



# **Deal Town Council**

## **Annual Report**

### **April 2022 to March 2023**



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Welcome to the Annual Report for 2022/2023 which reflects the activities and services delivered by this Council during the last year.

This report will be available to download from our website [www.deal.gov.uk](http://www.deal.gov.uk) which is regularly updated with details of Council meetings, events and local information.

In addition to the website, Council information is displayed on our notice board outside Deal Library, in the Undercroft and on the windows of the Town Hall. We also update the community notice board in the precinct weekly.

A town council is the first tier of local government and is a statutory body. There are fifteen Deal Town Council Councillors. They are elected for four years. At the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in May the members of the Council elect a Mayor/Chairperson of the Council and deputy to serve for the following twelve months.

There were nine scheduled meetings of Council during the past twelve months. In addition, the council has four statutory committees which hold regular meetings during the year. These committees are:

- Environment Committee
- Planning Committee
- Transport and Infrastructure Committee
- Finance and General Purposes Committee

All Council and Committee meetings are held in the Town Hall starting at 7.15pm and members of the public are welcome to attend. 15 minutes are set aside at each of these meetings to allow members of the public to speak on matters relating to agenda items before they are debated by Councillors.

The agenda for each meeting is posted in advance on our notice board, windows and website. Our enquiry desk at the Town Hall is open each morning Monday to Friday (except for Wednesday), or you can contact us by telephone: 01304 361999 or by e-mail: [deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk](mailto:deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk).

# Welcome to Deal Town Council's 2022/23 Annual Report

## Message from the Chairperson of the Council and Worshipful Mayor of Deal Cllr Chris Turner

This has been another busy year for Deal Town Council. The knowledge that local elections take place in May 2023 adds a further urgency for plans to be finalised, election commitments fulfilled, and promises kept.

Above all else, however, it was good to operate in what passes for normality after the rigors of the pandemic.

**Town Plan** To aim to achieve a Town Plan was a big idea in 2019. The pandemic curtailed our ability to fully engage with disparate groups of people in Deal, but the impetus was maintained.

In the end, though, it will be for the new council to formally adopt or reject the final document.

The fact that in April 2023 we were on the verge of completing the process and writing the final document is testimony to the tenacity and commitment of councillors and officers.

I hope that, if it is formally adopted, it will provide guidance on where the Council can best focus its efforts – for the benefit of the people of Deal.

**Carbon Footprint** Deal Town Council continues to give attention to the matter of reducing the Council's carbon footprint. Efforts remain focussed on the Town Hall, where measures to reduce heat loss and increase the efficiency of our heating systems are proving effective.

The Council has also incentivised water collection and storage measures on the Council's allotments. It is part of an initiative to encourage people to play their part in addressing some of the issues raised by the climate emergency.

We continue to get favourable reviews from our STEM consultant, as reported at the Annual Town Meeting.

**Warm Places** Council expressed its concerns in the Autumn of 2022 about the cost of living crisis and the increases in heating costs. In concert with local churches, charities, and other organisations, Deal Warm Welcome was developed.

The Council provided funds to support the costs of longer opening times at various venues.

I visited some of the sites, and was very impressed by the services provided. As well as a warm place and a warm meal, the scheme provided a place for a chat and companionship. We should never forget the debilitating impact of loneliness which effects far more people than we are aware of.



**Local elections 2023** 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 is local election day, and a new council will convene soon after. I am sure there will be plenty to keep them busy for the next four years.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors for their commitment to the town, and at the same time add my thanks to all the officers in the Town Hall for their work in translating ideas and proposals from councillors into practicable outcomes.

**Cllr Christopher Turner Chairperson of Deal Town Council  
2022 - 2023**



## **Deal Town Council & Visitor Information enquiries Town Hall**

**High Street, Deal, CT14 6TR**

**Reception Opening Hours**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm  
&**

**At the weekly Saturday Market in Union Road Car Park  
9.30am - 12.30pm**

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### **Deal Town Council Services**

Deal Town Council is responsible for delivery of the following:

All Statutory Council meetings & notices	Grant funding for local organisations	Consultee for all planning applications received by DDC.
Management of 3 allotment sites	Management of the Saturday Market	Responsibility for the Town, Mill Hill, St Alfred Square and Seafront planters
The Mayor's Office	Hire of the Town Hall rooms for events/meetings and hire of the Undercroft	Venue for weddings
Custodians of the Town Hall and the artefacts	Management of the Council's website	The Town Hall enquiry desk and Visitor Information

Deal Town Council also contributed £39,431 towards the running costs of keeping open the Public Conveniences at King Street, South Street and in Victoria Park.

## Message from the Town Clerk

As we looked ahead to the summer of 2022, it was with an air of celebration.

Work had already begun to improve our planters across the town with native flowers, shrubs and bushes. At the heart of the planting scheme were seven multi-stem silver birches along the High Street, one for each decade of the Queen's reign.

June marked Her Majesty's 70<sup>th</sup> year of service and the town was decorated in red, white and blue in honour of the Queen. We helped fund the decorations that were organized by the Chamber of Trade and we also dressed the Town Hall. At our Saturday market we handed out free crowns to all our visitors during the extended Bank Holiday weekend to help them join in the celebrations.

However, just a few months later, it was with great sadness that we mourned the passing of our monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, in September. Ceremonies were held across the town, across the country and across the world.

A Book of Condolence was opened at the Town Hall and hundreds of people came and paid their respects. Deal came together on Sunday 18 September to observe the National Moment of Reflection.



Crowds gathered at Deal Pier and those present were addressed by the Town Mayor, Cllr Chris Turner, a reading was given by Revd. Chris Spencer and The Landmark Choir performed Jerusalem and the National Anthem.

