



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm.

**Present:** Councillors: Albon (In Chair), Austin, Crittenden, Hetherington, Makinson, Moore, Nixey, Ovenden, L Piper, S Piper and Young.

Also in attendance:  
Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk & FO.

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Albon (personal commitment), Cllr Ara (work commitment), Cllr Huxley (personal commitment), Cllr Rusiecki (personal commitment), Cllr Wing (personal commitment).

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

(i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**

There were no requests to speak.

(ii) **REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**

There was nothing reported.

(iii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**

There were no County Councillors present.

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#### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(i) The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th October 2022 (minutes 210/22 to 219/22) were received and considered.

**RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate.**

(ii) The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th November 2022 (minutes 226/22 to 229/22) were received and considered.

**RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as accurate.**

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#### **FINANCES (INCLUDING GRANTS)**

(i) A report on payments was received.

**RESOLUTION:** Payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO were noted and payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO were approved.

- (ii) A written report from the Deputy Town Clerk & FO was received in respect of the Ramsgate Fund and Events Fund.

**RESOLUTION: £11,459.00 to be vired from the unused Albion Gardens budget in order to enable Council to make funding decisions.**

**RAMSGATE FUND**

**RESOLUTION: RF11:**That £3,500.00 be awarded in principle to the Ramsgate Bowling Club to part fund a single storey extension to the bowls pavilion with the caveat that evidence of funding from other sources is provided and how much. Once satisfied Council will authorise release of the awarded funding.

**RF12:** That £2,500.00 be awarded to The Ramsgate Society towards replacing damaged trees which were planted in 2020 to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ramsgate Conservation Area.

**RF13:** Thanet Community development Trust funding application for training Community Volunteers and RTC staff in Traffic Management for Community Events. The Town Clerk to explore another way to support this application potentially from the staffing budget.

**RF14:** That £3,500.00 be awarded to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ramsgate Royal Harbour Sea Scouts for a CCTV and alarm system.

**EVENTS FUND**

**RESOLUTION: EF19:** That £750.00 be awarded to the Community Church Ramsgate to fund ‘Carols in the Park’ at Ellington Park on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**RESOLUTION: EF20:** That £2,00.00 be awarded to Looping the Loop to part fund a two year project; a Community Play ‘Sanger & Circus’.

- (iii) A quote from Guardian Security & Fire was considered to install CCTV at the Chilton Lane East allotment site.

**RESOLUTION: To proceed with installation of CCTV at the Chilton Lane East allotment site as quoted.**

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**POLICY & PROCEDURE**

The Petitions Policy was considered.

**RESOLUTION:** The Petitions Policy was adopted by Council with the following amendments:

**Add to 4.3; If the subject of a petition is something considered by Council within a year it will not be considered.**

**Additional point; E-petitions may be created using either 38 degrees or change.org.**

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**SINGLE USE PLASTICS**

A written report from Cllr Wing was received regarding single use plastics and three motions were considered.

**RESOLUTION:**

**RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL WILL:**

- (i) Work towards reducing the use of plastics and in relation to ‘single-use-plastics’ (SUP) will strive to become a ‘single-use-plastic’ free Council by phasing out the use of these products, for example, bottles, cups,

cutlery and drinking straws in the council, where it is reasonable to do so by December 2023 or sooner. In addition, to encourage our facilities users, local businesses and other organisations, as well as the events and activities we fund, to do the same, by championing the use of alternatives, refusing or reusing.

- (ii) Review present recycling of waste created through the day-to-day activities of RTC both off-site and on-site and put in place, where appropriate and reasonable to do, measures to decrease waste and increase recycling by December 2023 or sooner. In addition, to encourage our facilities users, local businesses and other organisations, as well as the events and activities we fund, to do the same, by championing reduced waste and increased recycling.

**RESOLUTION TO DEFER TO THE CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP:**

- (iii) Review the present reliance on paper documentation for both members and officers, particularly at all council meetings, and consider IT based alternatives, including the appropriate provision of laptops for members and the modelling of possible cost savings of doing so. To be put in place for the start of the new term in May 2023.

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**RADFORD HOUSE PROGRESS REPORT**

Cllr Nixey gave a brief report on the progress of the Radford House project as detailed below;

We've met with the Architectural Heritage Fund to report on the appointment of the professional design team.

We have a quote for re-arranging the downstairs toilet/shower area as an accessible facility, and a quote to get the boiler working is due to come in shortly. These two matters are necessary to allow meantime uses. The accessible toilet unit can be re-used in the future when the final location is identified.

We're currently advertising for a Community Engagement & Events Organiser (the remit was taken to a previous council meeting). The hope is to have someone appointed before Christmas.

The newly appointed professional design team, the project managers, and the council's representatives met on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. This was an opportunity for everyone to meet each other. The first job will be to arrange a workshop before Christmas with the client, the project managers and the architect to revisit the original brief and design, along with the first draft of a business plan, to talk through and test ideas against the current design. It was a very positive meeting, and all our team are very enthusiastic.

The architect has been asked to quote to undertake a feasibility study regarding the Technician's depot (whether it be at Radford House or elsewhere).

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**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – THANET AREA COMMITTEE**

The latest agenda and minutes for the Area Committee were received.

**RESOLUTION: Cllr Green was duly appointed as the RTC representative for the Thanet Area Committee.**

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Noted as Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7pm