



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Ara, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden and Wing.

Officers in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Mr Paul Revuelta, Town Sergeant

088/24 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Young (personal commitment). There is also one current vacancy.

089/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

Prior to the following agenda item it was clarified that the Council had resolved (071/23) that "The role of Mayor and Chair shall remain as two separate posts for the current term of office (four years)."

090/24 **ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2024/25**

RESOLUTION: The Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr Albon. The Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

091/24 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2024/25**

RESOLUTION: The Vice Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr Nixey. The Vice Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

092/24 **ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2024/25**

RESOLUTION: The Worshipful The Mayor of Ramsgate will be Cllr Moore.

The Mayor received the Chain & Badge of office, read the Oath of Office and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

093/24 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25**
RESOLUTION: The Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year will be Cllr Hudson

The Deputy Mayor received the Chain & Badge of office, and read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

094/24 **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Members were asked to appoint Chairs & Vice Chairs for the Council's committees.

RESOLUTIONS:

- (i) Cllr Green was duly elected as Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and Cllr Hetherington Vice Chair.**
- (ii) Cllr Crittenden was duly elected as Chair of the Town Promotion Committee, and Cllr Huxley Vice Chair.**
- (iii) Cllr Makinson was duly elected as Chair of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee, and Cllr Hetherington Vice Chair.**

It was noted that committee membership and the Terms of Reference will remain the same for the Committee meetings in May, there will then be an opportunity to consider these in detail at the Council meeting on 29th May 2024.

096/23 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24th April 2024 (Minute nos; 056/24-066/24) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 24th April 2024 were approved as a true record and accurate record.

097/24 **POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

- (i) The Standing Orders of the Council were considered.
RESOLUTION: The Standing Orders were approved.**
- (ii) The Financial Regulations of the Council were considered.
RESOLUTION: The Financial Regulations were approved.**
- (iii) The Kent Model Code of Conduct for Members was considered.
RESOLUTION: The Kent Model Code of Conduct for Members was noted.**

It was noted that all other documents for annual review as stipulated in the Standing Orders will be put forward for consideration by the Council meeting on 29th May 2024.

098/24 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Members received and considered a draft schedule of meetings for the ensuing Council year.

RESOLUTION: The schedule of meetings was approved.

099/24 **DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 29th May 2024.