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The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20th October 2015
in Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr A Friend (Chairman) Cllr W Elliott
Cllr T Bond Cllr D Harper
Cllr K Lee Cllr C Hartley
Cllr P Inch Cllr M Eddy
Cllr L Butler Cllr B Frost
Cllr D Cronk

Officers in attendance:

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

Others: 8 members of the public
PCSO Sara Orchard
Anita Pollard

1.	Chairman's opening remarks: The Chairman read the fire regulations and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Actions
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr E Carr, Cllr B Bano, Cllr Burnham and Cllr D Bond	
3.	Declarations of interest: None received	
4.	The minutes of the full Council meeting held on 23rd September 2015 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 23 rd September 2015 as a true and accurate record (P) DC (S) LB All agreed. The Chairman signed the minutes.	
5.	Public Participation: Members of the public asked about the following issues; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For an update on council's research regarding the problem of feeding pigeons in the Town Centre. • If the seating on the town's pier could be included in the council's consideration for the Coastal community economic plan. • That council consider signage at the North end of the High Street to advise no drinking in the area. • Queries on the progress and cost of the Town Hall refurbishment • Invitations to all councillors to attend the Deal Society talk on Wednesday 28 October at the Town Hall to hear Police Commissioner Ann Barnes. 	
6.	Local Police Report: PCSO Sara Orchard gave an update on current incidents within the town which included that there had been a spate of burglaries in the area. She also spoke of the use and benefits of the DPAC radios. The Chairman thanked the PCSO for her report. RESOLVED: to note the report (P) WE (S) ME. All agreed.	
7.	KCC Councillor Report: RESOLVED: To note the report (P) WE (S) KL Agreed Cllr Eddy referred to his memo regarding Operation Stack and the issues this could have for the town of Deal. Following discussion members RESOLVED: To instruct the Town Clerk in liaison with Cllr Eddy and Cllr T Bond to write on behalf of Deal Town council to the Secretary for Transport, the Highways Agency and Kent County Council objecting in the strongest terms to the proposed use of Manston for Operation Stack HGV Parking, letter to include the	

	<p>following points: Problems for the police in separating vehicles heading for Dover Port from those heading for the Tunnel Problems of enforcing the scheme. Undualled sections of the A256 would be blocked by vehicle convoys. Local traffic wanting to cross the line of the A256 would be blocked. Some roundabouts in the undualled section of the A256 are inadequate for large vehicles. The A256 comes out at an undualled section of the A2 and traffic already on the A2 would need to filter into the convoy. Convoys would cross across the A258 at the Duke of York's roundabout, causing potential delays particularly at peak times. Should Manston be used, there is very high probability that Deal, along with Sandwich and numerous villages will effectively be isolated from the rest of Kent, not just from the South, as is the case with Operation Stack now, but also from the North and regarding their concerns for Deal and the impact the decision would have on the surrounding roads. (P) ME (S) TB All agreed</p> <p>Members then discussed their concern of the current drainage system for Deal and RESOLVED: To instruct the Town Clerk to write to Southern Water on behalf of Deal Town Council to ask what is the current percentage capacity that the local pumping stations are working at especially during worst case scenarios for weather. (P) TB (S) ME All agreed</p> <p>Cllr Eddy also advised that he would be submitting a report regarding the Royal Hotel road safety study that had been commissioned by himself and Cllr Rowbotham to be included on the next full council agenda.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Town Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Eddy</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Town Clerk's Report: The Town Clerk advised members that it had been recommended by Dover Museum that the Turner painting is valued before it leaves the Town Hall for the Turner Contemporary exhibition and that the gallery would be requiring the painting from mid-April.</p> <p>Following discussion members RESOLVED: To request that the curator, Mr Jon Iveson of the Dover Museum liaise with the Turner Contemporary on Deal Town Council's behalf regarding the proposed lending out of the Turner painting for their exhibition, this is on the condition that the Turner painting is reframed at no cost to the council. Mr Iveson is also requested to keep DDC apprised of this matter. (P) WE (S) ME All agreed</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: to note the Town Clerks report (P) DC (S)WE all Agreed.</p>	<p>Town Clerk</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Committee Reports: (i)The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd September 2015 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. RESOLVED: Agreed to note (P)WE (S) LB All Agreed (ii) The Minutes of the extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held on 15th September 2015 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. RESOLVED: Agreed to note (P) WE (S)KL All Agreed. (iii) The minutes of the Finance and General Purpose committee meeting held on 14th September 2015 for information purposes. RESOLVED: Agreed to note (P) TB (S) WE All Agreed.</p>	

