



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

021/25 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from; Cllr Young – family matter.

022/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

023/25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

024/25 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 11th December 2024 (Minutes 280/24 – 288/24).

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

025/25 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Members received a report of payments 1st to 31st December 2024; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £7,270.70) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £36,482.88).

RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £7,270.70) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £36,482.88) were approved.

(ii) Members considered the draft 2025/2026 budget and precept, as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. A report regarding the tax base was also included.

RESOLUTIONS: The budget for 2025/2026 was approved, with a precept of £1,127,248.00 (a 3% increase equating to an extra £2.57 per year for a Band D property).

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees) were received:

- (i) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 8th January 2025 (Minutes 001/25 – 005/25).
- (ii) Draft Asset Management Committee Meeting 22nd January 2025 (Minutes 006/25 – 011/25).
- (iii) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 22nd January 2025 (Minutes 012/25 – 020/25).

RESOLUTION: The draft minutes were noted.

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CONFEDERATION OF CINQUE PORTS

Members received a note of the Minutes from the Standing Joint Committee meeting 4th January 2025.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

028/25

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE & PARADE

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO & Mrs K Hobbs, PA to the Mayor, regarding the Remembrance Sunday Service & Parade and confirm the arrangements contained therein.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted, and the arrangements (incl. route) approved for future remembrance Sunday Service & Parade events.

029/25

RAMSGATE COMMUNITY HERITAGE FORUM

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO introducing the Ramsgate Community Heritage Forum. The Council was asked to consider signing the forum's Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION: The Council will continue to take part in the Forum, but will not sign MOU.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 7pm.