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**The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 in Deal
Town Hall starting at 7.15pm.**

Present:

Cllr Dr D Murray (Chairman)	Cllr B Bano
Cllr C Tough	Cllr Mrs K Blackburn
Cllr B Hawkins	Cllr B Gardner
Cllr I Kilberry	Cllr E Rowbotham
Cllr M Burnham	Cllr M Cosin
Cllr C Stickler	

Officers in attendance:

Town Clerk: Lorna Crow
Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk: Paul Bone
Mayor's Secretary/Event Co-ordinator: Joanne Harper
Town Sgt: Barry Finch
Premises Officers: Andrew Kononowicz/Chris Hobbs-East

Others:

28 members of the public and representatives of local services, voluntary and community organisations.

1.	Chairman's opening remarks: Cllr Dr Deryck Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke about his recent visit to St Omer. The fire evacuation procedures were then read out by Paul Bone.
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr J Cronk, Cllr B Frost
3.	The minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 23rd April 2014. RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 rd of April 2014 as a true and accurate record. (P) BG (S)BB Agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
4.	Guest Speakers: Roisin Murray delivered a presentation on the Dover District Volunteer Bureau which has been running for 42 years and offered an introduction to volunteering, support training, and mentoring for people who need help in the district. Stephanie Hayman delivered a presentation about the Community Interest Company School Meals in the surrounding area. She also spoke about the Chequers Kitchen Social Enterprise Company and their mission to teach people how to cook, and transform their needs to cook and eat healthily.

	<p>Cllr Murray thanked Roisin Murray and Stephanie Hayman for addressing the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Feedback from those awarded Deal Town Council grants and from representatives of local groups and organisations.</p> <p>Representatives of local organisations were then invited to present information about who they are, what they do and, if appropriate, how they had used any financial grant awarded by Deal Town Council.</p> <p>Samaritans ACE – Alternative Christmas Experience Classic Car Show Deal and Walmer Cricket Club Deal and Walmer Allotment Association Deal Area Foodbank – email read out by Cllr Murray</p> <p>All speakers were limited to 2 minutes each for their presentations which were well received by all those present.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for speaking and said it had been very interesting listening to the amazing amount of good that is being done for the Town. He then duly reminded everyone that the closing date for this year’s grant applications was 30th April.</p>
7.	<p>Open session for questions or comments on any issues of interest:</p> <p>A member of the public asked for an update regarding the Cinema. Cllr Gardner advised that he was very disappointed the progress and everything that could possible done was being done.</p> <p>A question was raised asking why there had been a decision to change the Wednesday Market to a Friday. Cllr Burnham advised that the subject was due to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting on the 30th of April.</p> <p>A member of the public raised the issue of the Castle Community School and Walmer Science College merger.</p>
8	<p>As there were no further indications of anyone wishing to speak, Cllr Murray thanked everyone for attending and participating in the meeting and said he wished there were more members of the public present to listen to the wonderful work of all the volunteers.</p>
	<p>Date of next Annual Town Meeting: Monday 18th April 2016</p>
	<p>Joanne Harper Mayor’s Secretary/ Event Co-ordinator 30th April 2015</p>