



DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover, on Monday, 12th February 2024 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Bedi	Councillor Kember
Councillor Bradley	Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Collins	Councillor Shread
Councillor Calder (Chair)	Councillor Verrill

170. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillors Bird; Collor & Jones & Sawbridge due to personal commitments.

171. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Calder declared a VAOI interest in agenda item 8 application to place tables & chairs on the Highway at the art club 27 Market square and left the room during discussion and voting

172. MINUTES

The Committee noted the approved Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 20th November 2023 resolved in Minute No.136 at the Town Council Meeting held 29th November 2023

173. COMMITTEE BUDGET

The Committee noted the latest out-turn against the Committee's 2023/24 budget.

174. DETERMINED PLANNING CONSENTS

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The Committee noted the decisions of Dover District Council on the following planning applications:

<u>Application No:</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Town Council Decision</u>
23/01238	47 London Road, Dover CT17 OSP	Granted	Support
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23/01044	Rear of 89-91 Folkestone RD CT179SD	Granted	Support
23/01260	Garage & Premises Rear of 1 Old Park Rd	Granted	Object
23/01182	28 Beaufoy Terrace Dover CT17 0HS	Granted	Support
23/01344	94 Melbourne Avenue Dover CT16 2JH	Granted	Support
23/00460	34 High Street Dover CT16 1EB	Granted	Support

175. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONSENT

The Committee considered applications for planning consent passed to the Town Council for consultation purposes.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be passed to the Dover District Council in relation to the applications now considered:

<u>Application No:</u>	24/00033
<u>Proposal:</u>	Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission 23/00156 (Change of use to mixed use drinking establishment and restaurant/cafe) to allow for extended opening hours. 31 Biggin Street Dover CT16 1BU
<u>Comment:</u>	Object. There has been no change in the residential properties which would be negatively affected by 4 am licencing, their right to a peaceful night's sleep should not be ignored. This establishment would be the only drinking venue in Dover open until 4am, potentially drawing in patrons from other closed establishments. As they close those patrons likely have already consumed an excess of alcohol, therefor this will lead to consequences of an increase elevating the risk of fights, and other antisocial behaviour. The Council would like to see the opening hours left as they are at 2 am.
<u>Application No:</u>	24/00055
<u>Proposal:</u>	Display of 4 illuminated fascia signs, 1 non-illuminated fascia sign, 1 Illuminated totem with snap frame sign, 1 illuminated single sided digital totem, 1 illuminated single sided triple digital totem and 2 illuminated totem signs 101 Snargate Street Dover CT17 9DA
<u>Comment:</u>	Support
<u>Application No:</u>	24/00102
<u>Proposal:</u>	Change of use and conversion from guest house into 2 residential dwellings 239-241 Westbank Guest House Folkestone Road Dover CT17 9LL

Chair
AJL

Comment: Support

176. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No: 24/00029
Proposal: Change of use from shop (Class E) to residential dwelling (Class C3), external alterations to the front elevation, fenestration changes to the ground floor rear and east side elevations.
 36 Cherry Tree Avenue Dover CT16 2NL

Comment Support
Application No: 24/00129
Proposal: Change of use from a single dwelling into 2 No. maisonettes
 15 Norman Street Dover CT17 9RS

Comment Support
Application No: 24/00130
Proposal: Change of Use from a single dwelling into 2 No. maisonettes. Includes: erection of partition walls, infill of 1 doorway and installation of an ensuite in the basement; relocation of 2 doorways, insertion of 2 doorways and erection of partition wall on ground floor; adjustment of partitions on 1st and 2nd floors. Also, replacement of all doors and repair of 1 dormer window.
 15 Norman Street Dover CT17 9RS

Comment Support

Councillor Calder left the room & councillor Bradley to the chair

177. LICENSING

Committee considered application to place tables & chairs on the Highway:

Furniture: 4 Tables, 20 Chairs, 10 Benches
Timings: 08:30 to 23:00 Monday to Sunday
Location: The Art Club, 27 Market Square, Dover, CT16 1NG

RESOLVED: That the Town Council strongly objects to the siting of benches on Market Street at the Roman Lawn. This is the only vehicular and main pedestrian access. Placing benches in the proposed location hinders the entrance to Roman Lawns, which is frequently used for events. This could disrupt planned activities and limit public access to a space that is historically significant and often utilised for community gatherings. The area in front of the entrance is crucial for crowd control during events held at Roman Lawns. Granting the license will compromise the safety and security of the public, as the intended placement could impede safe access & efficient crowd management protocols. The potential negative impacts on the functionality of Roman Lawns should be carefully considered. The placement of benches close to the roadway on pedestrian areas also is not safe for people using the benches. It is not feasible to expect that the benches would be removed in a timely fashion for events. The Roman Lawn is likely to be used even more in the coming years than previously. The tables and chairs Infront of the Art Club are not being objected to.

Chair
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Councillor Calder returned to the room & retook the chair.

178. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 26th February 2024 at 6 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.35p.m.

Councillor A Calder
CHAIR

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