



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 27th November 2024 at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Ara, Austin, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, & Shonk

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

261/24 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Crittenden (personal matter), Cllr Young (unwell) and Cllr Wing (personal matter).

262/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

263/24 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

264/24 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 30th October 2024 (Minutes 240/24 – 253/24).

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

265/24 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Members received a report of payments 1st to 30th November 2024; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £4,124.72) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £23,904.85).
RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £4,124.72) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £23,904.85) were approved.

(ii) Members considered the report of the Deputy Town Clerk & FO and the 9 grant applications therein and considered the recommendations of the Grant Scrutiny Group which met on 20th November 2024. The Chair thanked the Group for their work.

RESOLUTIONS:

CS7 – Sports Connect Community CIC - If Council agrees the £10,000.00 top up of the Community Services Fund, on 11th December 2024, the full amount applied for is awarded. The

funding to be paid in two tranches; one immediately and a final payment when feedback has been received from the applicant that engagement has taken place and that the project is working.

RF17 – Net Gain Communities CIC - Council awards £1,000.00 towards the Information Board and QR codes plus the residual of the funding available in this round of funding to be spent as required. Total awarded £1,494.58.

RF18 – Thanet Community Development Trust - Council awards £500.00 towards food for the buffets.

RF19 – MOOCH - Council awards £1,890.00 towards “A Place of Safety” education programme.

RF20 – St Lawrence Clock Restoration - Council awards £3,500.00 to be released when further funding is secured to a value of £40,000.00. The applicant to send RTC information on the project and its fund raising events so that it may be promoted on the applicants behalf, and to advertise that RTC has awarded the funding as it is thought that it may help encourage others to support the project.

RF21 – Ramsgate & Broadstairs Sea Scouts - Council awards £1,051.92 for part 2 of the application; classroom divider, window screens & portable wardrobes.

RF22 - The Royal Temple Yacht Club – Council awards £1,000.00 towards the annual Ramsgate Illuminations.

EF23 – POW! Thanet - Council awards £3,100.00 towards; production for POW in the Park; BSL interpreter; source inclusive equipment and for the fee for a Comms Manager. It is felt that the free exhibition by a local artist at Albion House would not be attended due to the demographic of Ramsgate.

EF24 – Ramsgate Royal British Legion - Council awards £2,000.00. Council to be advised by the applicant of the amount raised for the RBL and where the funding was sent.

- (iii) Members received the findings of the external audit of the Councils accounts by MAZARS LLP for the year ending 31st March 2024.

RESOLUTION: The findings of MAZARS LLP were noted. Council thanked the Town Clerk RFO & Deputy Town Clerk FO for their work.

- (iv) Members considered re-appointing Mr Lionel Robbins to complete the Internal Audit of the Councils accounts for 2024-25.

RESOLUTION: Mr Lionel Robbins to be appointed to complete the Internal Audit of the Councils accounts 2024-2025.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

To note the following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 2nd October 2024.

- (ii) Draft Town Promotion Committee Meeting 6th November 2024.

RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted.

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RADFORD HOUSE

- (i) Councillors received and noted the Radford House income & Expenditure to 22nd November 2024. Council thanked the Event Organiser for her work to bring groups & individuals into Radford House.

- (ii) Councillors received and noted a verbal update from Cllr Nixey on Radford House. A copy of which is attached to the official minutes. Council thanked the Town Centre & Tourism Manager, and all involved in making the Switch On event a success despite the inclement weather.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 7pm.