



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

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

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

**Date:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 at 7pm.

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

Also in attendance:

Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

Miss E Richard, Deputy Town Clerk & FO

Nine members of the public

**164/24**      **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hetherington (personal commitment) and Hudson (personal commitment).

**165/24**      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**166/24**      **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no public requests to speak.

**167/24**      **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Members received the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (Minute no; 145/24-155/24).

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

**168/69**      **ALLOTMENTS**

*This item was transacted early in the meeting, having previously been item 7 on the agenda.*

Members received a report from the Town Clerk regarding a previous resolution of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to give notice to allotment tenants who are not (or no longer) residents of Ramsgate. Councillors had asked for the matter to be considered by the full council due to the feedback received from the affected plot holders. It was agreed that a meeting with the allotment holders will be

arranged to answer questions.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- (i) **As per Standing Order 10(xv) members voted to suspend Standing Order 7(a) in order to reconsider this matter within six months.**
- (ii) **To rescind the decision of the Finance & General Purposes Committee (minute 110/24) and allow legacy tenants to retain their allotments until such time as they no longer want an allotment. However, anyone with a double plot will be given 12-months notice to vacate one of the plots.**

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**FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**

- (i) Councillors received a report of payments; Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, totalling £23,119.20 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024, totalling £63,019.35)  
**RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO were noted, and the payments above the threshold delegated to an officer were approved.**
- (ii) Councillors received a report of payments; Council was asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, totalling £8,315.26 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024, totalling £70,189.12)  
**RESOLUTION: The payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO were noted, and the payments above the threshold delegated to an officer were approved.**

169/24

**POLICY & PROCEDURES FOR ANNUAL REVIEW**

Members were asked to review and adopt the new model Code Of Conduct, as recommended by the Kent Secretaries Group. Four related procedural documents were attached for information. The previous Kent Code Of Conduct was approved in May 2024. As per Standing Order 7(a) members were requested by the Proper Officer to reconsider and adopt this document (within six months of the previous resolution).

**RESOLUTION: The model Code of Conduct was approved.**

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**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Members received the following Committee Minutes:

- (i) Draft Planning & Infrastructure Committee Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**RESOLUTION: To note these minutes.**

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**LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS**

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the proposals contained therein, for submission to the Long Term Plan for Towns Board. Cllr Green provided an update from the Thanet Regeneration Partnership Board; members specific to Ramsgate need to be identified, and Cllr Green has recommended that the Ramsgate Society and Town Team be represented. There will be a call for projects, at which point RTC can submit ideas.

**RESOLUTION: To accept this document as a work in progress list of ideas that can be submitted for consideration under the Long Term Plan for Towns Project.**

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**DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7pm (if required).