



Deal Town Council

Annual Report

April 2020 to March 2021



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Welcome to Deal Town Council's 2020/21 Annual Report

I was expecting to step down from my Mayoral duties in May 2020, however, as the



country was hit by the Covid-19 pandemic, the council asked that I continue in this role until May 2021, and I was honoured to accept.

None of us imagined a year ago that we would still be tackling Covid-19. This year we've experienced three lockdowns and the strangest Christmas.

Like everybody else, so much of what we do as a Town Council and me as Mayor has had to be put on hold this year.

Our efforts, like those of many of our wonderful community groups, have been focussed on supporting those most affected by the pandemic: those self-isolating, those shielding, those battling the infection, those bereaved and those facing financial hardship. We have been able to provide additional grant funding to community groups so that their important work can continue in these unprecedented times and we have been able to guide people to the support and help they need. The motto of our Town is: "Befriend the stranger" and across Deal we have lived up to this motto. I am proud to have been your Mayor for the last two years during these difficult times.

COVID– 19 Pandemic and the Town Council

The Town Council has adapted to continue working and supporting our communities throughout the pandemic restrictions . The initial lockdown saw our schedule of Committee and Full Council meetings cancelled, the delivery of a number of projects put on hold and the Town Hall closed. A Covid-19 Information Hub was quickly set up on our website providing essential information from details of the latest restrictions to the wide range of support available to people and businesses. An early and essential adaptation was to help all our staff to work from home, providing the equipment and support they needed. Temporary legislation enabled the work of our Councillors to resume using online meeting facilities. As soon as we could, we created a Covid Secure environment so that the Saturday Market could reopen with essential traders. The Market has continued to adapt within the fluctuating Covid-19 legislation.

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One of the biggest changes during the Covid restrictions was the way council meetings were held. As soon as Legislation was passed to allow councils to meet virtually meetings resumed via Microsoft Teams platform.

Members of the public were invited to listen to the meetings and also submit statements in advance on agenda items.

The schedule of meetings and agendas is advertised on our website and local notice boards, with contact details. Hard copies are available in the Town Council reception .

Council Committee Aims

Environment

Aim: Deal Town Council recognises that we face an unprecedented climate and environmental emergency and have committed to becoming a net zero carbon emitter in our own operations by 2025. We will use our power and influence to protect and improve the environment and encourage and support others to do the same, in addition to fulfilling our statutory environmental responsibilities and complying with all legal and other requirements. We are committed to transforming Deal into a cleaner, greener and healthier and more active town.

Finance and General Purposes

Aim: To ensure that the Town Council has and maintains an effective and efficient financial system with appropriate checks and controls. To develop and propose to the council the annual budget, monitor the council's Income and Expenditure statements.

Grant Sub-Committee

Aim: To review all applications received for a Special Project Grant, Community Contributions Grant and Annual Grant.

Planning

Aim: To make representations to the Local Planning authority on planning applications for Deal

Transport & Infrastructure

Aim: To enable wherever practicable the environment and transport infrastructure and services of the town meet the needs of its citizens

Headlines from the Council Committees

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee started meeting again in September and were able to:

- Develop a Zero Carbon 2025 Roadmap
- Promote Clean Air Day and become a partner Council
- Promote KCC's Solar Together programme
- Treeconomics were appointed to deliver i-Tree eco training to Councillors, officers and interested participants
- Begin a programme of aligning the Council's operations with its environmental commitments
- Purchase an Air Quality Monitor to undertake measurements at a hyper-local level
- Develop a "No Idling" Poster Design Competition for schools to be launched at a time appropriate for local schools
- Contribute to the Dover District Local Plan

Finance & General Purposes Committee

In addition to approving the regular financial reports the Finance & General Purposes Committee approved over £40,000 of Grant funding.

The Finance & General Purposes Committee approved Annual Accounts.

The Council received a Clear audit report for the Council's internal and external auditors.

Grants Sub Committee

Applications were received and recommended for the small scale emergency funding scheme from businesses for assistance with take away food schemes and food parcels, and one case to provide a bicycle for home deliveries.

As most local voluntary organisations were unable to operate throughout the year grant applications were reduced in number yet having responded to a new situation the sub-committee recommendation resulted in spending the budget across a range of needs for the town.

The Astor Theatre appealed for funding to prevent its closure and were successful in receiving a £5000 grant with Deal Town Council playing their part in saving this local facility.

Planning Committee

The 2020-2021 Planning Committee processed 158 planning applications.

