



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 25TH APRIL 2018 at 6.15pm.

PRESENT

Town Mayor, Councillor N Rix in the chair

Councillors

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

476. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

477. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

478. MINUTES

The Town Council considered the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28th February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28th February 2018 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

479. PROGRESS SHEETS

The Town Council noted outstanding resolutions made by the Town Council in 2017/18.

Chairman

480. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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

The Mayor informed the Council that the Town Council's planning application for the new Brook Building had been given full planning permission at the recent Dover District Council Planning Meeting.

481. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 12th March and 9th April 2018.

RESOLVED: a) That minute Nos. 423 to 433 be received;
b) That minute Nos. 451 to 463 be received.

482. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 14th March 2018.

RESOLVED: That minute Nos. 434 to 442 be received.

483. CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Civic & Special Projects Committee held on the 5th April 2018.

RESOLVED: That minute Nos. 443 to 450 be received.

484. COMMUNITY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Community & Services Committee held on the 1st February 2018.

RESOLVED: That minute Nos. 464 to 472 be received;


485. COUNCILLORS GRANTS

The Town Council noted the final out-turn of the 2017-18 Councillor's grants award scheme. It was noted that this year the unspent grant allowances have been returned to reserves.

486. OFFICE PREMISES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Town Council considered the draft schedule of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the draft schedule of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year be adopted.

Chairman


487. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town Council approved the payments made by the Town Council for February and March 2018.

RESOLVED: That the payments made by the Town Council in February and March 2018 be approved and the schedules signed by the Chairman.

488. TOWN COUNCIL EXTERNAL BODY REPRESENTATION

The Town Council noted Councillor Walkden's notes of the Joint Transportation Board Meeting held on 29th March 2018.

489. TOWN MAYOR ELECT & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR ELECT FOR 2018/19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Town Council considered nominations for Town Mayor Elect and Deputy Town Mayor Elect for the 2018/19 Municipal Year to take office on 24th May 2018.

Councillor Brivio proposed and Councillor Heron seconded a nomination for Councillor Susan Jones to be appointed Mayor Elect for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

Councillor Rix proposed and Councillor Jenner seconded a nomination for Councillor Roger Walkden to be appointed Mayor Elect for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

Councillor Jones proposed and Councillor Wood seconded a nomination for Councillor Ian Palmer to be appointed Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

Councillor Ward proposed and Councillor Walkden seconded a nomination for Councillor Callum Warriner to be appointed Deputy Mayor Elect for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: a) That Councillor Susan Jones be appointed Town Mayor of Dover for the 2018/19 Municipal Year to take office on the 24th May 2018.

b) That Councillor Ian Palmer be appointed Deputy Town Mayor of Dover for the Municipal Year 2018/19 to take office on the 24th May 2018.

490. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Town Council considered questions from Dr B Philp pursuant to Standing Orders 1 (d) to (m) inclusive and 3b (v) (letter received by hand on 19th April 2018).

Q1: What is the Strategy of the Council in respect of transferring more large sums of money out of the control of the Council?

A1: The Policy of the Council is as set out in its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and Committee Delegations – specifically as a matter reserved to the Town Council.

“Approval of statutory year-end accounts and reports, annual budgets and variations thereof, any proposed material expenditure outside approved budgets, all payments and contract of £10,000 or more in value”.

Q2: What is the strategy of the Council in respect of the future major reduction of assets by calling extra special meetings in the holiday month of August?

Chairman

A2: The provisions for calling extraordinary meetings of the Council are as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (Schedule 12 paragraph 9 and section 88(2)).

The answer to question 1 sets out the Council's procedures in relation to contracts and any payments over £10,000.

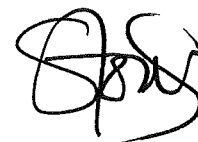
Q3: Causing future annual losses in excess of £400,000?

A3: "Losses" are a commercial concept not generally considered applicable, or useful, in the context of public expenditure. The Council may from time to time set aside ear-marked reserves to fund expenditure and payments in future years - an example of this is the funds set aside in previous years to support the Centenary Commemorations of the end of the first world war. This represents prudent budgeting and planning for the future.

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The Mayor made a statement thanking Town Council officers for their hard work to make the Commemorations of the centenary of the Zeebrugge Raid (St. George's Day 23rd April 1918) so successful and special and he'd received many calls from those who took part in the day complimenting the organisation of the day.

The meeting ended at 6:43pm



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

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