

Press Release

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“Ramsgate Ferry Roadshow Bowls into Westcliff”

On Saturday, 19th March 2016, the Westcliff Conservation and Community Association (WCCA) welcomed the Ramsgate Ferry Roadshow to its annual general meeting at the Ramsgate Bowls Club. After an encouraging report of the WCCA’s year from Chairman Brian Unwin, Craig Mackinlay MP took to the floor and gave a stirring account of the regeneration planned for Ramsgate. He acknowledged the first-class community support provided by Brian Unwin and his members and looked forward to receiving government backing for future initiatives to improve the area.

David Foley, Chief Executive of Thanet & East Kent Chamber of Commerce, then introduced Dr Bill Moses MBE, the main driving force behind plans to reintroduce a cross-channel passenger ferry from Ramsgate.

A native of Westcliff, Dr Moses is taking a break from arranging billion dollar deals overseas to turn his attention to offering a positive maritime future for Ramsgate. Drawing on his rich experience of managing ferry companies and ports worldwide, he envisages a revived passenger cross-channel ferry service that in its second of operation will bring 500,000 passengers to Ramsgate with an estimated economic impact of £6 million. In an illustrated presentation, Dr Moses outlined the advantages of providing a quality driven service to passengers that would create over 300 jobs and provide a significant boost to local hotels, shops and service industries. He outlined a vision for the future when the remodelled port could become a destination in itself, making the most of its position as the only Royal Harbour in the UK.

Dr Moses received a warm ovation from WCCA members. After responding to some pertinent questions from the audience, an impromptu poll revealed unanimous support for the proposals suggesting that many more names will soon be added to the 7,000 people who have already responded positively to the Ramsgate Ferry website.

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Ramsgate Ferry Ltd is a not for profit company formed with the specific objective of reviving the Port of Ramsgate with a cross-channel ferry service. RFL envisages 500,000 passengers passing through the port in its second year of operations creating over 300 jobs and a business impact of £6 million.