



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**Venue:** The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.  
**Date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7pm.  
**Present:** Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, and Shonk.

Also in attendance:  
Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO

- 218/25**      **APOLOGIES**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ara – personal matter, Driver – unwell, Wing – personal matter, and Young – unwell.
- 219/25**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None Declared.
- 220/25**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
(i)      **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**  
Ms T Askew spoke on behalf of the applicants in relation to item 5(iii). Mrs M Maxine spoke as a member of the public in support of the applicants in relation to item 5(iii).  
(ii)      **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**  
County Cllr Shonk provided a brief update on Highways matters.
- 221/25**      **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (Minutes 186/25 – 195/25).  
**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.**
- 222/25**      **FINANCES**  
(i)      Members received a report of payments 1st to 31st August 2025; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £5,504.30) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £10,495.80).  
**RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £5,504.30) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £10,495.80) were approved.**

(ii) Members considered a report from the Deputy Town Clerk & FO and the recommendations of the Grant Scrutiny Panel on the funding applications detailed below:

a. **Events Fund 2025-2026**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**EF8 St George's Church; awarded £2,500.00 towards Raise the Roof Fundraiser Concert for Pie Factory Music & St George's Church Vestry Roof Appeal 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**EF9 Ramsgate Royal British Legion; awarded £1,500.00 towards the Ramsgate Festival of Remembrance 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

**EF10 AJD Solutions; awarded £750.00 towards Teenage Kicks 2nd – 14th September 2025. The applicant to be advised to fund raise as well.**

**EF11 Starlings Support CIC; awarded £3,000.00 towards the Newington Lights Festival – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The applicant to be advised that Council is delighted that the Festival is going ahead year after year, wishing the applicant good luck and that RTC will promote the event.**

**EF12 Looping the Loop CIC; awarded £1,400.00 towards Circus of Dreams Puppet Making – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October & 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**EF14 Discovery Planet CIC; awarded £2,700.00 towards Discovery Planet Halloween Spooky Science – 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025.**

b. **Ramsgate Fund 2025-2026**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RF7 Bags of Taste; awarded £2,000.00 towards Bags of Taste Food Resilience Programme (Ramsgate).**

**RF8 Ramsgate Royal British Legion; approved that the Civic Budget is used to award £250.00 towards hosting the Mayor & Civic Party & Guests on Remembrance Day at the British Legion Ramsgate on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

**RF9 Screaming Alley CIC; awarded £2,000.00 towards a DMX Lighting Control Desk (£1,500.00) and a Sound Operating Desk (£500.00).**

**RF10 Thanet Community Development Trust; awarded £2,000.00 towards Build a Future. The applicant to be advised to indicate the number of school leavers using the scheme in their returns form.**

**RF11 Ramsgate Historic Quarter; awarded £250.00 towards Heritage Building Skills Workshop "Bricks & Mortar" 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Custom House).**

**RF12 Ramsgate Handball; does not fund this application. Whilst the Panel appreciates the request it is considered as a personal business and therefore cannot be funded but wishes the applicant all the best with their project.**

**RF13 6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts; although wishing the applicant well with the project, no funding is awarded. It is suggested that the applicant undertakes the feasibility study coming back to RTC with another application for capital items if the Community Centre project goes ahead.**

c. **Community Services Fund 2025-2026;**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**CS9 The Hive Thanet CIC; awarded £1,500.00 towards The Hive Traineeship.**

**CS10 Sammy's Foundation; awards £1,500.00 towards an Expert Canework Tutor in relation to the Canework Workshop.**

**CS11 Bfitforever Limited; awarded £500.00 towards Life Changer.**

**CS12 Autistic Girls Network; awarded £1,500.00 towards In-Person Peer Support Group for Girls aged 9 – 12.**

- (iii) Members considered how to proceed with a request for funding of Ramsgate Winter Festival Event to be organised jointly by GB Carnival CIC, St George's Church and JH Events Ltd that will run from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Both the Events Grant Budget and Town Promotion's New Years Eve Budget could be allocated. A supporting report from the Town Clerk & RFO was considered. This item replaced the planned extraordinary Town Promotion Committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION: GB Carnival CIC, St George's Church and JH Events Ltd jointly awarded £10,000.00 from the Events Fund budget towards the Ramsgate Winter Festival 2025 event 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This is not for the New Years Eve part of the event.**

**RESOLUTION: GB Carnival CIC, St George's Church and JH Events Ltd jointly awarded £7,000.00 from the Town Promotion Committee New Years Eve Event budget towards a New Years Eve event only.**

**RESOLUTION: Council recommends that the Town Promotion Committee uses the remaining £3,000.00 of its New Years Eve Event budget towards promotion of New Years Eve events. The Committee to bring a report back to Council.**

- (iv) Members considered a recommendation from the Town Promotion Committee that £7,989.18 be vired from the Beautification Budget to Decorative Lighting Budget. An attached report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, which provided further information.

**RESOLUTION: £7,989.18 be vired from the Beautification Budget to Decorative Lighting Budget.**

- (v) Members considered a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and the quote for roof repairs at the Custom House.

**RESOLUTION: Quote 2 from Lee Egglestone Ltd for works associated with roof repairs to the Custom House at a cost of £2,592.00 (incl. VAT).**

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- (i) Draft Town Promotion Cttee 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (Minutes: 164/25 – 168/25).
- (ii) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Cttee 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (Minutes: 173/25 – 185/25).
- (iii) Draft Extraordinary Town Promotion Cttee 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 (Minutes: 212/25 – 217/25).

**RESOLUTION: The draft minutes as detailed were noted.**

**224/25**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Members considered a request for a letter of support from Mind in Bexley and East Kent, for a proposed community centre at Broad Street Hall.

**RESOLUTION: a letter to be sent by the Chair from Council in support of Mind in Bexley and East Kent proposed community centre at Broad Street Hall.**

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 7pm.