a lease of the beach hut. Active Ramsgate / Town Promotion to facilitate contact between the two community groups and TDC but have no further involvement (seventh action).

- Digital estate and other actions – see Project Update below (eight action).
- Discussion regarding possible competition to be carried forward, it has been too soon to action (ninth action).

PROJECT UPDATE

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

- Mr S Davis showed the group the visual representation of the new webpages for the Active Ramsgate website, detailing the three levels and easy accessibility to the activities and information.
- Mr S Davis stated that there are two map options – Google Maps and Ordnance Survey maps, as they are accessible for everyone. Mr S Davis to speak to the Town Clerk on the use of the Ordnance Survey account.
- Councillor Shonk raised the problem of a blocked footpath on Chilton Lane, asking who this would be reported too. Councillor Crittenden advised that it would be Planning Enforcement. Mrs J Edwards would also raise this at TDC.

Councillor Albon joined the meeting.

- Mr S Davis asked Councillor Albon if he had received the report briefing for licences. Councillor Albon had received the report with potential options and would relook at the report.

Councillor Albon left the meeting.

- Mrs R Smith stated that the RNLI pontoon had arrived. Stating that once this is operational it will open up more activities for wellbeing in the harbour.
- Mrs J Edwards informed the group that she has responded to a media alert requesting information for Winter weekend breaks and has submitted information on Ramsgate and Active Ramsgate. This article is for The Times.
- Mr S Davis informed the group that he intends to run Active Ramsgate Week again in 2025, around the May half term.
- Councillor Crittenden informed the group that the proposed budget for the Town Promotion Committee has been accepted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and will be submitted to Council for formal approval. Councillor Crittenden requested that Mr S Davis, Mrs R Smith and Mr D Williams liaise to discuss whether there are any potential virements for the Active Ramsgate budget before the end of this financial year.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS:

- LICENCE

- 1. Mr S Davis to email Ms A Plant and Councillor Duckworth for further information regarding licenses, including whether a licence be needed for each location around Thanet or for the activity as a whole, and how long have the fees and charges been in place at TDC for the licences, to report back at the next group meeting.**
- 2. Mr S Davis to email Ms L Collingwood following up on the grant funding for health and wellbeing activities and to enquire as to how the Walpole Bay Pilot had gone.**

- BEACH HUT

- 3. Mr S Davis to email Ms L Collingwood the two third parties interested in the beach hut, these being the Community Sauna and Heritage Lab. Mrs R Smith would email Mr D Gooch to hold fire on the removal of the beach hut from the promenade.**

- **GENERAL**

4. **Mrs J Edwards to find out more information and report back to the next meeting on running a competition in Spring 2025, as part of the National Coastal Tourism Academy.**
5. **Mr S Davis to continue to focus on the digital estate, bookend events, leaflet updating with Explore Kent and undertaking Strand 2 of the Marketing Research going forward.**
6. **Mr S Davis to speak to the Town Clerk on the use of the Ordnance Survey account.**
7. **Councillor Shonk to report the blocked footpath on Chilton Lane to Planning Enforcement at TDC. Mrs J Edwards would also report this to Ms A Plant and Ms L Collingwood.**
8. **Councillor Crittenden, Mr S Davis, Mrs R Smith and Mr D Williams liaise to discuss whether there are any potential virements for the Active Ramsgate budget, and report to next Active Ramsgate meeting in December.**

DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 10am.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:17am.