



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 7pm.

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

Officers in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Mrs K Hobbs, Mayor's PA

Mr Paul Revuelta, Town Sergeant

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hudson (personal commitment). No apologies were received from Cllr Young.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK

There were no requests to speak.

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THE ROLE OF THE CHAIR & MAYOR

Council received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the appointment of a Mayor in addition to the Chair, and considered how to proceed with these appointments for the ensuing term of office (four years).

RESOLUTION: The role of Mayor and Chair shall remain as two separate posts for the current term of office (four years).

Cllr Wing asked for her vote against this resolution to be recorded.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2023/24

RESOLUTION: The Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr Albon.

The Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

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ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2023/24

RESOLUTION: The Vice Chair for the ensuing year will be Cllr Nixey.

The Vice Chair took the declaration of acceptance of office.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2023/24

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. It was confirmed that the Mayor's Escort will be Ms C Thorpe. And thanks were given to the previous Mayor, who was presented with a Past Mayor's Badge.

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2023/24

RESOLUTION: The Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year will be Cllr Dark.

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

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS

The agenda had included the nomination of Committee Vice Chairs, however, the decision was made to defer this matter and only nominate the Chair's at this meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

- (i) **Cllr Green was duly elected as Chair of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
- (ii) **Cllr Crittenden was duly elected as Chair of the Town Promotion Committee.**
- (iii) **Cllr Hetherington was duly elected as Chair of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee.**
- (iv) **Cllr Nixey was duly elected as Chair of the Radford House Committee.**

It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the Committees will then be reviewed by the Chairs and brought to the Council meeting on 31st May 2023 for approval.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th April 2023 (Minute nos; 059/23-067/23) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 26th April 2023 were approved as a true record subject to one minor amendment (the addition of the word "area" in relation to the Skatepark).

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

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 31st May 2023.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

To approve the schedule of meetings for the ensuing Council year.

RESOLUTION: The schedule of meetings was approved.

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DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31st May 2023.