



Deal Town Council

Annual Report

2013/2014



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Welcome to the 2013/14 Annual Report This is the full report of the Town Council and reflects the activities and services delivered by this council during the last year.

The purpose of Deal Town Council is to represent all the people of Deal, to act as advocates for the community, enhance our local environment and, together with our partner organisations to seek better service provision for the town.

The council comprises of 15 elected members who will serve for a four year term, the last elections were held in 2011, the next election will be on 7 May 2015.

During the year Town Councillors have represented Deal Town Council on the following outside bodies: Deal/St Omer Twinning Association, Dover District Cycle Forum, Action with Communities in Rural Kent (liaison only), North Deal Community Partnership, Chamber of Trade liaison, Deal Festival of Music & the Arts, White Cliffs Country Tourism Association, Dover Joint Transportation Board, Deal & Walmer Neighbourhood Forum, Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust, Astor Theatre liaison, APEK (Advice Partnership for East Kent), Deal Centre for the Retired, Liaison Committee (Age UK), Citizens Advice Bureau and Deal With It.

The work of the council has been managed by two main committees, Finance & General Purposes and Planning along with monthly full council meetings and regular working groups. In order to carry out its work the Town Council has met 12 times this year and held over 25 Committee and sub-committee meetings. Most of these meetings have been held in public with regular attendance from some members of the public.

This report will be available to download from the website www.deal.gov.uk which is regularly updated with details of council meetings, events and local information.

Councillor Mrs Marlene Burnham Mayor of Deal for the Municipal Year 2013-2014

This municipal year has been the fourth time that I have had the honour of serving the people of Deal as their Town Mayor, and I have made good use of it by raising money for local charities and promoting this wonderful Town.

After nine years the Town Council decided to enter Deal into the South East in Bloom competition and I am proud to have helped facilitate this, fingers crossed for July 2014 when the judging begins! I have attended many local events and continue to be impressed with the dedication of the people I have met during my mayoral term who selflessly give so much back to the Deal community.

I would like to thank all the Town council staff for their hard work this year and the support they have given me and my fellow councillors. I have enjoyed this year immensely and wish my successor, Councillor Deryck Murray a very happy term of office as Mayor of Deal for 2014-2015.

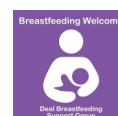


In March 2014 the refurbishment started of the Town Hall offices, a move long awaited by council staff who had been putting up with inadequate accommodation for years. The council closed for one week and moved the Visitor Information Centre back to its old but redecorated home in the Town Hall. By combining the Information Centre with the council's reception it will mean that a more efficient service is offered to the public with extended opening times and Saturdays, the council team can also support each other in a new fit for purpose office and reception area. The council re-organised some job roles and created an Events Co-ordinator who is available throughout the week to contact for hiring the Town Hall. Members also confirmed the promotion of Mrs Lorna Crow to the position of Town Clerk and Mr Paul Bone as Responsible Finance Officer and Deputy Town Clerk. The council team can be contacted on telephone number 01304 361999 via main switchboard or emailed directly at the addresses listed below;



Town Clerk	Mrs Lorna Crow	E: town.clerk@deal.gov.uk
Responsible Finance Officer/ Deputy Town Clerk	Mr Paul Bone	E: paul.bone@deal.gov.uk
PA to the Town Clerk & RFO	Mrs Kelly Lawrence	E: deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk
Mayors Secretary/ Event Co-ordinator	Miss Joanne Harper	Civic Email: themayor@deal.gov.uk Event Email: joanne.harper@deal.gov.uk
Premises Officer/Deputy Allotment Officer/Saturday Market Officer	Mr Andrew Kononowicz	E: andrew.kononowicz@deal.gov.uk
Week day Market Officer/ Allotment Officer/Braderie	Mrs Heather McAdam	E: heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk
Town Sergeant	Mr Barry Finch	E: themayor@deal.gov.uk
Visitor Information Centre Officers/Reception	Mrs Cathy Whitnall Sue Morbey	E: info@deal.gov.uk

The Town Hall joined the Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme and also became a member of the Deal Dementia Friendly organisation.



The Town Hall This Grade II listed structure built in 1803 is available for hire throughout the year for weddings, parties, meetings or other events, you can also hire the Undercroft for table top sales and outdoor exhibitions. Please contact Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 who will be happy to show you around the Town Hall, answer queries and make arrangements.



Deal wins High Street Award The town of Deal was awarded High Street of the Year in 2014 as part of the national newspaper Daily Telegraph's Reinventing the High Street campaign. There was strong competition from over 500 nominations. The Minister for Local Government Brandon Lewis MP, who was on the judging panel, visited the Town to present the certificate to the Mayor, Mrs Marlene Burnham and

Charlie Elphicke MP, and was given a tour of the town, local shops and Town Hall. The certificate now has pride of place in Deal Town Hall's reception area for all visitors to see.



Speedwatch The keen eyed among you may have noticed the dedicated Speedwatch volunteers out and about in Deal with their speed detection device. This will be an on-going campaign in Deal to help make the roads safer. The council are very grateful for their support. If you would like to volunteer please contact us we would love to hear from you.