Autumn began with the national Great Big Green Week, and here in Deal we held a host of events to encourage people to act and help the environment.

In October we launched our Green Grants – a new funding stream that allowed people to apply for a cash boost if they were considering schemes that were beneficial to nature or helped raise awareness of climate change. Many groups took up the opportunity and when funds were allocated in the spring, projects including Deal Repair Café were able to be established.

As we approached the winter, fears grew about the cost of living crisis and how people would manage during the colder months to heat their homes and afford food for themselves and or their families.

In response to the situation, the Town Council established Deal Warm Welcome. It was a project that brought together venues and organisations across the town who were able to open their doors, six days a week and offer warmth, friendship and a cup of something hot to drink and a bite to eat. More than 2,000 guests were welcomed across the five months that the project ran. It is hoped that its success will lead a second Deal Warm Welcome the following winter.



## **Town 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, 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 to meet the needs of its citizens.



## Deal Town Council Grant Streams 2022-23

A total of £20,859.96 was paid out from 4 grant streams:  
 Annual Grants £10,699.96  
 Green Grants £7,660  
 St Omer Twinning £500  
 Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade (Christmas Lights) £2,000

### Annual Grants Paid During 2022-23

Organisations	Amount Awarded
The Golf Road Centre	£1,000
Deal Bowling & Social Club	£925
Deal Music & Arts	£1,000
Deal Radio CiC	£440
Deal Rotary Pirates	£234
Deal & St Omer Twinning Society	£500
Sandown School PTA	£1,000
DARA	£1,000
Deal Museum	£575
Deal Pride	£500
Deal Hockey Club	£767
Deal Speaking up Group	£326
Tiny Turtles Nursery	£500
D W & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club	£998.96
Deal Pride	£1,000
Smugshot	£434

### Green Grants paid during 2022-23

Organisations	Amount Awarded
Deal With It	£500
Deal Radio Community Group	£960
Kent Museum of the Moving Image	£500
Deal Parochial School	£1,000
Evolution Music	£500
Deal Repair Cafe	£1,000
The Downs Primary School	£1,000
Deal Maritime & Local History Museum	£1,000
Deal Allotment Holders	£1,200

## Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL			<u>2022/23</u>	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
<b>Income</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>ALLOWANCES PAID</b>	
Precept	£402,166	£475,261	Cllr B Bano	£300
Markets	£30,784	£34,549	Cllr S Beer	£300
Braderie	NIL	£420	Cllr T Bond	£300
Allotments	£7,385	£5,304	Cllr S Carlyle	£300
Town Hall Income	£9,491	£12,995	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Other	£4,500	£10,821	Cllr M Eddy	£300
<b>Total</b>	<b>£454,326</b>	<b>£539,750</b>	Cllr A Farrington	£300
<b>Supporting Income</b>			Cllr A Friend	NIL
Welcome Back Fund	£63,251	NIL	Cllr T Grist	£300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£517,577</b>	<b>£539,750</b>	Cllr C Oliver	£300
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	Cllr O Richardson	£300
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£349	£1,729	Cllr E Rowbotham	£300
Promoting Town	£70,600	£4,865	Cllr A Stroud	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£716	£726	Cllr T Thompson	£300
Markets	£2936	£23,743	Cllr C Turner	£300
Braderie	NIL	£143	<b>All the above figures are taxable</b>	
Grants/Donations	£14,829	£21,954		
Councillors allowances	£3,600	£5,400		
Allotments	£8,143	£9,614		
Salaries & Pensions	£282,891	£319,243		
Town Hall & Other costs	£92,558	£101,593		
Public Conveniences	£27,553	£39,431		
Election Costs	£5,666	NIL		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£509,841</b>	<b>£533,441</b>		





## Contact details of current Deal Town Councillors and Committee Membership from April 2021 to March 2022

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For further information please contact Deal Town Council

# DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

## All meetings are held at Deal Town Hall

### High Street, Deal. CT14 6TR

2023												2024				
Council Meeting	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May				
Planning	Mon 5th 7:15pm	Mon 3rd 7:15pm	Mon 7th 7:15pm	Mon 4th 7:15pm	Mon 2nd 7:15pm	Mon 6th 7:15pm	Mon 4th 7:15pm	Wed 10th 7:15pm	Mon 5th 7:15pm	Mon 4th 7:15pm	Mon 8th 7:15pm	Tue 7th 7:15pm				
Transport & Infrastructure		Wed 12th 7:15pm		Wed 13th 7:15pm		Wed 15th 7:15pm		Wed 17th 7:15pm		Wed 13th 7:15pm		Wed 15th 7:15pm				
Environment	Wed 14th 7:15pm		Wed 16th 7:15pm		Wed 11th 7:15pm		Wed 13th 7:15pm		Wed 21st 7:15pm		Wed 17th 7:15pm					
Finance & General Purposes		Tue 11th 7:15pm		Tue 19th 7:15pm		Tue 21st 7:15pm		Tue 23rd 7:15pm		Tue 19th 7:15pm		Tue 21st 7:15pm				
Full Council	Tue 27th 7:15pm	Tue 25th 7:15pm		Tue 26th 7:15pm	Tue 31st 7:15pm	Tue 28th 7:15pm		Tue 30th 7:15pm	Tue 27th 7:15pm	Tue 26th 7:15pm	Tue 23rd 7:15pm					
Other											*ATM Tue 30th 7:15pm	**AMC Tue 28th 7:15pm				

\* ATM = Annual Town Meeting - 30th April @7:15pm

\*\* AMC = Annual meeting of the council including Chairman election - 28th May @ 7:15pm

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NO MEET-INGS