



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

**Date:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors: Green (Chair), Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Hetherington, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Wing and Young

Also in attendance:  
Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO (Minutes)

**187/22** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Albon & Huxley (unwell) and Cllrs L Piper and S Piper (personal commitment).  
It was noted that there is a casual vacancy for one Member of Council for Montefiore Ward.  
No apologies received from Cllr Rusiecki.

**188/22** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**189/22** **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- (i) The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 3rd August 2022 (minutes 158/22 to 162/22) were received and considered.  
**RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate and signed.**
- (ii) The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 31st August 2022 (minutes 170/22 to 180/22) were received and considered.  
**RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate and signed.**

**190/22** **CO-OPTION**

Councillors considered application forms / eligibility forms from twelve prospective councillors, and received 3-minute presentations from nine candidates (apologies were received from three people). The wealth and breadth of experience and knowledge of all the candidates was extremely high, and the applicants were encouraged to consider applying again in May 2023 for the town and district council.  
**RESOLUTION: By majority vote Mr T Ovenden became a co-opted member of Ramsgate Town Council.**

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**FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

- (i) Members received a written report from the Deputy Town Clerk / Finance Officer, in respect of the Ramsgate Fund, and considered the grant application form contained therein.  
**RESOLUTION: That £3,396.09 be awarded to the Great British Carnival (previously Ramsgate Town Carnival) for twenty-six percussion instruments, including 15 drums.**
- (ii) To receive and note the findings of the external audit of the accounts by PKF Littlejohn for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.  
**RESOLUTION: The following response from the external auditor was noted “On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion this information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with the Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant and regulatory requirements have not been met”. The Finance Officer was congratulated on her work.**
- (iii) To consider a motion from Cllr Green that £1520 be awarded to the Salvation Army to fund the “soup run” for 16 weeks (it costs £95.00 per week). The Salvation Army had also been encouraged to apply for a Ramsgate Fund grant, in order to assist with the extra work that will be required of the food bank this Autumn/Winter.  
**RESOLUTION: That £1520 be awarded to the Salvation Army for this purpose. The Town Clerk will also speak with the Salvation Army to find out about what is planned to help with cold weather suffering this winter and report back.**

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**RADFORD HOUSE**

- (i) Councillors received and noted a progress update from the Radford House Project Managers, “Monthly Update Nr 2 September 2022”.  
**RESOLUTION: This information was noted.**
- (ii) Councillors received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding appointment of a Community Engagement & Events Administrator.  
**RESOLUTION: The proposal for an external (contractor) Community Engagement & Events Administrator was accepted.**

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**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION BY CRAIG MACKINLAY MP**

Councillors considered if a response from the Council was required to a press release and proposed Parliamentary Petition from Craig Mackinlay MP. A draft statement from Cllr Crittenden was considered.  
**RESOLUTION: It was agreed that the Chair (Cllr Albon) should write a public statement in response to the Member of Parliament.**

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 7pm