



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 27th September at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Ara, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Nixey and Young

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Mr D Williams, Marketing & Communications Officer

168/23 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hudson (health), Cllr Dark (health), Ovenden (personal commitment) and Wing (personal commitment).

169/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

170/23 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(i) PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK

There were no public requests to speak.

(ii) REPORT FROM COUNTY CLLRS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE

There were no County Councillor reports.

171/23 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

(i) Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th August 2023 (Minute no; 138/23-146/23).

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

(ii) Members received the draft Minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2023 (Minute no; 165/23-168/23).

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

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FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) Council received a report of payments; the Council is asked to note the payments between 25th August to 21st September 2023 authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £6,026.22) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £60,863.80.).
RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £6,026.22) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £60,863.80) were approved.
- (ii) Councillors received a report from Miss E Richford and considered the grant applications contained therein for the Ramsgate Fund, Events Fund and Community Services Grant.
RESOLUTIONS:
- a) RF13 – United Mothers – delivery of ESOL classes.
RESOLUTION: The Ramsgate Fund doesn't staffing, due to concerns that this creates dependency. The applicant will be asked to consider if there's other expenditure that the Council could support, or if staffing is the only option to re-apply to the Community Grant budget.
- b) RF14 – Residents Association of Paradise Ramsgate Historic Quarter – to commission a hand-painted sign demarcating the Ramsgate Historic Quarter, which will signal the launch of a regeneration and crowdfunding scheme.
RESOLUTION: To award £1,000.00.
- c) EF11 – Ramsgate Football Club – request to re-purpose the previous grant of £750.00 (previously intended to support the 2023 tournament) for Manager & Coach accreditation and new equipment.
RESOLUTION: This request was approved.
- d) CS4 – Bags of Taste Mentored Cooking Classes.
RESOLUTION: £1250.00 was awarded.

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PLANNING

Due to time constraints (TDC deadlines) the Members were asked to re-consider 3 planning applications deferred from the Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting on 6th September, and 1 further application, which cannot wait for the next Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting:

- (i) TPO/TH/23/0863 - 23 Honeysuckle Road, CT11 8AA.
It was noted that TDC has found the application to be invalid; no action for the town council to take.
- (ii) F/TH/23/0932 – 48 Royal Road, CT11 9LF.
TDC has already made the decision to refuse this application; no action for the town council to take.
- (iii) TCA/TH/23/1096 – 20 Spencer Square, CT11 9LA.
TDC has already approved the application; no action for the town council to take.

(iv) F/TH/23/1119 – 12 Cliff Street, CT11 9HS

RESOLUTION: To raise no objection.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members considered a recommendation from the Planning & Infrastructure Committee (Meeting 06.09.23, Minute 151/23) that *“The Planning & Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that the Neighbourhood Plan is ready for submission to Thanet District Council; a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) to be completed if required.”*

RESOLUTION: To submit the Neighbourhood Plan to TDC.

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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.

(ii) **MILK FLOAT**

To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider the offer received therein for the milk floats. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially, so as to keep the council’s financial negotiating position confidential.

RESOLUTIONS:

a) It was resolved to suspend Standing Order 7a in order to allow this matter to be reconsidered within six months of the previous resolution.

b) The offer of £5,000 per milk float from “The Milk Float Man” was accepted.

(iii) **THE CUSTOM HOUSE**

Councillors received a verbal update from the Chair and Town Clerk regarding matters relating to our landlord, and one of our tenants.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25th October at 7pm.