



DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITY & SERVICES COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 6.00pm at the Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover, Kent, CT16 1DW.

PRESENT

Councillor Bedi	Councillor Jones (Chair)
Councillor Biggs	Councillor Kember <i>from</i>
Councillor Bird	<i>item 214</i>
Councillor Calder	Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Collor	Councillor Sawbridge <i>from</i>
	<i>item 214</i>
	Councillor Shread
	Councillor Verrill

212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillor Collins, Councillor Wanstall & Councillor Mrs Wanstall due to personal commitments

213. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones made council aware on agenda item 9 as she manages 2 community centres in Dover though as yet this was not viewed as a VAOI

214. MINUTES

Committee noted the approved Minutes of the Community & Services Committee held on the 4th of December 2024 as resolved in Minute No.193 at the Town Council Meeting held 15th January 2025.

215. BUDGET

Committee noted the latest out-turn against the Committee's 2024/25 budget.

Chairperson

216. ALLOTMENTS

Committee noted WCCP's update report regarding progress on High Meadow

Committee noted clerk to committee's report regarding allotment update

217. TOWN REGENERATION

The Committee considered Councillor Shread's report regarding Motion for the Ocean.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

To declare an Ocean emergency and to adopt the "Motion to the Ocean" and write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030.

218. INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee noted there were no information items

219. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Committee considered a motion under Standing Orders 1C for the exclusion of the public and press for the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of business to be discussed

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Standing Order 1c and in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it would be advisable in the public interest that the public & press be temporarily excluded, and they be requested to withdraw for the duration of the agenda.

220. COMMUNITY SPACES


To consider Chairpersons Report regarding Community Spaces in Dover

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

To purchase a building or buildings in the centre of Dover through a loan from the PWLB of up to £260,000 to deliver services to the community of Dover as outlined in the Dover Place Plan 2024-6.

RESOLVED:

- To develop a business plan to support the decision and any resulting loan application with research, negotiations and arrangements delegated to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council.

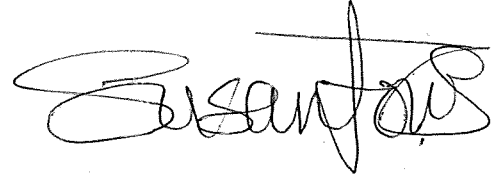
Chairperson


- To summon a meeting of all councillors on Tuesday 1st April to review the draft business plan

221. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the date of the next meeting will be 2nd April 2025

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm



CHAIRPERSON
Councillor S Jones

Chairperson