



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Town Enhancement Working Group**

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

**Date:** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 10:10am

**Present:** Councillors: Crittenden (Chair) and Huxley (Vice-Chair).

Also in attendance;

Mrs R Smith – Town Centre and Tourism Manager

Mrs M Morgan – Technician Manager (Projects and Community)

Mr D Williams – Marketing and Communications Officer (Minutes)

Mr T Marmo – TDC - Head of Coastal and Public Realm

### **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **REVIEW PREVIOUS MINUTES FOR ACTIONS**

The Working Group reviewed the actions within the previous minutes.

The repairs to the Eastcliff shelters have scheduled work for the autumn, Mrs R Smith has liaised with Mr D Gooch. The Technicians have worked with Community Payback on the rainbow steps. The group thanks community payback for the work on the railings and other repairs around Ramsgate.

The repairs for the bandstand are on hold until UKPN can give a timeline of scheduled works. Mrs R Smith will follow up regarding the UKPN scheduled works. Mr T Marmo will check with his team regarding the weeds and maintenance around the bandstand.

Mr T Marmo will follow up with Ms E Penny regarding the Open Spaces Management Agreements for pocket parks.

Mr T Marmo gave an update on the Madeira Waterfall, stating it had been switched on for the summer. The waterfall includes an additive to stop foam building, if it is vandalised. A filtration system is due to be installed along with UV lights.

Councillor Crittenden asked Mrs R Smith to create a short half a page to three quarters of a page report, giving an update on the waterfall to the Town Promotion Committee.

The fountain report written by Mrs R Smith regarding the fountains on the Eastcliff being transferred and managed by Ramsgate Town Council is recommended to go to the Asset Management Committee to be considered, the next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> September. It is advised to check with the Town Clerk on whether this has already been previously discussed.

Mr T Marmo advised that the Volunteering Policy and Procedure document has been agreed, so he will send this to the Town Clerk.

### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

Mrs M Morgan detailed a progress update on the areas that are maintained by the Technicians in regard to Town Promotion, this includes:

- Benches in the Town Centre have been repainted and installed.
- An additional three benches have been painted in Albert Court and CCTV will also be installed by Thanet District Council.
- Planters are due to be placed around Ramsgate.
- Two palms have been felled on Eastcliff, however the Westcliff is still flourishing.
- The feasibility of the lights being restored in the arches leading up Royal Parade are being investigated by Thanet District Council.
- Mrs M Morgan mentioned the car parks in Ramsgate could be added to the maintenance list for Thanet District Council. Mrs M Morgan to inform Mr T Marmo of specific car parks, so maintenance can be undertaken by Thanet District Council.

Mrs M Morgan informed the group that the land at the top of Kent Steps is overgrown with five sycamores. This is Thanet District Council land and the Town Clerk has reported this to Tim at Thanet District Council. Mr T Marmo will follow up with Tim.

It was reported that the Destiny Statue has been damaged with the word 'Peace' carved into it. Mrs M Morgan will email Ms A Plant at Thanet District Council to report this.

### **ENGAGING VOLUNTEER GROUPS**

The networking events will continue with the next one being arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. TDC officers are to be invited as well as a guest speaker and volunteers.

It was suggested to have a picnic in Albion Gardens. Mr T Marmo advised that works will start in Albion Gardens on 25<sup>th</sup> September. This will be to remove invasive plants. The Technicians will be assisting with the green waste.

Mr T Marmo will take away the scenario of what impact the sycamore tree in Albion Gardens may have on the Pulhamite, over a period of 10 to 20 years.

### **ACTIONS**

- **Mrs R Smith will follow up regarding the UKPN scheduled works.**
- **Mr T Marmo will check with his team regarding the weeds and maintenance around the bandstand.**

- **Mr T Marmo will follow up with Ms E Penny regarding the Open Spaces Management Agreements for pocket parks.**
- **Mrs R Smith to create a short half a page to three quarters of a page report, giving an update on the waterfall to the Town Promotion Committee.**
- **The fountain report written by Mrs R Smith regarding the fountains on the Eastcliff being transferred and managed by RTC is recommended to go to the Asset Management Committee to be considered, the next meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> September.**
- **Mrs M Morgan to inform Mr T Marmo of specific car parks, so maintenance can be undertaken by Thanet District Council.**
- **Mr T Marmo to follow up with Time regarding the overgrown land at the top of Kent Steps.**
- **Mrs M Morgan will email Ms A Plant at Thanet District Council to report that the Destiny Statue has been damaged with the word 'Peace' carved into it.**
- **Mr T Marmo will take away the scenario of what impact the sycamore tree in Albion Gardens may have on the Pulhamite, over a period of 10 to 20 years.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10am.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11:20am