



## 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 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023 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
Councillor Calder	Councillor Shread
Councillor Collor	Councillor Verrill
Councillor Cowan	

#### 66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Council noted apologies for absence from Councillors Collins, Wanstall and Mrs Wanstall (personal commitments).

#### 67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 68. MINUTES

The Town Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

#### 69. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The Town Council received a presentation by the Town Clerk and noted its responsibilities concerning Equality, Diversity & Inclusion regulations.

Chairperson

70. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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

71. PROGRESS SHEETS

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

72. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council noted Urgent Decision UD23/24-001 of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, concerning the cancellation of the Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The Town Council noted Urgent Decision UD23/24-002 of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023, concerning the cancellation of the Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

73. CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Civic & Special Projects Committee meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

RESOLVED: a) That Civic & Special Projects Committee Minute Nos. 56 to 65 be accepted as a true record.

74. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town Council approved the schedule of payments made by the Town Council for July & August 2023.

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

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

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

The Town Council noted that the 2024/25 budget process is currently underway. The Town Council budget will be resolved at the Full Town Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

75. SUPPORT FOR THE WHITE CLIFFS BRANCH RBL

A motion to withdraw Councillor Wanstall's resolution "To assist the Royal British Legion 2023 Poppy appeal in practical ways by providing tables and chairs outside our building, sound equipment on the three weekends before Remembrance Sunday and to afford all reasonable practical help for the poppy appeal" was proposed and agreed following a report by the Town Mayor and receipt of a letter of thanks from the RBL. The Town Council decided that all the practical help had already been provided. Arrangements for the storage of the crosses for the Garden of Remembrance will be discussed with the RBL when the Town Council has capacity for secure storage.

Chairperson



RESOLVED: To withdraw Councillor Wanstall's resolution "To assist the Royal British Legion 2023 Poppy appeal in practical ways by providing tables and chairs outside our building, sound equipment on the three weekends before Remembrance Sunday and to afford all reasonable practical help for the poppy appeal".

76. COUNCILLOR WARD GRANTS

The Town Council noted the out-turn of the 2022-23 Councillors' Ward Grant scheme (handed out at the meeting).

77. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE & EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

The Town Council noted that there were no changes to Town Council Committee membership.

The Town Council noted Councillors Sawbridge & Bird's report concerning the current position concerning City of Sanctuary accreditation.

The Town Council noted Councillor Wanstall's report of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 concerning recent meetings of the Dover White Cliffs Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Town Council noted Councillor Brivio's report concerning recent meetings of the Dover Fairtrade Network Group, RV Coleman Trust and the White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership (handed out at the meeting).

The Town Council noted an update on Dover District Council from DTC's DDC Councillors (handed out at the meeting).

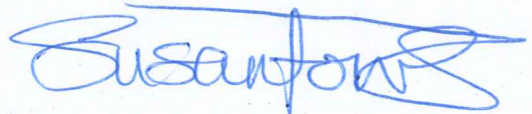
78. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Town Council noted that no questions from the public pursuant to Standing Orders 1 (d) to (m) inclusive and 3b (v) had been received.

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Town Council noted that the date of the next Town Council meeting will be Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

The meeting finished at 6.53pm



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

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