



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 7pm

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

Also in attendance:

Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO (Minutes)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Young (unwell).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(i) PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK

Mr Furnace addressed Council on the matter of ownership of Ramsgate Football club. Whilst no decisions could be made by Council Mr Furnace was advised that the Town Clerk will look into this and respond to Mr Furnace within a week.

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

Cllr S Piper reported that Members of TDC's Overview & Scrutiny Cttee had received a briefing from Cllr Pugh (TDC) on Levelling Up. Council agreed that the Town Clerk should ask TDC for an electronic copy of the slides from Cllr Pugh / TDC Committee Services to share with Members.

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

No updates were received.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

- (i) The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28th September 2022 (minutes 187/22 to 194/22) were received and considered.
RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate with an amendment to be added that Cllr Rusiecki had sent his apologies for the meeting before they are signed by the Chair of Council.

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FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) Members received a report of payments; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £5,338.32) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £44,363.67).
RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £5,338.32) were noted and the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £44,363.67) were approved.
- (ii) Members received a written report from the Deputy Town Clerk / Finance Officer, in respect of the Ramsgate Fund and Events Fund and make decisions in respect of the three grant applications contained therein.
The Ramsgate Fund Applications:
- RF9 Beyond the Page**
RESOLUTION: The applicant be awarded £3,500.00 to part fund the salary of an ESOL facilitator and funding towards venue hire.
- RF10 Royal Temple Yacht Club**
RESOLUTION: The applicant be awarded £1,000.00 towards the purchase of Christmas lighting arrays for boats including the RNLI and Heritage craft, and for local advertising
- The Events Fund Application:**
- EF18 Arts in Ramsgate**
A proposal by Cllr Wing, seconded by Cllr Ara to award the full applied for amount of £10,960.00 fell.
RESOLUTION: £3,000.00 to be vired from the RTC Christmas events budget and the remaining Events Fund budget of £4,962.94 making a total award of £7,962.94, be awarded to the applicant towards Ramsgate Winter Lantern Parade between 4 and 6 pm on Thursday 22nd December 2022 and workshops in the weeks before the event. A caveat for the award is that if the event/workshops do not go ahead the funding is returned to RTC.
Note: the award was given under exceptional circumstances as the workshops will also provide a “warm space” for people struggling in the current economic climate.
- (iv) Members considered a recommendation from the Town Promotion Committee that the Council vires £12,000 from the Miscellaneous Budget to the Town Beautification Budget in order to progress with plans to install decorative lighting on the Harbour Arches in the current financial year. NB. There is now insufficient funds in this Miscellaneous Budget for this virement. An alternative budget could

be the “Capital Projects & Asset Acquisitions (balance, £1,100,955.33, this budget is intended for Radford House).

RESOLUTION: To vire £12,000.00 from the Capital Projects & Asset Acquisitions” budget to the Town Beautification Budget in order to progress with plans to install decorative lighting on the Harbour Arches in the current financial year.

- (v) Members considered the quote from Guardian Security & Fire to install CCTV at the Chilton Lane allotment site; this quote was previously considered by the F&GP Committee and it was resolved that Cllr Green would find out more information, which has now been undertaken.

RESOLUTION: The quote for £1,156.00 for CCTV to be installed at Chilton Lane West allotments be accepted.

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COLLECTIONS POLICY

Members received a written report from Cllr Ovenden and considered the motion contained therein that a Collections Policy be formulated.

RESOLUTION: Council adopts a collection management policy with the purpose of restoring a town archive for future generations and the day to day working of the council.

Note: Council thanked Cllr Ovenden for all his work on this project.

Cllr Rusiecki left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 8.30pm.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

- (i) Members considered if/what response is required to Thanet District Council’s Net Zero Strategy. The consultation ends on the 11th November 2022. **RESOLUTION: To wait for the Climate Change Action Group report and the Deputy Town Clerk to email Members for their comments before RTC responds to the consultation. The consultation to be shared on RTC social media and website.**
- (ii) Members considered and whether to approve a letter that has been drafted by the Climate Change Action Group. **RESOLUTION: The letter is not to be sent to the Secretary of State for Transport at the present time but to wait to see if the second Judicial Review is accepted.**
- (iii) Members considered the Carbon Audit report from the Climate Change Action Group. **RESOLUTION: The Town Clerk and the Digital Communication & Marketing Officer to look at the report from the Action Group and report back to Council.**

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COMMUNITY ASSETS

- (i) Members received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding Albion Gardens and considered the recommendation contained therein. **RESOLUTION: TDC to be advised that RTC will not take on the gardens, pulhamite and waterfall but for the Town**

Clerk to approach TDC in relation to RTC cutting the grass within the gardens.

- (ii) Members received a written report from Cllr Crittenden, regarding the War Memorial at Albion Gardens and the East Cliff Lions, and considered the motions contained therein.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) To approach TDC for a transfer of the monument known as Destiny into RTC ownership.
- (b) To approach TDC for confirmation of ownership or otherwise the two Grade II listed structures known as the two lions on Ramsgate Eastcliff, with a view to transfer of ownership should that be possible. If not then to further investigate ownership with a view to taking possession of these listed structures.
- (c) Officers to seek quotations for any work to refurbish Destiny and the two lions before proceeding with any approach to TDC.

- (iii) Members received in order to note the notes from a meeting about the East Cliff Lift. The quotes, actions, and information requested from TDC (listed in the report) are still pending.

RESOLUTION:

- (a) Mr Rouse to provide a quote for an annual maintenance contract (subject to required modifications & repairs taking place).
- (b) Mr Oliver and Mr Rouse to provide a quote to survey the inside of the lift shaft (Mr Oliver to survey, Mr Rouse to provide safe access).
- (c) TDC to be asked to confirm the terms of the current café concession.
- (d) TDC to be asked to show a plan of the asset (how much wall behind the cliff shaft is included).
- (e) Mr Rouse to re-cost his proposal from May 2021. And Mr Oliver's estimate be taken to tender for up-to-date costs.

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JUBILEE FOREST

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered how to proceed with the information contained therein.

RESOLUTION:

Cllr Piper to forward further correspondence with TDC on a quote to plant and maintain trees to the Town Clerk and further information to be brought back to Council.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 7pm