

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 20TH MARCH 2024 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

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

Councillors

Councillor Bedi	Councillor Kember
Councillor Biggs	Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Bird	Councillor Sawbridge
Councillor Bradley	Councillor Shread
Councillor Brivio	Councillor Verrill
Councillor Collor	Councillor Mrs Wanstall
Councillor Cowan	Councillor Wanstall
Councillor Defriend	

Councillors present held a minute's silence for former Mayor George Ruck, former Town Councillor Leslie Stephenson and Honorary Freeman of Dover Terry Sutton MBE who have recently passed away.

209. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Council noted apologies for absence from Councillor Collins (personal commitments).

210. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

211. MINUTES

The Town Council approved the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 17th January 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 17th January 2024 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

212. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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

Chairperson

213. JOINT C&S AND C&SP COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the joint Community & Services and Civic & Special Project Committee meeting held on 24th January 2024, including resolved to recommend minute No 167 and the report thereon.

- RESOLVED: a) That Minute Nos. 159 to 166 and 168 to 169 be accepted as a true record;
- b) That the Town Council adopt the revised Civic Guide.

214. CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Council noted Urgent Decision UD23-24 006 dated 9th January 2024, concerning the change of date for the meeting scheduled for 5th February 2024.

215. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on ai) 12th February & aii) 26th February 2024, including resolved to recommend minute No. 183 and the report thereon.

- RESOLVED: a) That Planning Committee Minute Nos. 170 to 182 and 184 to 187 be accepted as a true record.
- b) That the earmarked reserve for Traffic Calming will be used to implement a one-way system into Queens Gardens.

216. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th March 2024.

- RESOLVED: That Finance & General Purposes Committee Minute Nos. 189 to 196 be accepted as a true record.

217. COMMUNITY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Community & Services Committee meeting held on 13th March 2024 (handed out at the meeting).

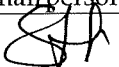
- RESOLVED: That Community & Services Committee Minute Nos. 197 to 205 be accepted as a true record.

218. COUNCILLOR GRANTS

The Town Council noted the final out-turn of the 2023/24 Councillors' grants award scheme.

219. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The Town Council approved the schedule of payments made by the Town Council for January & February 2024.

Chairperson


The Town Council considered the Town Council budget out-turn report to the end of February 2024.

RESOLVED: a) That the Town Council approved the schedules of payments made for January & February 2024 and were signed by the Chairperson.

b) That the Town Council approved the budget out-turn report to the end of February 2024.

220. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP & EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

The Town Council considered Councillor Bird & Councillor Sawbridge's report concerning the Cliffs of Sanctuary accreditation.

The Town Council noted Councillor Brivio's verbal report concerning any recent meetings of the Dover Fairtrade Network Group, RV Coleman Trust, White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership and the Joint Transportation Board.

The Town Council noted Councillor Biggs update report on Dover District Council.

RESOLVED: a) That the Town Council's Cliffs of Sanctuary Champions be asked to explore ways that Dover Town Council can assist with supporting Samphire in this year's Multi-cultural Festival in Dover on 29th June 2024;

b) That the Town Council invite a speaker from Migrant Help to address the Town Council at a future meeting.

221. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Town Council considered the draft Schedule of meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That subject to the last Town Council meeting being moved from March to 16th April 2025 the Town Council adopts the Schedule of Meetings for 2024/25.

222. TOWN MAYOR ELECT & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR ELECT FOR 2024/25 MUNICIPAL YEAR

To consider the nominations for Town Mayor Elect and Deputy Town Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Municipal Year to take office on 29th May 2024.

Cllr Cowan proposed and Cllr Brivio seconded the nomination for Councillor Biggs to be elected Town Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Cllr Shread proposed and Cllr Bradley seconded the nomination for Councillor Sawbridge to be elected Town Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Cllr Shread proposed and Cllr Collor seconded the nomination for Councillor Sawbridge to be elected Deputy Town Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

Cllr Cowan proposed and Cllr Verrill seconded Councillor Bedi to be elected Deputy Town Mayor Elect for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Edward Biggs is elected Town Mayor Elect and Councillor Anuj Bedi is elected Deputy Town Mayor elect and will take office on 29th May 2024.

Chairperson

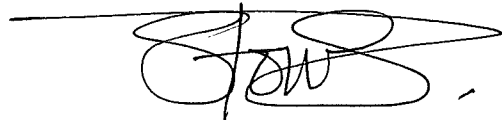

223. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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.

224. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Town Council noted that the date of the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st May 2024 at Maison Dieu House and the next Town Council meeting (Mayor Making) will be held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Dover.

The meeting finished at 6.40pm



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

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