



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate.
Date: Wednesday 30th July 2025 at 7pm.
Present: Councillors: Albon (Chair), Austin, Crittenden, Driver, Green, Hetherington, Hudson, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, Ovenden, Shonk & Wing.

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

186/25 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Ara, Nixey and Young (personal commitments).

187/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None Declared.

188/25 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**
There were no public requests to speak.
(ii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**
County Cllr Shonk provided an update regarding Ramsgate Youth Centre.

189/25 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**
Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25th June 2025 (Minutes 155/25 – 163/25).
RESOLUTION: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record.

190/25 **FINANCES**
(i) Members received a report of payments 1st to 31st July 2025; the Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £19,053.17) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £53,469.50).
RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £19,053.17) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £53,469.50) were approved.

- (ii) Members considered a proposal for a Quick Grant Scheme as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee and were asked to approve a virement of £5,000.00 from the “New Projects” budget to set up the scheme.

RESOLUTION: A virement of £5,000 was approved in order to establish the Quick Grant Scheme.

- (iii) Members considered how to respond to the consultation into whether the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) should establish a funding pool specifically for town and parish councils as at 31 March 2025, with a possible universal LGPS pooled employer contribution rate for all involved, operative from 1 April 2026. The matter was deferred from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

RESOLUTION: The Council does not wish to change the current arrangement.

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (i) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 2nd July 2025 (Minutes 164/25 – 168/25).
- (ii) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 9th July 2025 (Minutes 173/25 - 185/25).

RESOLUTION: The draft minutes as detailed were noted.

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POLICY & PROCEDURE

- (i) To pass a resolution to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- (ii) Council considered a draft Dignity at Work Policy for approval.

RESOLUTION: The Civility & Respect Pledge and Dignity at Work Policy were approved.

193/25

CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP

Members received and considered a letter from the Climate Change Task Group to Kent County Council regarding the glyphosate use in Ramsgate.

RESOLUTION: The draft letter was approved.

194/25

RADFORD HOUSE

Members received a quote from Furley Page Solicitors to prepare an advice note detailing different possible management structures for Radford House.

RESOLUTION: The quote was accepted.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 27th August 2025 at 7pm.