



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO and Mr D Williams, Digital Communications & Marketing Officer.

Prior to the start of the meeting the Chair paid tribute To Chris Barton – Senior Technician who passed away on Tuesday 28th March 2023 and invited Councillors to say a few words.

044/23 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Crittenden – unwell, L Piper & S Piper – both unwell, Wing – family matter and Young – family matter.

045/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Ara declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5(ii) Application to the Events Fund.

Cllr Austin declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 7 Warre Recreation Ground.

046/23 **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

047/23 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2023 (Minute nos; 023/23-034/23). were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate.

048/23 **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Councillors received a report of payments between 1st February and 24th March 2023; Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £27,692.59) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £147,416.53).

RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £27,692.59) were noted and the payments above the

threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £147,416.53) were approved.

Councillors considered applications to The Ramsgate Fund 2023-2024 from Mr Parkin-Fairley, Screaming Alley C.I.C, Heritage Lab C.I.C, and Winterstoke Gardens.

RESOLUTION: Ms Parkin-Fairley – deferred to the incoming Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION: Screaming Alley C.I.C - deferred to the incoming Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION: Heritage Lab C.I.C - deferred to the incoming Council for consideration but the applicant to be asked why they have not included the provision of an accessible toilet within the other grants applied for.

RESOLUTION: Winterstoke Gardens – awarded £1,200.00 for plants, hand tools and for repair and re-paint of benches.

- (ii) Councillors considered applications to The Events Fund 2023-2024 from: Ramsgate Youth Football Club, The Lawns and Ramsgate Small Businesses Group.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Youth Football Club - deferred to the incoming Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION: The Lawns Residents – awarded £200.00 towards the celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.

RESOLUTION: Ramsgate Small Businesses Group - deferred to the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 5th April 2023 for consideration and recommendation to Council on 29th

April 2023. Applicant to explain further who will run the event and what will be provided for the general public.

- (iii) Councillors considered an application to Community Services funding 2023-2024 from Discovery Planet C.I.C.

RESOLUTION: Discovery Planet C.I.C – awarded £2,000.00 to allow the Discovery Planet HQ to operate as a learning space for three months.

CLLR ARA LEFT THE MEETING at 7.25 PM.

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REPORT FROM EKRCC

Councillors received a report in relation to use of the room at The Custom House between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023.

RESOLUTION: The report was noted.

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WARRE RECREATION GROUND

Councillors received a report from Cllr Austin and considered the proposal contained therein that the Council should explore the option of an asset transfer of the skate park at Warre Recreation Ground with Thanet District Council.

RESOLUTION: The report was noted and deferred to the incoming Council. The Town Clerk to explore options and report back to the new Council.

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UPDATE FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

- (i) Councillors received an update from Cllr Ovenden following the inaugural meeting of The Clock House Focus Group.
RESOLUTION: The report was noted and Cllr Ovenden thanked for the work undertaken.
- (ii) Councillors received the Minutes of the Thanet Area Committee Meeting on the 23rd January 2023.
RESOLUTION: The report was noted.
- (iii) Councillors received the Minutes of the Thanet Area Committee Meeting on the 27th February 2023.
RESOLUTION: The report was noted.

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DATE & TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th April 2023.