

DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the DOVER TOWN COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent on WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

The Right Worshipful the Town Mayor, Councillor S Jones in the chair

Councillors

Councillor Bedi	Councillor Defriend
Councillor Biggs	Councillor Kember
Councillor Bird	Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Bradley	Councillor Sawbridge (from item 4)
Councillor Brivio	Councillor Shread
Councillor Calder	Councillor Verrill
Councillor Collor	Councillor Mrs Wanstall
Councillor Cowan	Councillor Wanstall

146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Council noted apologies for absence from Councillor Collins (ill health).

147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors present made no declarations of disclosable pecuniary and/or other interests as required by law.

148. MINUTES

The Town Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29th November 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 29th November 2023 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

149. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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

Chairperson

150. PROGRESS SHEETS

The Town Council noted that there were no outstanding resolutions made by the Town Council.

151. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council noted Urgent Decision 23/24 004 dated 3rd January 2024, concerning the cancellation of the Planning Committee scheduled to be held on 8th January 2024.

152. COUNCILLOR WARD GRANTS

The Town Council noted the out-turn of the 2023-24 Councillors' Ward Grant scheme (handed out at the meeting).

Councillors noted that the 'cut-off' point for Councillor grants in the 2023/24 Financial Year would be 14th February 2024.

153. TOWN COUNCIL UTILITY VEHICLE

The Town Council noted Urgent Decision 23/24 005 dated 5th January 2024, concerning the Town Council Utility Vehicle.

154. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town Council approved the schedule of payments made by the Town Council for November & December 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council approved the schedules of payments made for November & December 2023 and were signed by the Chairperson.

The Town Council considered the Town Council budget out-turn report to the end of December 2023.

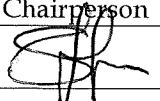
RESOLVED: That the Town Council approved the budget out-turn report to the end of December 2023.

155. TOWN COUNCIL 2024/25 BUDGET

The Town Council considered the Town Mayor & Chairperson of the F&GP Committee's report of 21st December 2023 concerning the Town Council's budget and precept for the 2024/25 financial year.

RESOLVED: a) That the Town Council adopt the attached budget having taken note of all relevant factors including the proposed level of balances, expenditure and income trends and projections, the capital programme, transfers to/from reserves and contingencies and to delegate to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Mayor and the Chair of the Committee the authority to transfer such amounts as are necessary to/from an earmarked reserve with appropriate adjustment to the relevant budget;

b) That the Town Council set a total precept of £939,000 calculated at a 2.92% rise for a Band D household in Dover.

Chairperson


156. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE & EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

The Town Council noted Councillor Wanstall's report concerning the Royal British Legion Dover Branch's recent meeting. Councillor Wanstall resigned as the Town Council's external representative to the Dover White Cliffs Branch of the Royal British Legion but agreed to carry on until a replacement had been agreed.

The Town Council noted Councillor Brivio's verbal report concerning recent meetings of the Dover Fairtrade Network Group, RV Coleman Trust and the White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership. The Town Council noted that Dover's Fairtrade Community Status has been renewed until 2027 and that Fairtrade Fortnight has been moved to September 2024.

The Town Council noted a verbal update on Dover District Council from DTC's DDC Councillors.

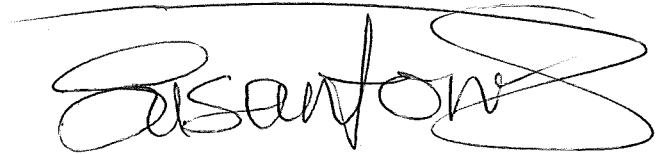
157. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Town Council noted that no questions from the public had been received.

158. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Town Council noted that the date of the next Town Council meeting will be Wednesday 20th March 2024.

The meeting finished at 6.47pm



THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE TOWN MAYOR & SPEAKER OF THE CINQUE PORTS
(Councillor Sue Jones)
CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson