



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

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

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APOLOGIES

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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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 Southern Water had been invited to the next Overview & Scrutiny Committee, TDC, to give information on the recent outages.

(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 21st December 2022 (minutes 260/22 to 271/22) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate.

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BUDGET 2023/24

Councillors considered the draft budget for 2023/2024 as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. It was noted that the precept request must be submitted to Thanet District Council by 9th February 2023 and

virements within the budget can be made throughout the year (when approved by resolution) but there can be no further changes to the precept after this date.

RESOLUTION: The draft budget was approved with an adjustment in order to accommodate a staff pay award in line with the NJC pay award which to date is unknown. The adjusted increase allows for an award up to 5%. The precept for 2023/2024 was confirmed at £1,000,437.00; which represents a 2% increase to the sum paid by rate payers against 2022/2023 (£82.26 for a Band D Property).

Note: the Band D increase equates to £1.62 per annum.

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FUNDING & GRANTS

(i) Councillors considered an application received for funding via the Events Fund from the Ramsgate International film Festival.

RESOLUTION: the Ramsgate International Film Festival is awarded £4,000.00 for the festival 2023.

(ii) Councillors considered an application received for funding from the Community Services budget 2023/24 from Thanet Citizens Advice Bureau.

RESOLUTION: Thanet Citizens Advice Bureau is awarded £20,000.00 towards service provided in Ramsgate. Council would like the CAB to provide a face to face service.

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UPDATE – MANSTON AIRPORT

Councillors received a verbal update from Cllr Green in relation to Manston airport.

RESOLUTION: Councillor Green gave a verbal report and Cllr S Piper responded with further information. The verbal report was received and noted.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd February 2023 7pm.