



## **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> October 2024 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

**240/24** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hudson (unwell), Cllr Young (unwell) and Cllr Crittenden (family matter).

**241/24** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**242/24** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

**243/24** **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

(i) Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Minutes 207/24 – 217/24).

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

(ii) Members received the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Minutes 218/24 – 221/24).

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

**244/24** **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

(i) Members received a report of payments 1st to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024; the Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £6,928.50) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total: £86,539.87).

**RESOLUTIONS: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk (total £6,928.50) were noted and the payments above the threshold of the Town Clerk (total £86,539.87) were approved.**

**245/24**      **RAMSGATE TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Members received a letter from Ramsgate Twinning Association and considered the requested contained therein.

**RESOLUTIONS: To seek more information about the resources and people involved.**

**246/24**      **TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE – DECORATIVE LIGHTING**

(i) To receive a report from Mrs R Smith, Town Centre & Tourism Manager, and consider the options contained therein for a festive lighting centrepiece.

**RESOLUTION: The quote from Festive Lights for “Twinkly” lights costing £5925.38 (excl. VAT) was accepted.**

(ii) To receive a report from Mrs R Smith, Town Centre & Tourism Manager, and consider the options contained therein for lighting up the Obelisk.

**RESOLUTION: The total project cost of £31,223.36 (excl. VAT) was agreed for the work to commence as soon as possible, with the additional funds required (£16,223.36) to be vired from the “Project Contingency Budget”**

The above items had been brought to the Council’s attention because of the potential virements that require Council approval, and timescales (if members want these projects completed by Christmas).

**247/24**      **PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

Members considered the following proposal by KCC:

***WELLINGTON CRESCENT - DYL – (1) On the northwest remove the DYLs and Bus Stop Clearway outside 15, 16 and part of 17 Wellington Crescent and replace with a new build out and relocation of the Bus Stop Clearway. (2) On the northwest side outside 17 Wellington Crescent place parking bays where the Bus Stop Clearway has been removed. (3) On the southeast side opposite 16, 17 and part of 18 Wellington Crescent remove 9 meters of parking bays and replace with DYLs.***

A plan of the proposed change was enclosed with the agenda. The deadline for responding to KCC’s consultation is the 11<sup>th</sup> November. This matter had been brought to the council as it would not be possible to wait until the next Planning & Infrastructure Committee meeting.

**RESOLUTION: To support this application.**

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**COMMITTEES**

- (i) Members considered the Terms of Reference for a new Asset Management Committee, as proposed by the F&GP Committee.  
**RESOLUTION: To trial this committee for 12 months. All councillors will be on the committee. The Chair will be Cllr Albon and the Vice Chair Cllr Nixey. Meeting dates to be confirmed.**
- (ii) Members considered various proposed amendments to the Finance & General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference, to be made in light of the newly approved Asset Management Committee is approved.  
**RESOLUTION: The proposed changes were approved.**

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To note the following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Draft Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.
- (ii) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**RESOLUTION: The minutes were noted.**

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**STRATEGIC AIMS 2023 - 2027**

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, providing various updates on the Strategic Aims 2023-2027, and considered the revisions suggested therein. This document will inform the budget and the communications strategy.

**RESOLUTION: The report was accepted.**

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**RAMSGATE XID**

Councillors received information, shared with the Town Clerk & RFO, introducing the Ramsgate XID. Members were asked to consider if they want to find out more about this project.

**RESOLUTION: The council will reconsider this matter when the proposal is clearer (i.e. timescales and actionable steps).**

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**RADFORD HOUSE**

- (i) Councillors received the Radford House income & Expenditure to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024. It was agreed that management arrangements (i.e. forming a CIC or such) will be considered at the next meeting.
- (ii) Councillors received a verbal update from Cllr Nixey on Radford House. A copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7pm.