



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 22nd February 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Crittenden, Green, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, L Piper, S Piper, Young and Wing.

Also in attendance:

Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO and Mr D Williams, Digital Communications & Marketing Officer.

023/23

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ara – work commitment.

024/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wing declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 as a member of the board of one of the applicant groups.

Cllr Hetherington declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 as a member of the board of two of the applicant groups.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

(ii) **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**

Cllr S Piper reported that Members of TDC had received a briefing on the proposals for the Port which are to be considered by Cabinet.

(iii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**

There were no County Councillors present.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th January 2023 (minutes 010/23 to 017/23) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate.

027/23

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Councillors considered the report, the draft Privacy Policy and draft Accessibility Statement as presented by Mr D Williams, Digital

Communication & Marketing Officer, who was thanked for his work in producing the documents.

RESOLUTION: The Ramsgate Town Council Privacy Policy and Accessibility Statement were adopted as detailed.

028/23

REPRESENTATIVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

- (i) Councillors considered the report from Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk (FO).

RESOLUTION: Cllr Tony Ovenden is approved as the new Representative on the Clock House Focus Group until the end of the term of the Council in May 2023.

RESOLUTION: Cllrs Hetherington and Young to join the Ramsgate Society as judges for the Ramsgate Design Awards 2023.

029/23

FUNDING AND GRANTS

- (i) Councillors consider a reallocation of previously allocated funds from the Ramsgate Fund 2021-2022; East Kent Mencap Ramsgate Hub.
RESOLUTION: the reallocation of the funding is agreed as detailed in the report.
- (ii) Councillors considered applications to The Ramsgate Fund 2022-2023 from Ramsgate Bowling Club & Thanet Bowls Club.
RESOLUTION: the previously award of £3,500.00 to Ramsgate Bowling Club is to be released.
RESOLUTION: Thanet Bowls Club is awarded £3,500.00 towards the purchase of a replacement lawnmower.
- (iii) Councillors considered applications to The Ramsgate Fund 2023-2024 from the Miss Ramsgate Organisation and Stage Door Arts CIC.
RESOLUTION: Miss Ramsgate Organisation is awarded £3,000.00 for clothing and accessories for the Court, for building and decorating the carnival float and running costs for the Court for the coming year.
RESOLUTION: the application from Stage Door Arts CIC is deferred to the next financial year.
- (iv) Councillors considered applications to The Events Fund 2023-2024 from: The Miss Ramsgate Organisation; Ramsgate Old Motor & Motorcycle Club; Ramsgate Through the Senses CIC; Ramsgate Festival of Sound CIC; Rotary Club of Margate; Ramsgate Bowling Club; St George's Church; Newington Community Association; Ramsgate Town Carnival.
RESOLUTION: The Miss Ramsgate Organisation application is turned down.
RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Through the Senses is awarded £2,500.00 for the event 'Ramsgate Through the Senses' 21st to 23rd April 2023.
RESOLUTION: St George's Church is awarded £2,000.00 towards a St George's Day Parade on 23rd April 2023. The applicant to be offered assistance from the Council if required and available.

RESOLUTION: Newington Community Association is awarded £2,000.00 for the Newington Coronation Celebration on 8th May 2023.

RESOLUTION: ROMMC is awarded £2,000.00 for the Great Bucket & Spade Run on 4th June 2023.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Town Carnival is awarded £2,000.00 for the Town Carnival July 2023. The applicant to be offered assistance from the Council if required and available.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Bowling Club is awarded £750.00 for the Open Bowls Tournament 6th August 2023.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Festival of Sound is awarded £5,000.00 for the Festival of Sound 23rd to 28th August 2023. The applicant to be offered assistance from the Council if required and available.

RESOLUTION: Rotary Thanet is awarded £500.00 for the Schools Art Festival – Ramsgate Schools element.

(v) Councillors considered an application to Community Services funding 2023-2024 from the Friends of Ellington Park Café Ltd.

RESOLUTION: the Friends of Ellington Park Café Ltd is awarded £1,510.95 from the Community Services funding budget 2023-2024 for a warm space & breakfast in the park.

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FINANCE & BUDGET

Councillors received a report of payments; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Deputy Town Clerk & FO (total £6,434.47) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Deputy Town Clerk & FO (total £58,951.79).

RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Deputy Town Clerk & FO (total £6,434.47) were noted and the payments above the threshold delegated to the Deputy Town Clerk & FO (total £58,951.79) were approved.

031/23

TONY OVENDEN

Councillors received a report from Cllr T Ovenden on flint on Ramsgate sands.

RESOLUTION: the report was noted.

032/23

EASTCLIFF LIFT

Councillors received a verbal report from the Chair of Council, Cllr S Albon.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Town Council takes on the lift with the £50,000.00 from TDC without any costs and to push for the concession to come with it. Officers to investigate the possibility of crowdfunding to support the costs of running the lift. Officers to investigate setting up an 'Eastcliff Lift charitable Trust'.

033/23

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Councillors considered the consultation in relation to Community Services.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Town Council protests in the strongest terms. Cllr Green to draft a letter in response to the consultation which will be sent to the Leader of KCC and the Cabinet Member for Education KCC. Members to respond individually and the consultation to be published on RTC social media platforms encouraging residents to respond.

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DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 29th March 2023.