



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

280/24 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies received from Cllrs Makinson & Young.

281/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

282/24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

283/24 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 27th November 2024 (Minutes 261/24 – 268/24).

RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

284/24 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Members received a report of payments 1st to 31st December 2024; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £2,445.69) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £18,304.73).

RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £2,445.69) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £18,304.73) were approved.

(ii) Members considered various virements as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLUTION: The following virements were approved:

- a. £12,672.00 be vired from “Allotment Capital Project (incl. Toilets)” budget to the “Allotments Repairs & Misc” budget to cover the cost of toilets.
 - b. The “Community Services Grant” budget be increased by £10,000.00, moving from the “Capital Projects & Asset Acquisitions (incl. Radford House)” budget.
 - c. That all the funds in the “New Radford House Staff” budget (£5,500.00) be moved to the “Capital Projects & Asset Acquisitions (incl. Radford House)” budget.
- (iii) Members considered a report from Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO, and considered how to proceed with a Community Services grant.

RESOLUTION: That £6,628.00 be awarded to Sports Connect Community CIC from the Community Services Fund; the funding to be paid in two tranches, one immediately and a final payment when feedback from the grant recipients has been received and the project is working.

285/24 **COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees) were received:

- (i) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 3rd December 2024 (Minutes 269/24 – 274/24).
- (ii) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 4th December 2024 (Minutes 275/24 – 279/24).

RESOLUTION: The draft minutes were noted.

286/24 **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Members consider a request from Heritage Lab CIC for a letter of support from the Council towards a Historic England funding bid.

Cllr Green arrived mid-discussion of this matter.

RESOLUTION: Heritage Lab CIC will be asked for an update on their projects, to be shared with the members by email. Once received a letter of support will be provided.

287/24 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION: PROPOSED WARDS**

Members considered the seven proposed wards for Ramsgate; the Commission was particularly interested to know if the proposed “Ramsgate Harbour” ward should be “Royal Harbour”, and if the proposed “Granville” ward should be “Montefiore”. An explanation of the changes can be found at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/thanet>.

RESOLUTION: The Council recommends that there be “Royal Harbour” ward and a “Sir Moses Montefiore” ward.

288/24 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7pm.