



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Promotion Committee

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate
Date: Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 7pm
Present: Councillors; Albon, Ara, Crittenden (Chair) (Joined during Item 4), Moore and Ovenden.

Also in attendance;
Councillor Green as an observer
Councillor Shonk as an observer
Councillor Young 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)

COUNCILLOR ALBON TOOK THE CHAIR IN COUNCILLOR CRITTENDEN'S ABSENCE

129/24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Huxley (personal commitment) and Councillor Nixey (unwell).

130/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

131/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Town Promotion Committee held on 10th April 2024 (minutes 073/24 to 080/24) were received and considered.

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

132/24 TOWN PROMOTION UPDATE

The Committee received reports written by Mrs R Smith on promotion of the town. This included an update regarding the decorative lighting, bench ends project and signage around the harbour, as well as the preparation for the D-Day event. Mrs R Smith informed the committee of the return of the Ramsgate Market on 14th June. It was detailed that the Operation Dynamo Memorial would need some restoration ahead of next years 80th Anniversary. Councillor Shonk suggested enquiring into the War Memorial Fund set aside by Government.

RESOLUTION:

- **The committee noted the report.**
- **The Committee approved the Town Centre & Tourism Manager to seek quotes to restore the Operation Dynamo Memorial and report back to the Town Clerk and Town Promotion Committee.**
- **The Committee approved the Town Centre & Tourism Manager to seek quotes for new signage to support the Heritage Harbour initiatives and report back to the Town Clerk and Town Promotion Committee.**

**COUNCILLOR CRITTENDEN JOINED THE MEETING AND RESUMED AS CHAIR
FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING**

133/24 WORKING WITH THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Committee received an update from the Mr D Williams on the collaborative work between Ramsgate Town Council and Thanet District Council on creative experiences, workshops and art trails.

RESOLUTION: The committee noted the report.

134/24 ACTIVE RAMSGATE UPDATE

The Committee received an update from Mr S Davis on the Active Ramsgate Project, detailing the success of Active Ramsgate Week.

Mr S Davis will be compiling his findings into a report and sharing them with the Active Ramsgate Working Group, which will be sent to all councillors.

RESOLUTION: The committee noted the update.

135/24 OPEN PUBLIC SPACES STRATEGY GROUP

The Committee received the previous minutes for the Open Public Spaces Strategy Group:

- Open Public Spaces Strategy Group Meeting – 12 April 2024

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed to note the minutes.

136/24 WORKING GROUPS

(i) Active Ramsgate Working Group

The Committee received the details of the group set out in the Terms of Reference.

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed the following:

- **To approve the Terms of Reference for the Active Ramsgate Working Group.**
- **Councillor Crittenden to act as Chair for the Active Ramsgate Working Group.**
- **Councillor Huxley to act as Vice-Chair for the Active Ramsgate Working Group.**
- **Councillor Ovenden to join the Active Ramsgate Working Group.**
- **To agree the dates for future meetings as set out in the report.**

(ii) Town Enhancement Working Group

The Committee received the details of the group set out in the Terms of Reference.

RESOLUTION: The committee agreed the following:

- **To approve the Terms of Reference for the Town Enhancement Working Group.**
- **Councillor Crittenden to act as Chair for the Town Enhancement Working Group.**
- **Councillor Huxley to act as Vice-Chair for the Town Enhancement Working Group.**
- **Councillor Ara to join the Town Enhancement Working Group.**
- **To agree the dates for future meetings as set out in the report.**

137/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 4th September 2024 at 7pm.

The chair closed the meeting at 8:15pm.