



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Promotion Committee

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

Date: Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillors; Crittenden (Chair), Albon, Ara, Austin, Green, Hetherington (arrived during Item 3), Huxley, Makinson, Nixey, Ovenden, Wing and Young.

Also in attendance; Mr D Williams (Digital Communications and Marketing Officer - Minutes), Mrs R Smith (Town Promotor and Visitor Information Manager), Miss L Fidler (Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer - Item 7).

001/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Moore (Personal Commitment).

RESOLUTION: To approve the apologies received.

No apologies were received from Councillor L. Piper, S. Piper and Rusiecki.

002/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest or dispensations recorded.

003/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Promotion Committee held on 12th October 2022 (minutes 200/22 to 209/22) were received and considered.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Councillor Hetherington joined the meeting.

The chair announced an emergency motion had been received to discuss the reallocation of the New Year's Eve Fireworks, due to their cancellation. To discuss the emergency motion Standing Order 9b will need to be suspended.

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed to suspend Standing Order 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."

004/23 EMERGENCY MOTION - FIREWORKS

The committee considered the emergency motion on how the unspent fireworks money should be used.

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed to vire the unspent funds into the Coronation budget and have a fireworks display as part of the Coronation

activities in May. The Town Promoter is to investigate more environmentally friendly fireworks for this event.

Councillor Wing voted against this resolution.

Councillor Young left the meeting.

The chair announced that the committee needed to re-instate Standing Order 9b, to recommence the meeting, as per the agenda.

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed to re-instate Standing Order 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.”

005/23 ACTIVE RAMSGATE MEETINGS

The Committee received the minutes from the previous Active Ramsgate Meetings:

- (i) Active Ramsgate Meeting – 18 November 2022

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

006/23 OPEN PUBLIC SPACES STRATEGY MEETINGS

The Committee received the minutes from the previous Open Public Spaces Strategy Meetings:

- (i) Open Public Spaces Strategy Meeting – 10 November 2022

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

- (ii) Open Public Spaces Strategy Meeting – 9 December 2022

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Councillor Young re-joined the meeting.

007/23 TOWN PROMOTER

Councillors considered the following documents:

- (i) A proposal for a Visit Ramsgate Leaflet
- (ii) An Empty Shop Report as of December 2022.
- (iii) A Town Beautification Report providing an update on the Harbour Arch Lighting Project and reconsideration of the dedicated hanging poles.

RESOLUTION:

- (i) **The committee noted the report and agreed for the Town Promoter to report on the progress of the leaflet at the next Town Promotion Committee meeting.**
- (ii) **The committee noted the report and have asked for the Town Clerk, in conjunction with the Town Promoter, to take look at how the Council can use the information from the Empty Shops Report in a more positive way.**
- (iii) **The committee noted the updates regarding the Harbour Arch Lighting Project.**

The committee agreed for the Town Promoter to investigate the hanging poles and report back to the next Committee meeting. The position, costs involved, aftercare, staff time and work allocation should be taken into consideration.

008/23 ACTIVE RAMSGATE BRIEF

The Committee received a report from the Town Clerk on the Active Ramsgate Brief, Project Manager's Job Description, Activities Budget and the Kitesurfing Championships.

RESOLUTION:

The committee agreed and approved the Active Ramsgate Brief document and the Active Ramsgate Project Manager Job Description, with recruitment to commence as soon as the 2023/2024 budget is approved. It was also agreed that a person specification will have to be created prior to advertising the role.

Councillor Green voted against this resolution.

The committee agreed that the Kitesurfing Championships should not return to Ramsgate in 2023 and the budget for this should be put back into the general fund.

009/23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 7pm.

The chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm.