



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7pm.

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

Officers in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Mr Paul Revuelta, Town Sergeant

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wing (family commitment). No apologies received from Cllr Young.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

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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.

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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.

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ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR 2024/25

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

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

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ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2024/25

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

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

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.
- (iv) Cllr Albon was duly elected as Chair of the Asset Management Committee, and Cllr Nixey Vice Chair.
- (v) Cllr Austin was duly elected as Climate Change Task Group, and Cllr Ovenden Vice Chair.
- (vi) 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 28th May 2025.

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MINUTES

- (i) The Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 26th March 2025 (Minutes 074/25 – 082/25).

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 26th March 2025 were approved as a true record and accurate record.

- (ii) The Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 16th April 2025 (Minutes 091/25 – 095/25).

RESOLUTION: The minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Council held on 16th April 2025 were approved as a true record and accurate record.

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POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- (i) The Standing Orders of the Council were considered.
RESOLUTION: The Standing Orders were approved, including an amendment that several policies and procedures be considered annually by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
- (ii) The Financial Regulations of the Council were considered.
RESOLUTION: The Financial Regulations were approved; committees will continue to have unlimited powers of expenditure (within set budgets), the Finance & General Purposes Committee will consider if there should be an

expenditure limit above which only the Council can approve the expenditure.

- (iii) The Kent Model Code of Conduct for Members was considered.
RESOLUTION: The Kent Model Code of Conduct for Members was noted.

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Members received and considered a draft 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 28th May 2025.