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The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016  
in Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm.

**Present:**

Cllr T Bond	Cllr D Harper
Cllr M Burnham	Cllr C Hartley
Cllr P Inch	Cllr M Eddy
Cllr L Butler	Cllr K Lee
Cllr B Bano	

**Officers in attendance:**

Town Clerk: Lorna Crow  
Responsible Finance Officer: Paul Bone  
Secretary: Una Finch

**Others:** 8 members of the public

		Actions
1.	The Town Clerk advised members that as the Chairman and the Vice Chairman were not present at the meeting members would need to elect a Chairman for the evening. Members RESOLVED: That Cllr Ben Bano would Chair the meeting (P) ME (S) TB All agreed. <b>Chairman's opening remarks:</b> The Chairman advised of the fire regulations and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr A Friend Cllr W Elliott, Cllr D Cronk, Cllr B Frost, Cllr D Bond. <b>Absent:</b> Cllr E Carr.	
3.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None received.	
4.	<b>The minutes of the full Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for approval and signing:</b> RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 18 <sup>th</sup> January as a true and accurate record. Move to note (P) KL (S) CH All Agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the chairman.	
5.	<b>Public Participation:</b> Members of the public asked about the following issues; Syrian Refugees, the absence of PCSOs at the council meeting, an update on the street lighting, concerns over the dredging of the Goodwin Sands and the need for a bench in the Mill Hill shopping area.	
6.	<b>Homelessness in the Deal Area:</b> James Moorhouse from the charity Porchlight gave a presentation to the members. He explained their work with homeless people sleeping on the streets and the help they can give them to try to house them in hostels and finding them permanent homes. He promoted the Freephone number, website and posters that Porchlight have to advertise their services. Following discussion members RESOLVED to display Porchlight's Freephone number and various emergency numbers from other organisations on the Town Council's notice Boards.(P) ME (S) TB All agreed	Town Clerk
7.	<b>Police Liaison at future council meetings:</b> The Chairman advised that councillors had met informally with the Police. The Town Clerk stated that Inspector Thompson had requested a copy of the full council meeting schedule and he would then be able to tell council which meetings a representative from the police would be able to attend. Members RESOLVED to invite the Fire Service to give a presentation on road safety to Full Council at future meetings. (P) ME (S) KL All Agreed	

8.	<p><b>Town Clerk's report:</b> The Town Clerk reported to councillors that she had invited South Eastern railway to give a presentation to council regarding the repair works and subsequent timetable disruption but to date had not received a response. Members RESOLVED: To request the Town Clerk contact South Eastern railway again and also Network Rail and stress how important it is to council that they attend a full council meeting soon. (P) DH (S) ME All Agreed</p> <p>Cllr Bond stated that he was not satisfied with the response received from Southern Water regarding council's queries, he also referred to the recent town council planning meeting where developers had given contradictory information to Southern Water. Following discussion members RESOLVED: for the Town Clerk to write back to Southern Water stating that their response was not acceptable. To request again that they give details of the capacity of the pumps used in wet weather, advise if they are know what is the contributing factor to flooding in Albert road and confirm the adequacy of the pipework in this area. (P) TB (S) ME all Agreed</p>	Town Clerk  Town Clerk
9.	<p><b>Committee Reports:</b></p> <p>(a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. RESOLVED agreed to note (P) KL (S) LB All Agreed.</p> <p>(b) The Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. RESOLVED (P) TB (S) MB All Agreed.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>(a) Income and Expenditure figures to 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. RESOLVED: to note the report (P) ME (S) TB All Agreed</p> <p>(b) List of individual payments exceeding £500 made from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. RESOLVED: to note the report (P) MB (S) Me All Agreed</p> <p>(c) Fidelity Insurance: Members RESOLVED to increase the level of cover to £1,000,000 with an increase in premium of £67.48 per annum (inclusive of tax)(P) MB (S) ME All Agreed</p>	RFO
11.	<p><b>Motion received from Cllr B Bano regarding Syrian refugees:</b></p> <p>(a) LGA Guidance regarding proposed motion.</p> <p>(b) Motion received from Cllr Bano: The Chairman advised that although he had emailed the motion to the Town Clerk it was being submitted by Cllr Eddy. Members discussed the guidance in receiving donations for the refugees supplied by the Town Clerk and RESOLVED to amend the motion to: Following the example of Sandwich Town Council and this town's motto of "Aid the Stranger", this council resolves to establish a mechanism to assist the integration of Syrian refugees into the local community. (P) ME (S) TB All Agreed.</p>	Cllrs
12.	<p><b>Dredging at the Goodwin Sands:</b></p> <p>(a) Correspondence received from Ringwoud with Kingsdown Parish Council: Members RESOLVED to accept the invitation to meet with Ringwoud and Kingsdown Parish Council to discuss the dredging at Goodwin Sands and to suggest to the Ringwoud parish clerk that Sandwich and Ramsgate Town Councils are also invited. (P) MB (S) BB All Agreed. Members further RESOLVED: that the representatives from Deal Town Council at this meeting would be Cllr M Eddy and Cllr K Lee (P) TB (S) LB All Agreed</p> <p>(b) Motion received from Cllr Bano: Following discussion members RESOLVED to invite Dover Harbour Board, the Environmental Agency and The Fishing Society to a Full Council Meeting to clarify their proposals for using sand and gravel from Goodwin Sands to expand cargo facilities and build a marina at the port of Dover. (P) ME (S) MB All Agreed</p>	Cllr Eddy/ Cllr Lee  Town Clerk

