



DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the DOVER TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover on WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017 at 6pm.

PRESENT

Town Mayor, Councillor N Rix in the chair

Councillors

P Brivio	K Sansum
G Cowan	R Walkden
A Jenner	P Wallace
S Jones	C Warriner
J Lamoon	M Wood
I Palmer	C Zosseder
C Precious	

121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burke (ill health), Heron (work commitment), Wanstall (ill health), Ward (holiday).

The Town Council considered the Town Clerk's report of 8th September 2017 concerning a member's request for a 6-month dispensation due to ill health.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wanstall be granted a six-month dispensation from attendance at meetings until the 20th March 2018, in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors present made no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests as required by law.

123. MINUTES

The Town Council considered the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26th July 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 26th July 2017 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

Chairman



124. MMO CONSULTATION WITH REGARD TO DHB'S APPLICATION TO DREDGE THE GOODWIN SANDS

The Town Council received a presentation from the Port of Dover on their application to dredge the Goodwin Sands for the Western Docks Revival Project. Questions were asked by Councillors Walkden, Sansum, Precious, Brivio, Wood, Cowan, Warriner and Palmer. Questions from the Public were asked by Mr Ashenhurst, Mr Kettlewell, Ms Pallisar and Ms Formaggi. Following a full and frank discussion the Mayor thanked the Port of Dover for their interesting presentation.

The Town Council received a presentation from the Goodwin Sands SOS group on why they were objecting to the Port of Dover dredging the Goodwin Sands. Questions were asked by Councillors Precious, Wood, Brivio, Lamoon, Sansum and Palmer. Questions from the Public were asked by Mr Richardson, Mr Kettlewell and Miss Pallisar. Following a full and frank discussion the Mayor thanked the Goodwin Sands SOS group for their interesting presentation.

The Mayor declared a OSI interest in the next item and left the meeting. He took no part in the discussion or voting on the item.

Councillor R Walkden, Deputy Mayor, took the chair for the discussion and voting on the next item.

The Town Council considered Councillor Warriner's motion "that Dover Town Council writes to the Marine Management Organisation before the 28th September 2017 (the end of the public consultation period) to object to proposals by Dover Harbour Board to dredge the Goodwin Sands".

Councillor Sansum requested a recorded vote.

The vote was taken as follows:

For: - Councillors Cowan, Jones, Palmer, Precious, Sansum, Wallace, Warriner, Wood & Zossedler.

Against: - Councillors Jenner, Lamoon & Walkden.

Abstained: - Councillor Brivio.

RESOLVED: That Dover Town Council writes to the Marine Management Organisation before the 28th September 2017 (the end of the public consultation period) to object to proposals by Dover Harbour Board to dredge the Goodwin Sands.

Councillors Lamoon & Precious left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Rix returned to the meeting and took the chair.

125. PROGRESS SHEETS

The Town Council considered and noted outstanding resolutions made by the Town Council during 2017/18.


126. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Town Council noted the Town Mayor's list of engagements since the last meeting.

Councillor Precious returned to the meeting at this point.

127. CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Civic & Special Projects Committee held on the 27th July 2017.

Chairman


RESOLVED: That minute Nos. 81 to 88 be received.

128. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 14th August 2017 (already circulated) and 11th September 2017 (handed out at the meeting).

RESOLVED: a) That subject to a correction of misspelling that minutes Nos. 89 to 99 be received;
b) That minutes Nos. 110 to 120 be received.

129. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6th September 2017.

RESOLVED: That minutes Nos. 100 to 109 be received.

130. COUNCILLORS GRANTS

The Town Council noted the Councillors' grants awarded so far this financial year (handed out at the meeting).

131. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town Council approved the payments made by the Town Council for July and August 2017.

The Town Council noted the budget out-turn to the end of August 2017.

RESOLVED: That the payments made by the Town Council in July and August 2017 be approved and the schedules signed by the Chairman.

132. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND EXTERNAL BODY REPRESENTATION

The Town Council considered the appointment of Councillors to Committees.

RESOLVED: a) That Councillor Palmer be appointed to the Finance & General Purposes and Planning Committees for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year;
b) that Councillor Wood be appointed to the Planning Committee for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal year;
c) that Councillor Zosseder be appointed to the Civic & Special Projects and Community & Services Committees for the remainder of the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

133. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Town Council noted that there were no questions from the public pursuant to Standing Orders 1 (d) to (m) inclusive and 3b (v) on this occasion.

Chairman


134. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Town Council noted that the next Town Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.08pm

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE TOWN MAYOR
(Councillor Neil Rix)
CHAIRMAN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Neil Rix', written over a faint, larger signature.

Chairman