



## **RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Town Promotion Committee**

**Venue:** The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP

**Date:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillors; Crittenden (Chair), Huxley and Ovenden.

Also in attendance;  
Councillor Shonk as an observer  
Mr D Williams (Marketing and Communications Officer - Minutes)  
Mrs R Smith (Town Centre and Tourism Manager)  
Mr S Davis (Active Ramsgate Project Manager)

**196/25** **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Albon (Family Commitment), Moore (Personal Commitment) and Nixey (Personal Commitment).

**197/25** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**198/25** **MINUTES**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Promotion Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (minutes 146/25 to 154/25) were received and considered.

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

**199/25** **TOWN PROMOTION UPDATE**

The committee received an update report from Mrs R Smith on promotion of the town. The report detailed updates on Ramsgate Day, Heritage Open Days, Beautification and Lighting Projects.

It was detailed that the VJ Day flag would be raised on 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9am.

One of the Technicians, Mr D Matthews has created a mini library in Charlotte Court and books will be donated soon to start this project.

Mrs R Smith wanted to thank Mr S Davis for his work and support with the Active Ramsgate Project and wished him luck in his new role.

**RESOLUTION: The Committee noted the updates.**

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### **ACTIVE RAMSGATE UPDATE**

Mr S Davis wanted to thank Mrs R Smith, Mr D Williams, Councillor Crittenden and Councillor Huxley for their support during his two years. He stated that Ramsgate Town Council punches above its weight and does so successfully.

Mr S Davis informed the committee of the HAF week that will be starting next week, 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. This has been achieved by working with Ramsgate Football Club.

(i) Thanet District Council Licences

The committee received a report from Mr S Davis on the issues regarding the Thanet District Council licences for small-scale operators in Ramsgate.

**RESOLUTION: The Committee agreed the following:**

- **Propose an amendment to clarify the issues in the licence document, to make it clearer i.e. ‘summer season for Arts and Crafts’ and ‘totalling £1,080’.**
- **Propose a motion from the Town Promotion Committee to Full Council to support Thanet District Council's reconsideration to find a better alternative and ask Thanet District Council to commission further research into how other councils license small-scale activity providers to inform best practices.**

(ii) Active Ramsgate Week

The committee received an update report from Mr S Davis on Active Ramsgate Week 2025, that took place in May.

**RESOLUTION: The Committee noted the updates.**

The committee thanked Mr S Davis for his work over the last two years and how much he has progressed the project. The committee wishes Mr S Davis good luck in his new role.

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### **WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

The Committee received the previous minutes for the Working Group Meetings:

- Active Ramsgate Working Group Meeting – 1 July 2025

**RESOLUTION: The committee agreed to note the minutes.**

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### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

- (i) It was recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule

12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**RESOLUTION: The press and public were excluded for the following item of business.**

(ii) Market Stalls

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, regarding the current arrangement of the Market Stalls. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially, due to the arrangement contained therein.

**RESOLUTION: The Committee agreed the following:**

- **To adopt the Market Stalls Agreement.**
- **To put a rule in place whereby when there are Ramsgate Town Council organised events of a weekend involving the Technicians, that the Technicians are not asked to undertake any other non-Ramsgate Town Council activities.**
- **To investigate whether alternatives to the market stalls could be purchased, something that is easier to erect/dismantle, that could be left to the hirer to organise. This to be reported back to the next committee meeting.**

(iii) Events Calendar

Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, regarding the Events Calendar. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially, due to the arrangement contained therein.

The committee raised concern over the capacity that this can be undertaken in-house, this will be reviewed at future committee meetings.

**RESOLUTION: The Committee agreed the following:**

- **Notes the outcome of the meeting with the contractor.**
- **Formally confirms that the Events Calendar will transition away from its current provider from September 2025.**
- **Approves the development of an in-house or alternate design solution as required.**
- **Requests an update at October and December's Committee meetings, which will then inform the long-term delivery method. Such reports will be supported by distribution and online engagement empirical information.**

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**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025 at 7pm.

The chair closed the meeting at 8:20pm.