



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting**

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

**Date:** Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

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

**059/23** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ara – working and S Piper – family matter.

**060/23** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**061/23** **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

**062/23** **PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR APPROVAL OR NOTING**

In order for the current Council to approve as a true and accurate record the Minutes of meetings that took place during their term of office, Members were asked to consider some minutes that would usually have been referred to Committees for approval. This will ensure that the new Council (after the May 4<sup>th</sup> election) are not asked to approve Minutes of Meetings of which they have no knowledge.

- (i) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (Minute no; 044/23-052/23).

**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true record with an amendment as follows;**

**050/23** Councillors received a report from Cllr Austin and considered the proposal contained therein that the Council should explore the option of an asset transfer of **the skate park at** Warre Recreation Ground with Thanet District Council. **RESOLUTION:** The report was noted and deferred to the incoming Council. The Town Clerk to explore options and report back to the new Council.

- (ii) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Promotion Committee Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Minute no; 001/23 – 009/23).  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true record.**
- (iii) To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Minute no; 053/23 – 058/23).  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true record.**
- (iv) To approve the Minutes of the extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (Minute no; 059/23 – 067/23).  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true record.**
- (v) To note the Minutes of the Active Ramsgate Working Group Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023.  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted.**
- (vi) To note the Minutes of the Active Ramsgate Working Group Meeting held on the 17 March 2023. Only questions of record may be considered.  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted.**
- (vii) To note the Minutes of the Open Spaces Strategy Group held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted.**

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**FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

- (i) Council received a report of payments between 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023; Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £448.60) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £8,181.04).  
**RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £448.60) between 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were noted.**  
**RESOLUTION: The payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £8,181.04) made between 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were approved.**
- (ii) Council consider the recommendation from the Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in relation to an application to The Events Fund 2023-2024 from: Ramsgate Small Businesses Group.  
**RESOLUTION: The recommendation by the extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to award the Ramsgate Small Businesses Group £2,000.00 from the Events Fund 2023-2024 is ratified by Council.**
- (iii) To receive a written report from the Town Clerk & RFO and consider the proposal contained therein regarding the town palms that are not currently on display due to their size.  
**RESOLUTION: To plant out two palms on East Cliff as a test to see how well they do. Youngs to be asked to look at the remaining palms and dispose of any that are not recoverable.**

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**POLICY & PROCEDURES**

To approve the updated CCTV Policy, which now includes the CCTV at the Chilton Lane East & West allotment sites.

**RESOLUTION: The CCTV Policy is adopted.**

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**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

To receive a written report from the Town Clerk & RFO and consider the proposal contained therein for the arrangement of Council meetings immediately after the election.

**RESOLUTION: The arrangement of meetings in May 2023 were approved as detailed in the report.**

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**CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

(i) **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS**

It is recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**RESOLUTION: The public and press were excluded from the meeting.**

(ii) **RADFORD HOUSE: URGENT WORKS**

To receive and note progress report regarding the urgent works to be undertaken at Radford House. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially so that the competing contractors are not aware of the budget.

**RESOLUTION: The report was noted.**

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**DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.