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The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25th April 2016
in Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm.

Present:

Cllr A Friend (Chairman)	Cllr W Elliott
Cllr T Bond	Cllr D Cronk
Cllr M Burnham	Cllr D Harper (from 7.25pm)
Cllr L Butler	Cllr K Lee
Cllr B Bano	Cllr B Frost
Cllr M Eddy	

Officers in attendance:

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

Others: 6 members of the public

1.	Chairman's opening remarks:	Actions
	The Chairman advised of the fire regulations and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then congratulated Her Majesty The Queen on her recent 90 th Birthday. Cllr Bano commended the chairman for his enjoyable Civic Service on 24 April.	
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr C Hartley, Cllr D Bond, the Town Clerk advised that Cllr Harper would be arriving later Absent: Cllr P Inch.	
3.	Declarations of interest: Cllr M Burnham declared a VAIO for item 10 on the agenda as her husband had worked for Network Rail.	
4.	The minutes of the full Council meeting held on 29th March 2016 for approval and signing: RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the full council meeting held on 29 th March 2016 as a true and accurate record. Move to note (P) WE (S) DC All Agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the chairman.	
5.	Public Participation: One member of the public requested that council consider issuing poll cards for elections. Cllr Eddy also answered queries about his KCC report. The Mayor was asked why he had decided not to stand as Mayor for a second term and he responded that although he had enjoyed his year he wanted to give other councillors the opportunity to have this honour, and felt that Cllr Elliott would be a fantastic Mayor for Deal. Cllr D Harper joined the meeting.	
6.	Town Clerk's Report: Cllr B Bano asked the Deal Town Councillors who were on the DDC Joint Transportation Board to lobby the Chairman to add the concerns over the ongoing rail works between Dover and Folkestone to its next agenda, Cllr Eddy and Cllr Bond agree do this. Members RESOLVED: to note the Town Clerks report (P) TB (S) WE All agreed.	Cllrs ME & TB
7.	Committee Reports: (a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 rd March 2016 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. Members RESOLVED: agreed to note (P) WE (S) DC All Agreed. (b) The Minutes of the Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting held on 21 st March 2016 for information purposes only, already signed and approved. Members RESOLVED: agreed to note (P) TB (S) WE All Agreed.	

8.	<p>Finance:</p> <p>(a) List of payments made between 1st March 2016 - 31st March 2016 and list of individual payments made between 1st March 2016 – 31st March 2016 exceeding £500.00. Members RESOLVED: to note the report (P) DC (S) TB All Agreed.</p>	
9.	<p>Update on DDC Scrutiny meeting with Southern Water:</p> <p>Cllr T Bond reported to members that Southern Water had advised improvements had been made to Allenby Avenue and that the investigations for flooding in the Albert Road area were still ongoing, the Scrutiny committee had requested that Southern Water submit a report on the findings of the report. Following discussions Members RESOLVED: to note the report (P) DC (S) BF All agreed.</p>	
10.	<p>Update on rail works from Dover to Folkestone:</p> <p>(a) Following discussions members RESOLVED: Cllr Bano to represent Deal Town Council at the stakeholder forum in London on 11th July and that members of the Town Council should request they are on the mailing list to receive updates, general company information and other news from Southeastern. (P) BB (S) TB 8 for 2 against.</p> <p>(b) The Town Clerk reported to members that Network Rail had telephoned her that afternoon and had apologised for the delay in responding to the council. Network Rail had also assured the Town Clerk that if a Task Force Meeting organised by Charlie Elphicke took place that Deal Town Council would be invited to attend along with Dover and Folkestone Town Councils. Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) BB (S) TB All agreed.</p>	Cllr Bano All Cllrs
11.	<p>Review of KCC funded Bus Services consultation:</p> <p>Following discussions on the Bus Services and the proposed reduction of services members RESOLVED: to respond individually to the consultation (P) LB (S) WE All agreed.</p> <p>Following further discussions on the reduction of the 15a and the effect it would have on local residents members RESOLVED: To request the Town Clerk write to KCC and express the town councils concerns at the withdrawal of the 15a service and the effect it would have on local residents (P) BB (S) DC 5 for 3 against 3 abstentions.</p>	All Cllrs Town Clerk
12.	<p>Emergency Ambulance Response Time in the area:</p> <p>Following discussion members accepted Cllr Bano's motion and RESOLVED: That Council is concerned about the reported delays in response times of emergency ambulances in the Deal area and requests the Town Clerk to seek clarification from the South East Coast Ambulance Trust on current performance and plans to improve the position. (P) BB (S) ME All agreed.</p>	Town Clerk
13.	<p>Future By-election procedure on poll cards:</p> <p>Following discussion motions were proposed and seconded, the Chairman took the vote in the order they were received;</p> <p>That poll cards are issued for by elections called in 2016, (P) ME (S) DC 5 for 6 against motion failed.</p> <p>That poll cars are issued for all elections in future (P) ME (S) DC 5 for 6 against motion failed.</p> <p>To issue no poll cards (P) BF (S) LB Withdrawn</p>	Town Clerk
14.	<p>Town Council Summer Fete:</p> <p>Following discussions the Town Clerk assured councillors that she would as always obtain 3 quotes were possible for the services required at the event. Members RESOLVED: to provide a budget of up to £1,500 for this event and delegate authority to the Town Clerk, and Event Manager in liaison with the Chair of F&GP to make decisions on expenditure for the event. Any exceptional expenditure to be reported back to the council.</p> <p>(P) TB (S) LB All agreed.</p>	Town Clerk Event Manager Cllr T Bond



15.	<p>Battle of Somme commemoration: Members RESOLVED: to take part with the commemoration of the Battle of the Somme where required and to provide free use of the Town Hall for the reception. To delegate authority to the Town Clerk a budget of up to £150 towards refreshments. (P) BF (S) ME 10 for 1 abstention</p>	Town Clerk
16.	<p>KCC Councillor report: Cllr Eddy answered questions on the problems on street parking in the Middle Deal Road and Mathews Close area. Members agreed to note the report.</p>	
	<p>The Chairman thanked the opposition for remaining non-political during his mayoral year, and Councillor Bano and Burnham for their support with his Holocaust memorial project.</p> <p>He closed the meeting at 8.50pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th May Annual meeting of the council.</p>	



