



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: Nixey (Chair), Albon, Ara, Austin, Crittenden, Green, Hetherington, Huxley, Makinson, Moore, L Piper, S Piper, Wing and Young

Also in attendance

Miss L Fidler; Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer (Minutes)

081/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Rusiecki (family commitment). No apologies were received from Cllr Knight.

082/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

083/22 EMERGENCY MOTION: CRIME IN RAMSGATE

Councillors received an emergency motion from Cllr Albon for consideration in relation to crime in Ramsgate.

RESOLUTIONS:

- (i) It was resolved (as per Standing Order 10a(XV)) to suspend the following standing order so that the emergency motion could be considered:
9b: "No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 5 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting."
- (ii) The emergency motion was considered, and it was resolved that "The Council will request a meeting with the Chief Constable (or their chosen representative), the local Commander, the MP, Police & Crime Commissioner and Thanet District Council to request a review of officer numbers within Ramsgate, in light of a number of dreadful crimes that have occurred recently and the ongoing crime figures, and a meeting to discuss this problem.
- (iii) It was resolved to re-instate Standing Orders.

084/22 COMMUNITY ASSETS

(i) Members received a written report from Cllr Wing and considered the motion contained therein that the Council should draft a Community Assets Strategy.

RESOLVED: That a Community Asset Strategy should be drafted.

(ii) To receive a written report from Cllr Wing and consider the motion contained therein that the Council should discuss possible ways of securing the Granville Theatre for future community use to secure the asset for the community and enable the establishment of a sustainable asset.

Cllr Ara left the meeting before the following resolutions were voted on.

RESOLVED:

a) **The Council will write to Thanet District Council to stress the need for the Granville Theatre to remain a community asset after disposal.**

b) **The Council will write to Thanet District Council to express deep concern for how assets within Ramsgate are left to deteriorate and then be disposed of.**

085/22 HIGHWAYS: NETHERCOURT 20MPH SCHEME

Councillors received a written report from Cllr Green and Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the Nethercourt 20mph Scheme and consider how to proceed following the updated cost figures.

RESOLUTION: A quote of £5,084.54 from KCC was approved to progress this work; the lower of the two quotes provided, for road marking repeater signs only.

086/22 RAMSGATE FUND

Councillors received a report from Miss E Richford, Deputy Town Clerk, and consider the Ramsgate Fund grant request contained therein.

RESOLUTION: That £2626.00 be awarded to the Friends of Ellington Park to install a Petanque Piste at the park; the grant is given with the condition that this facility must be free to use.

087/22 POLICY & PROCEDURES

(i) Members received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the arrangement of Council and Committee meetings, and consider how to proceed. An amended proposal of dates from Cllr Green was received at the meeting.

RESOLUTION: The schedule of meetings as proposed by Cllr Green was accepted. The Terms of Reference for the Committees (incl. membership) will be addressed at a subsequent meeting; it is intended that the committees will now have a reduced membership in order to reduce the overall number of meetings that members are expected to attend.

(ii) Members considered and approve a draft "The Role of Site Representative for Ramsgate Allotments" document.

RESOLUTION: This document was approved with no amendments.

- (iii) Members consider and approve a draft “Civic Mayor of Ramsgate Protocols & Procedures” document.

RESOLUTION: This document was approved with no amendments.

- (iii) A motion from Cllr Green to reduce the cap on the length of Council and Committee meetings was withdrawn.

088/22 2022/2023 BUDGET : BASIC PARISH ALLOWANCE & WARD GRANTS

- (i) Councillors are asked (as per Standing Order 10a(XV) “to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements”)) if they wish to rescind the standing order that states a resolution should not be reversed within six months in order to consider the following report. This resolution failed, the matter at 088/22(ii) was not debated.
Cllr Albon left the meeting before this vote was taken.
- (ii) Councillors had received a written report from Cllr S Piper, including a response from the Town Clerk & RFO, concerning the Basic Parish Allowance and Ward Grant budgets, and were asked to consider the two recommendations contained therein, however, following the failed motion at 087/22 this matter was not debated.

089/22 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th May 2022 (Annual Meeting of the Council)