



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities and Environment Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 23 March 2022.

Present: Councillors; Austin, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Moore, Nixey and Wing.

Also in attendance; Miss E. Richford – Deputy Town Clerk and D Williams - Digital Communications and Marketing Officer.

057/22 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Albon, Crittenden, Knight, Makinson and Young.

058/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

059/22 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Amenities & Environment Committee held on 15th July 2021 (minutes 068/21 to 072/21) were received and considered.

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

060/22 **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The committee received and considered the report of Mrs E Cole, Allotments Officer.

RESOLUTION: (i) the tenancy of a plot on Chilton Lane East allotment site as detailed in the report to be transferred to the name of the father of the current tenant. This does not set a precedent. (ii) In relation to the 9 tenants who have not supplied proof of a Ramsgate address, the Allotments Officer to do a ring around of the tenants and give a further month to comply. If after a month and with no proof of address being supplied the tenancy to be terminated on the grounds of not providing proof of address. (iii) The content of the report relating to the arson attack on Chilton Lane West site was noted. (iv) The content of the report relating to the fire at Chilton Lane East site was noted. Cllrs to be sent the leaflet giving more detail in relation to compost, burning and waste disposal to be shared with all Cllrs.

061/22 **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

The committee received and considered the report of D Williams, Digital Communications & Marketing Officer.

RESOLUTION: To adopt the Ramsgate Town Council Carbon Audit and use the document as guidance for the Climate Change Emergency Working Group Action Plan. Committee also wanted to note thanks to the Digital Communications and

Marketing Officer for completing an excellent piece of work which took considerable time and effort.

062/22 CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP

The committee received and considered a draft Terms of Reference for a Climate Change Task Group from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO.

RESOLUTION: (i) The Terms of Reference for the Climate Change Task Group to be approved with an amendment: add promoting biodiversity to the activities of the Group. (ii) The Town Clerk to advertise for non-Council members of the Group as detailed in her report.

Cllrs Green, Huxley and Wing volunteered to be members of the Group as did Cllr Hetherington if no one else volunteers. The Town Clerk to email all Members to ask for further volunteers.

063/22 CIVIC MATTERS

The committee received and considered the report of Mrs K Hobbs, PA to the Mayor.

RESOLUTION: The report was noted.

064/22 MONTEFIORE WOODLAND – TREE WORKS

The committee received and considered the report of Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION: All tree works as detailed in the report to be approved with the caveat that an English Oak is planted within the woodland following removal of the Turkey Oak.

065/22 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be confirmed at the meeting of Annual Town Council on 4th May 2022.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.