



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Climate Change Task Group

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

Date: Thursday 20 October 2022, 3pm

Present: Councillors; Albon, Austin, Green, Hetherington, Ovenden and Wing.
Residents; M. Foley, D. Shotton (Chair) and P. Shotton.

Also in attendance; Mr D Williams (Digital Communications and Marketing Officer - Minutes)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ara, Nixey and Makinson (Work Commitment), Councillor Young (Hospital Appointment), Councillors Crittenden and Huxley (Personal Commitment) and J. Dawes and P. Bax (Personal Commitment).

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group meeting held on Thursday 23 June 2022 were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted as accurate.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

The Climate Change Task Group received a report from the chair on progress made from the previous meeting. This detailed updates from the group on their actions.

RESOLUTION:

- 1. Councillor Austin to invite Mr A. Stevens to the group if he is willing. (Mr A. Stevens was a co-option candidate for the Council and has a background working for district councils and with their Carbon Audits.)**
- 2. The 'Quick Fixes' article for the Community Ad should draw information from the Green Party website, D. Shotton to work with M. Foley on the article ready for the 4th November 2022 Community Ad deadline.**
- 3. Councillor Austin is awaiting to hear back from Councillor Bayford on the questions that were asked at Thanet District Council in regards of 'How to report TPO Trees.' Councillor Bayford's response to be brought back to the next meeting on 8th December 2022.**
- 4. Councillor Albon and Green to follow up with Councillor Nixey the request for a High-Speed Electric Charging point at Radford House.**
- 5. A list of Publicly Accessible Charging points is to be published, highlighting charging points around Ramsgate that the residents and public can use.**

6. Councillor Green and Wing to meet to discuss the detail of the questions for the grant's application form. Suggestions to be sent to the Digital Communications and Marketing Officer once the detail has been discussed.
7. The Carbon Audit Report from Illana Adamson to be debated at Full Council, taking into consideration the actions detailed within.
8. M. Foley and D. Shotton to talk to the Town Clerk regarding the potential £1.2m held by Thanet District Council and how we can help promote and use this fund to help the residents of Ramsgate.

DRAFT LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

The task group received a draft letter from the Chair of the Climate Change Task Group to Department for Transport regarding the grant of a DCO for the redevelopment of Manston Airport.

RESOLUTION: To take the Draft Letter to Full Council for consideration of being sent to the Department for Transport.

THANET DISTRICT COUNCILS NET ZERO STRATEGY 2022

The task group considered the document and report on Thanet District Council's Net Zero Strategy 2022.

RESOLUTION: D. Shotton to circulate comments to the group, so a response can be taken to Full Council.

THE RAMSGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The task group considered the Ramsgate Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLUTION: D. Shotton to circulate comments to the group, so a response can be taken to Full Council regarding the progression and focus of the Neighbourhood Plan. A suggestion for Councillors to canvass their wards in preparation for the consultation.

Councillor Hetherington left the meeting.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN RAMSGATE

The task group considered the Traffic Calming document.

Councillor Albon left the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

1. D. Shotton to create a document covering all concerns from the task group on traffic calming in Ramsgate.
2. D. Shotton to talk to the Town Clerk regarding the traffic situation in Effingham Street and potentially changing this to a one-way street.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 8th December 2022 at 3pm.

The Chair closed the meeting at 4:25pm.