10.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(i) List of payments made between 1st September 2015 – 30th September 2015 and 1 August 2015 – 31 August 2015 for approval and signing including lists of individual payments exceeding £500.00: RESOLVED: to note the list of payments made between 1st September 2015 and 30th September 2015 and 1 August 2015 and 31 August 2015, including lists of payments exceeding £500.00. (P)WE (S) DC All Agreed.</p> <p>Following queries the R.F.O advised that the first phase of the Town Hall refurbishment had been completed apart from the rendering that had been agreed and scheduled but was weather dependant. The refurbishment work would finish within budget.</p>	
11.	<p>Coastal Community Team update: Cllr Bond summarised the memo and asked members to consider what they would like included in the Coastal Community team's economic plan. Members discussed options and when they started to consider the lack of hotels in the area Cllr T Bond declared an OSI interest and left the room. Following further discussion members RESOLVED: To recommend that the seafront and pier were enhanced, the lack of hotels and B&Bs be considered, and the deficient road and sewage system in Deal be taken into account. (P)WE (S) DC Agreed. Cllr T Bond returned to the meeting</p>	Town Clerk /Cllr T Bond
12.	<p>DPAC Funding request: Cllr Eddy proposed Deal Town Council award a grant in the same amount as Dover Town Council for this request, Cllr Cronk seconded this motion, before a vote was taken Members RESOLVED: Due to the sensitive information regarding this request to defer this agenda item to the end of the meeting in order for it to be discussed in private session. (P) DC (S) KL All agreed</p>	
13.	<p>Town Hall First Floor Storage: Members debated the recommendation and RESOLVED: To accept and agree with the Town Hall Working Group recommendation that the first floor gents toilet is converted to become a permanent storage area. (P) WE (S) DC 6 for 4 against motion carried</p>	R.F.O
14.	<p>Town Hall Christmas event: Members discussed the event and RESOLVED: To accept the recommendations in the memo and to agree a budget of £450 for the Christmas event (P) WE (S) DC all agreed and further RESOLVED: To delegate the decisions for the event to the Events Manager (P) DC (S) WE All agreed</p>	Event Manager
15.	<p>KALC Annual General Meeting: RESOLVED: That Cllr Hartley and Cllr Lee will represent Deal Town Council at the KALC AGM on 21 November 2015 with voting rights. (P) WE (S) ME all agreed</p>	Cllr Hartley Cllr Lee
16.	<p>Outside Body Representation update:</p> <p>(i) North Deal Community Partnership: RESOLVED: To note the report (P) LB (S) WE All agreed.</p> <p>(ii) WCCTA and Deal St Omer Twinning Society: RESOLVED: To note the reports (P) WE (S) TB All agreed</p>	
17.	<p>Deal in Bloom update: RESOLVED: To note the report (P) TB (S) WE All agreed</p>	
	<p>Resolution to exclude the public: Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) – on the grounds that the information to be discussed is of a confidential nature taken at 8.20pm (P) DC (S) WE All agreed The public left the meeting</p>	
18. (12)	<p>DPAC Funding request: Following discussion, Cllr Eddy withdrew his earlier proposal, members RESOLVED: To defer decision regarding the request for funding to the next Finance and General Purposes committee and invite a representative from DPAC to attend to answer members queries. (P) TB (S) WE 7 for 4 against motion carried</p>	R.F.O
	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm</p>	