13.	<b>Deal in Bloom:</b> Members RESOLVED to adopt the red, white and blue theme for the planters and hanging baskets in celebration of the Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday. (P) MB (S) LB All Agreed.	RFO
14.	<b>Meeting schedule 2016-17:</b> RESOLVED to accept the proposed the meeting schedule for 2016/2017 (P) MB (S) PI All Agreed.	Town Clerk
15.	<b>Update on funding request for bench at Mill Hill:</b> Following discussion to seek extra funding for an improved bench to avoid misuse, members RESOLVED to commit £753 plus VAT towards installing the bench in Mill Hill on the understanding that councillors will explore options for further funding towards a bench with higher specifications (P) MB (S) CH All Agreed.	Cllrs
16.	<b>Mayor Making Procedure:</b> Members RESOLVED to continue with the procedure of the Mayor elect being nominated at the Full Council meeting in March, but then amend the format of Mayor Making to be the annual meeting of the council in May with the first order of business to elect the Chairman/Mayor and Deputy Chairman/Deputy Mayor (LGA 19720 s150 (2) refers) and hold a separate mayoral ceremonial evening later that month. For May 2016 to hold the annual meeting of the council on 19 May (as advertised) and reschedule the meeting of 23 May to Friday 27 May to be the ceremonial mayoral evening. (P) TB (S) ME All Agreed.	Town Clerk
17.	<b>Annual Report:</b> Members agreed with the recommendations and RESOLVED that the report is produced and printed in-house and distributed as in the last two years, and content to be as recommended. A copy of the draft report to be supplied to council before distribution. (P) KL (S) LB All Agreed.	Town Clerk
18.	<b>Annual Town Meeting:</b> Members RESOLVED to provide a budget of £50 for refreshments of tea, coffee, juice and biscuits for the evening. (P) MB (S) ME All Agreed.	Town Clerk
19.	<b>KCC mobile library consultation:</b> Following discussion members RESOLVED to respond to the new proposals individually (P) LB (S) KL All Agreed.	Cllrs
20.	<b>Queens 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:</b> Members noted the report.	
21.	<b>KCC Councillor report:</b> Members noted the report.	
	<b>Members RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting on the grounds of matters being confidential nature (P) MB (S) TB All Agreed 8.43pm</b>	
22.	<b>Staff policy update:</b> The Town Clerk summarised the policy reports. Members RESOLVED: To accept and implement the TOIL policy (P) TB (S) ME All Agreed. Members further RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of option 2 for parking permits (P) ME (S) TB All Agreed	Town Clerk
	The Town Clerk requested free use of the Town Hall on Monday 29 February so that attendees of former Mayor and Councillor Deryck Murray funeral could come back for refreshments. Members agreed to this request (P) TB (S) ME All Agreed	Town Clerk
	<b>The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm</b>	