



## **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> March 2024 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Ara, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey and Ovenden.

Also in attendance:

Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO

Mr D Williams, Marketing & Communications Officer

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### **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Crittenden (unwell), Cllr Driver (unwell), Cllr Hudson (unwell) and Cllr Wing (unwell) and Cllr Young (family commitment). There is currently one vacancy.

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

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#### **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no public requests to speak.

#### **SPECIAL MOTION – ACTIVE RAMSGATE PROJECT MANAGER**

**RESOLUTION:** As per Standing Order 10a(XV) “to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements) Council resolves to suspend the following standing order, in order for the Active Ramsgate Project Manager’s motion to be considered;

**9b:** “No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 5 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting”.

Council considered the report of the Active Ramsgate Project Manager requesting spend approval and request to vire budget for the production of a “directory” leaflet showcasing the full Active Ramsgate offering.

**RESOLUTION: Expenditure of £9,750.00 to print 75,000 promotional leaflets by Seaward Copy Shop with the funds to be vired from the current financial year to FY 2024-25 is agreed with a report containing further information to go to the F&GP Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.**

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**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 (Minute no; 13/24-22/24).

**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.** Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Minute no; 39/24-46/24).

**RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.**

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**GRANTS – EVENTS FUND**

Council received a report from Miss E Richford and considered the grant application contained therein for the Events Fund & Ramsgate Fund budgets.

**EF3 – St George’s Church & Great British Carnival – St George’s Day Spring Parade, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**RESOLUTION: St George’s Church & Great British Carnival are awarded £2,000.00 for a St George’s Day Spring Parade.**

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Members received the following Committee Minutes;

- (i) 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Planning & Infrastructure Committee
- (ii) 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Town Promotion Committee (Draft)
- (iii) 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Planning & Infrastructure Committee
- (iv) 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – Finance & General Purposes Committee (Draft)
- (v) 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Planning & Infrastructure Committee (Draft)
- (vi) 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Extraordinary Town Promotion Committee (Draft)

**RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted with an amendment to (vi); Cllrs Albon & Moore sent apologies and were not present.**

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**THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL – THANET SHOPFRONT GUIDE**

Council was asked to consider a response to the consultation from TDC.

**RESOLUTION: Comment from RTC to be written by the Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk to reflect the following;**

**The guide should be part of the Local Plan; heritage shop fronts should be retained or reinstated if possible; TDC is asked to ensure that the guidelines are followed by TDC Officers; the Guide should be widely distributed including to estate agents/architects etc.**

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**ELECTORAL REVIEW OF THANET**

Council considered a “Thanet Members Briefing Pack” and “Thanet Parish Councils Presentation” regarding the electoral review for Thanet and a recommendation that the matter be referred to the F&GP Committee for response.

**RESOLUTION: This matter is delegated to the F&GP Committee with the powers to respond on behalf of Council.**

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**BY-ELECTION POLLING CARDS**

Members were asked to agree a policy about the use of polling cards for by

elections. The cost to add on polling cards for a one-ward by election was noted as i.r.o £1000.

**RESOLUTION: Council agrees a policy to have poll cards for all by elections. Money to be set aside each financial year.**

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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 press and public for the following items of business.**

**(i) CUSTOM HOUSE REPAIRS**

Council received a report from Mrs M Morgan, Technician Manager (Project & Community), and considered the quote therein in relation to The Custom House.

**RESOLUTION: The report is accepted with funds to be found to complete the works required.**

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm.