



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 7pm

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

Also in attendance

Miss E Richford; Deputy Town Clerk & Finance Officer (Minutes)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Young.

The Chair of Council asked that it be minuted that Council would like to praise Cllr Young for her successful Ward work which had been covered by social media recently noting that she is the only Councillor for her Ward.

It was noted that there is a casual vacancy for one Member of Council for Montefiore Ward.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Austin and Wing declared an Other Significant Interest in matters relating to the Skatepark (Minutes 134/22 – 142/22), as members of the Skatepark Group. A dispensation was agreed allowing the two Cllrs to stay and answer questions about the proposal but not to take part in the vote.

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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**

No report was received.

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

No updates were received.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 29th June 2022 (Minutes 134/22 – 142/22) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate and signed.

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FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

(i) Members received a report of payments.

RESOLUTION: The list of payments over £1,000 was approved (total £79,243.18), and the payments under £1,000 that had already been authorised by the Town Clerk (total £7,998.86) were noted.

(ii) Councillors received a written report from Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk, regarding the Ramsgate Fund and considered the applications contained therein.

a. RF3 RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF PARADISE

Application for funding towards reinstatement of heritage lighting on the street.

RESOLUTION: Awarded £3,225.16 to be spent within the current financial year.

b. RF4 ROYAL HARBOUR OF RAMSGATE 200

Application for funding towards completion of the bronze of the statue King George IV.

RESOLUTION: Applicant to be advised that Council is not against the project but asks that an application is re-submitted when nearer to their target funding for the whole project. Any such funding must be used within six months.

c. RF5 HERITAGE LAB CIC

Application for funding towards the cost of a disabled toilet within the proposed conversion of the Granville Bars into the Pugin Studios.

RESOLUTION: Applicant to be advised that Council supports the project in principal but asks that an application is re-submitted when any funding awarded can be spent within six months.

d. RF6 RAMSGATE ARTS BARGE

Application for funding towards the purchase of mixed power tools, site safety equipment and PPE equipment.

RESOLUTION: Awarded £2,892.00.

e. RF7 'BANNED' – FREEDOM ROAD PROJECT

Application for funding towards a 12 week educational programme.

RESOLUTION: Awarded £3,500.00.

Councillors also considered a request to remove the caveat from an award to a previous applicant: **RF2 RAMSGATE SKATEPARK PROJECT.**

The project was awarded £3,000 for the purchase of a second-hand mobile skate park; funding was given with the caveat that the equipment should only be used in Ramsgate.

RESOLUTION: The caveat to be removed to allow the occasional use of the mobile skate park outside of Ramsgate.

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CINQUE PORT MAYORS

Councillors received the notes of the meeting of the Cinque Port Mayors, held on 11th July 2022 and considered nominating a representative for a Promotional Working Group.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Moore volunteered and was duly appointed to be the Councils representative on the Cinque Port Mayor's Promotional working Group.

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CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

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

It was 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: To exclude the public and press for the following items of business.

(ii) **LAND ADJACENT TO CHILTON LANE WEST ALLOTMENTS**

Councillors received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the recommendation therein from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

RESOLUTION: Negotiations to continue up to a maximum total spend of £55,000.00.

(iii) **FINANCES (CONFIDENTIAL)**

a) Councillors received a written report from Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO, receiving an update since the report was published.
RESOLUTION: The report and update were noted with no further action.

b) Councillors received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding urgent remedial work at The Custom House.

RESOLUTION: All urgent remedial work detailed in the report to be actioned. The option to re-do the Lead Gully to be put on hold. The Town Clerk to look for a cheaper option to stop cat access.

c) Councillors considered a request for assistance from County councillor Constantine regarding an accessible path for the Main Sands.

RESOLUTION: The Town Clerk to proceed with an application for a KCC Members Grant in order to facilitate Option B detailed within the report.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 7pm