Deal continues to be popular with developers. However, the committee regularly pointed out that the essential infrastructure of Deal is creaking, with no immediate prospect of much-needed improvements. Water services, transport, and the protection of the green environment were all issues raised by the committee in its consideration of applications.

The committee consistently opposed large scale developments such as Cross Road and Betteshanger.

Consideration was given on the environmental impact of materials proposed in applications, as well as the aesthetic aspects of applications in the conservation areas.

Transport & Infrastructure Committee

Despite the pandemic, the Transport & Infrastructure Committee were able to:

- Contribute to Kent County Council's Rail Strategy
- Published the results of the High Street Survey
- Work with Kent Highways and Dover District Council on implementing the temporary closure of the High Street to traffic on a Saturday to allow social distancing
- Take an active role in the new White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership
- Begin work on creating a Highways Improvement Plan
- Object to the extending of charging for off street parking
- Contribute to the Dover District Local Plan



Deal Town Council Projects

Zero Carbon Deal 2025: Following the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019, this year the Council adopted the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol in a move to understand the Council's entire GHG emissions. A Road Map was created to show how existing projects, planned works, operations and energy usage fitted across the three Scopes within the GHG Protocol. A key operational change, due to the pandemic, was a closing of the Town Hall with meetings being cancelled, staff working from home and then the implementation of virtual meetings. This will have a significant impact on the Council's emissions due to the reduced energy usage at the Town Hall.

Air Quality: The Town Council became an official partner of Clean Air Day, established an Air Pollution portal on deal.gov.uk and provided local schools with a range of guidance and resources to help them tackle air pollution.

Cycle Friendly Deal: The necessary pandemic restrictions limited Cycle Friendly Deal activities carried out over the past year. Lockdowns prevented the promotion of Deal as a destination and put our hospitality providers, which are predominantly small family businesses, in a very difficult situation. However as the project comes to its official end, it is coming back to life. Due to Deal Town Council's commitment to Cycle Friendly Deal, the project will continue to run beyond the official life of the funding from the Coastal Communities Fund. The key developments over the last year have been:

- New Cycle Friendly Deal Hub set up on www.deal.gov.uk
- Cycle Stand Installation
- Printing and distribution of the new Cycling & Walking Map through essential shops including supermarkets and the Post Office
- 600 Cycle Safety Packs distributed to all Year 5 & 6 pupils in the project area containing:
 - Cycling & Walking Map
 - Bikeability for Parents Guide
 - Bikeability Activity Book
 - Two hi-vis snap bands
- New Leisure Cycle Routes launched online on the deal.gov.uk Cycle Friendly Deal Hub with interactive maps and cuesheets
- Continuing to offer COVID-19 advice to riders:
 - A link on the Cycle Friendly Deal webpage at deal.gov.uk has been added to provide riders with guidance on riding during the lockdowns.
 - Following reports of increased cycling during the lockdown additional links added on Cycle Friendly Deal page covering Getting Riding and Essential Riding Skills and new confidence rides developed and published

Deal Town Council Grant Streams 2020-21

A total of £40,229.68 was paid out across 4 grant streams

Annual Grants £10,176

Special Projects (Emergency and Recovery) £10,054

Community Contributions £10,000

Emergency Grant Aid (Covid-19) £9,999.68

Annual Grants

Payments made from the Annual Grants fund during 2020-21

Organisations	Grant Stream	Amount Awarded
Deal Music & Arts	Annual Grants	£1,000
Deal & Walmer Community Association	Annual Grants	£1,000
Heart Start	Annual Grants	£1,000
The History Project	Annual Grants	£1,000
Disabled Friends and Family	Annual Grants	£290
Walmer Cricket Club	Annual Grants	£500
White Cliffs Ramblers	Annual Grants	£400
Evolution Gym Deal	Annual Grants	£1,000
Linwood Youth Club	Annual Grants	£1,000
Cinque Ports Football Club	Annual Grants	£500
Deal & Walmer Allotment Association	Annual Grants	£390
Deal Maritime & Local History Museum	Annual Grants	£500
Deal With it	Annual Grants	£500
Leaps & Bounds	Annual Grants	£500
The Deal Society	Annual Grants	£350
Invicta Martial Arts	Annual Grants	£246

Special Projects

Payments made from the Special Projects fund during 2020-21

Organisations	Grant Stream	Amount Awarded
Bright Sparks	Emergency and Recovery	£754
Deal Hockey Club	Emergency and Recovery	£1,000
Deal Area Foodbank	Emergency and Recovery	£2,000
Supporting Youth in Deal District	Emergency and Recovery	£1,900
Dover & Deal CAB	Emergency and Recovery	£4,400

