

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 13TH NOVEMBER 2024 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT

The Right Worshipful the Town Mayor, Councillor E Biggs in the chair

Councillors

Councillor Bird	Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Calder	Councillor Sawbridge
Councillor Jones	Councillor Verrill
Councillor Kember	Councillor Wanstall

The Mayor informed Councillors that Councillor Martin Bradley had died and a minute's silence was held.

141. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Town Council noted apologies for absence from Councillors Bedi, Brivio, Collins, Collor, Cowan, Dawes, Shread & Mrs Wanstall (personal commitments).

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors present made no declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest as required by law.

143. MINUTES

The Town Council approved the Minutes of the extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 28th August 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the extraordinary Town Council meeting held on the 28th August 2024 be approved and signed by the Town Mayor.

144. PRESENTATION

Due to the absence of Councillor Bedi, the Council noted that this presentation would be given at a future full Town Council meeting.

Chairperson


145. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

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

146. FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 15th July 2024, including resolved to recommend minute no. 77 and the report thereon. It was noted that the Council's investments were unchanged.

The Town Council considered the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st October 2024.

- RESOLVED:
- a) That Finance & General Purposes Committee Minute Nos. 72 to 76 & 78 and 125 to 131 be accepted as a true record;
 - b) That the Investment Strategy for 2024/25 be adopted.

147. COMMUNITY & SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Town Council noted that the Community & Services Committee meeting scheduled for the 24th July 2024 did not go ahead due to it being inquorate.

The Town Council received the minutes of the extraordinary Community & Services Committee meeting held on 17th October 2024.

The Town Council noted that the Community & Services Committee meeting scheduled for the 30th October 2024 was cancelled.

- RESOLVED: That Community & Services Committee Minute Nos. 120 to 124 be accepted as a true record.

148. PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Town Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on the 29th July, 2nd September, 7th October 2024 and the 4th November 2024 (handed out at the meeting).

- RESOLVED: That Planning Committee Minute Nos. 79 to 87, 95 to 103, 104 to 112 and 132 to 140 be accepted as a true record.


149. CIVIC & SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

The Town Council noted the minutes of the Civic & Special Projects Committee meeting held on 14th October 2024.

- RESOLVED: That Civic & Special Projects Committee Minute Nos. 113 to 119 be accepted as a true record.

150. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 150a. The Town Council approved the schedule of payments made by the Town Council for July, August, September & October 2024.

Chairperson


- 150b. The Town Council approved the Town Council budget out-turn report to the end of October 2024.
- 150c. The Town Council noted McCabe Ford Williams letter of 18th October 2024 concerning the interim internal audit held on 14th October 2024.

RESOLVED: a) That the payments made by the Town Council in July, August, September & October 2024 be approved and the schedules signed by the Chairperson;

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

151. COUNCILLOR WARD GRANTS

The Town Council noted the out-turn of the 2024/25 Councillors' Ward Grant scheme.

152. TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE & EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

The Town Council noted that Councillors Bedi, Mrs Wanstall, Wanstall have resigned from the Planning Committee and Councillor Brivio has resigned from the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

The Town Council noted Councillor Bird & Councillor Sawbridge's report of November 2024 concerning City of Sanctuary.

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).

The Town Council noted Councillor Wanstall's short verbal report regarding the recent Joint Transportation Board meeting.

153. 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.

154. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Town Council noted that the date of the next Town Council meeting will be Wednesday 15th January 2025 (Budget Meeting).

The meeting finished at 6.35pm

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE TOWN MAYOR
(Councillor Edward Biggs)
CHAIRPERSON

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