



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group

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

Date: Wednesday 26th November 2025, 6pm

Present: Councillors: Tricia Austin (Chair), David Green, Corinna Huxley and Tony Ovenden.

Residents: Eddie Gadd, Illana Adamson (Joined during Item 4).

Also in attendance:

Dean Williams (Marketing and Communications Officer – Minutes)

Councillor Jenny Matterface via Microsoft Teams (Thanet District Councillor)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Driver, Hudson, Wing and resident Phil Shotton. There were no other apologies.

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2025 were received and considered.

RESOLUTION:

- **The minutes were noted as accurate.**

GUEST SPEAKER

Councillor Jenny Matterface provided an update on transport and highways issues in Thanet and the Joint Transportation Board (JTB) at Thanet District Council (TDC).

Jenny noted that the JTB chair and vice-chair rotate between TDC and Kent County Council (KCC). Highlighted topics included TROs, disabled bays, parking, funded roadworks, and highways notifications. The main challenges remain with highways officers unwilling to attend out-of-hours meetings for the JTB.

Public transport was a major focus of the Task Group's discussion, with concerns over limited bus services, reliability, frequency, and cost. Around 30% of households in Thanet, and 40% in Ramsgate, have no access to a car, making buses essential, particularly for older residents and workers. Some routes receive subsidies, but connections to Canterbury are limited, and recent

government funding was used for road buildouts rather than improving bus services. Key local routes include the Loop, 34, 9, and 45.

The next JTB meeting is 16th December 2025.

Illana Adamson was introduced to the group, Illana has extension climate experience advising organisation on integrating science-based sustainability and climate strategies into business operations and long-term planning.

CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE

- 1) A meeting is yet to be arranged between RTC and Stagecoach regarding the plans for Number 34 bus.
- 2) Tricia has emailed Councillor Albon regarding the recycling of Tetrapaks at Tesco, Tricia will follow up.

RESOLUTION:

- **Tricia to follow up on communications sent to Tesco regarding recycling Tetrapaks from the Chair, Councillor Albon.**

CYCLING FACILITIES

Tricia updated the group on discussions around bike storage in Ramsgate. Tricia has arranged a meeting with Eddie Goddard and will report back

Tricia will follow up with Penny Button and Kristain Bright on cycle hangers and report back.

RESOLUTION:

- **Tricia to report back on meeting with Eddie Goddard.**
- **Tricia to report back on conversations regarding cycle hangers from Penny Button and Kristain Bright.**

OTHER UPDATES

Dean gave a short update informing the group that the carbon audit information had been completed for 2022 and 2023, he is working on 2024 and will report back.

David gave an update on the Nethercourt Trees and is waiting for a plan from Phoebe for planting trees in Nethercourt Park. David reminder the group that KCC will start their street tree planting in mid-December.

Tricia will follow up with Jackie at Youngs Nursery regarding windowsill planters for residents in flats. It was also reported that the Town Shed will have a soft launch in December and will officially start being used in the New Year at 12 School Lane.

RESOLUTION:

- **Tricia to follow up on planters and windowsill planters with Youngs Nursery.**

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 28th January 2026, 6pm – 6:45pm.

Tricia closed the meeting at 6:45pm.