Community Contributions

Payments made from the Community Contributions fund during 2020-21

Organisations	Grant Stream	Amount Awarded
Deal Arts Management (Astor Theatre)	C- Contributions	£5,000
Deal & Walmer Community Association	C- Contributions	£800
Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade	C- Contributions	£2,000
Deal Community Carnival Association	C- Contributions	£1,000
Your Leisure	C- Contributions	£1,200

Emergency Grant Aid (Covid-19) paid during 2020-21

Organisations	Grant Stream	Amount Awarded
Age Concern	Emergency Grant Aid	£2,000.00
Calypso Rolph	Emergency Grant Aid	£724.00
Channel Facilities Management Ltd	Emergency Grant Aid	£695.68
Cinque Ports Community Kitchen CIC	Emergency Grant Aid	£500.00
CAB	Emergency Grant Aid	£2,000.00
Deal Radio	Emergency Grant Aid	£1,210.00
Soul Chef Catering	Emergency Grant Aid	£210.00
Peckish	Emergency Grant Aid	£120.00
Whole School Meals	Emergency Grant Aid	£1,200.00
Deal Festival of Music	Emergency Grant Aid	£670.00
United Families	Emergency Grant Aid	£670.00

Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL			2020/21	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
Income	2019/20	2020/21	ALLOWANCES PAID	
Precept	£391,613	£396,109	Cllr B Bano	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£9,470	£44	Cllr S Beer	£300
Markets	£23,090	£9,479	Cllr T Bond	£300
Braderie	£4,320	NIL	Cllr S Carlyle	£300
Allotments	£4,609	£4,701	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Town Hall Income	£7,947	NIL	Cllr M Eddy	£300
Other	£1,808	£240	Cllr A Farrington	£300
Total	£442,371	£410,529	Cllr L Kettlewell	£300
Supporting Income			Cllr A Friend	NIL
Coastal Community Fund	£32,514	£41,124	Cllr C Oliver	£300
Total Income	£475,371	£451,653	Cllr O Richardson	£300
Expenditure	2019/20	2020/21	Cllr E Rowbotham	NIL
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£2,459	£482	Cllr T Thompson	£300
Promoting Town	£64,265	£58,332	Cllr C Turner	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£10,614	£886	Cllr A Stroud	£175
Markets	£8,000	£7,562	Chairman's Allowance	
Braderie	£1,661	NIL	Cllr E Rowbotham	NIL
Grants/Donations	£24,857	£37,244	All the above figures are taxable	
Councillors allowances	£3,750	£3,775		
Allotments	£7,656	£8,182		
Salaries & Pensions	£231,666	£255,838		
Town Hall & Other costs	£91,562	£72,802		
Public Conveniences	£37,000	£37,000		
Election Costs	£16,432	NIL		
Total	£499,922	£482,103		



**Contact details of current Deal Town Councillors and
committee membership from Apr 2020 to March 21**

<p>Cllr Ben Bano Email: cllrbenbano@deal.gov.uk Mill Hill Ward</p> <p>Chair: Transport & Infrastructure Member of: Environment Committee, and Finance & General Purposes Committee</p>	<p>Cllr Susan Beer Email: cllrsuebeer@deal.gov.uk North Deal Ward</p> <p>Chair: Staff Liaison Panel Vice Chair: Finance & General Purposes Committee Member of: Grants sub committee, CFD management group</p>
<p>Cllr Trevor Bond Email: cllrtrevorbond@deal.gov.uk Middle Deal Ward</p> <p>Member of: Finance & General Purposes Committee, Transport & Infrastructure Committee and Environment committee</p>	<p>Cllr Susan Carlyle Email: cllrsusancarlyle@deal.gov.uk North Deal Ward</p> <p>Chair: Grants Sub Committee Vice Chair : Planning Committee Member of: Finance & General Purposes Committee</p>
<p>Cllr David Cronk Email: cllrdavidcronk@deal.gov.uk Middle Deal Ward</p> <p>Deputy Mayor of Deal Chair: Finance & General Purposes Committee Member of: CFD management group, Transport & Infrastructure Committee</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Eddy Email: cllrmichaelleddy@deal.gov.uk Mill Hill Ward</p> <p>Member of: Finance & General Purposes Committee, Transport & Infrastructure Committee and the Planning Committee</p>
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