Events - The Town Hall has had a busy year with events. We were part of the Heritage Open Days with many visitors over the weekend to look at the Town Hall artefacts and displays from the Addelam History Society, St Johns Ambulance and Miners Association. The Christmas event proved very popular again with both adults and children, there was a variety of seasonal music, refreshments and of course Father Christmas. The Braderie sold out in record time and attracted thousands to the Town ready to pick up a bargain or antique.

Annual Town Meeting 2013 and 2014

The past two Annual Town Meetings have been well attended, charities and organisations came along to give updates on their excellent work for the community, this year the guest speakers were from Deal Dementia Alliance and White Cliffs Talking Newspaper, both gave the public an interesting insight into their organisations. Next meeting 22 April 2015

Dog Awareness Days As part of the on-going campaign dog poop bags are available free of charge from the Town Hall reception. The council holds regular Dog Awareness day's in the Undercroft where free dog micro-chipping and health checks are available along with up to date information for dog owners and residents of Deal.



Allotments are very important to the residents of Deal, of whom many spend hours throughout the year cultivating their plots. There are currently approximately 115 plots in total within the three sites at Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue with active waiting lists for all sites of residents patiently waiting to be allocated a plot.



Grants/Financial assistance 2013/2014

Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2013/2014 to the value of £13,363.

Deal Festival of music and the arts	£1,000
The Astor Youth Theatre	£ 157
Deal Gymnastics Club	£ 500
The Astor Youth Theatre	£ 993
White Cliffs Ramblers	£ 750
Trains 4 Deal	£1,000
Royal Marines Association	£ 250
Dover, Deal & District	
Citizens Advice Bureau	£1,000
North Deal Community Partnership	£ 960
RNLI	£ 400
Deal Chamber of Trade	£ 500
Dover District Volunteer Centre	£1,000
Age Concern	£1,000
DWKRA	£1,000
Walmer Cricket Club	£ 200
Deal Emergency Food bank	£ 400
The Veterans Association/Deal	£ 500
The Astor Community Theatre	£ 153
Linwood Youth Centre	£1,600

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Deal Town Council continues to keep the council tax down to around a third less than Sandwich and Dover, comparable town councils in the Dover District, - and still around the average for parish councils.

Taking ownership of the Town Hall has enabled the Council to carry out badly needed overdue repairs and maintenance, and moving the Visitor information centre into the Town Hall brings all the staff under one roof, keeps costs down, and enables the Council to use resources more efficiently. Paying the District Council to keep public toilets open is a major expense; and we will keep looking for ways to improve the standard of their service.

All the Council's planned projects and delivery of services have been managed within budget by the Council's team, including the work schedule to the Town Hall. The Council was able to increase grants to local organisations, and changed the grant application process which were considered at one meeting enabled the merits of each to be compared. This way of distributing funds received positive feedback from residents and groups.

The Deal in Bloom sub-committee, works hard to improve floral displays around the town, and put in place hanging baskets along the sea-front, creating a much-admired enhancement for years to come.

CLlr Ian Killbery, Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee

Deal & East Kent Funding Fair – 2013 With the knowledge that Big Lottery were looking for more good applications to come from Dover district, the idea of the funding fair was born by Cllr Rowbotham and Trevor Skelton from Case Kent. On 21st March the Astor Theatre was taken over for the day by representatives from Big Lottery, Heritage Lottery Fund, Kent Community Foundation, Kent Sports, Kent County Council, Kent Can, Big Society Co-operative, Apek and Walmer Parish Council. From the moment the doors opened, the activity was non-stop with some familiar faces dropping in for advice and, even more pleasing, a good number of new projects coming forward for the first time. All in all a very successful day which will be repeated in 2014.

Meeting Schedule 2014-2015

Council meeting	Time & Venue	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	24	21		25	20	18		19	16	16	*22 28 *Annual Town Meeting	*14 26 *Annual meeting of the council
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	9	8		9	13	10		12	9	9	13	12
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	4	2	6	3	1	6	8	6	3	5	8	5

No Meetings

Agendas for above meetings are available 5 days in advance from Deal Town Council's reception or available to download from the council website www.deal.gov.uk

The Planning committee has 12 scheduled meetings a year, and has currently considered 252 planning applications including Tree Preservation Orders. The vast majority of the planning applications were extensions to existing properties; however there were also applications for change of use, to alter listed buildings, new shop signs and illuminated signs, including 19 applications for new houses to be built only one of which was for a major application on the old Sampson Court site. The committee considered 13 applications to prune back trees (all approved) and 14 applications to remove trees, all except 2 were recommended to refuse as members feel strongly about preserving trees wherever possible. There were also further applications for the development at Sholden, most of which the committee disagreed with.

CLlr Bill Gardner

Chairman of Planning Committee

The Fairtrade Working Group has continued to supply goods for Fairtrade raffle baskets when requested they also provide treat boxes in the school staffrooms to encourage the use of Fairtrade goods. The group has taken part in a variety of community events with stalls and raffles. These included stalls in the Undercroft, Picnic on the Green, the Miners' Festival, Deal Braderie and Trinity Church's Christmas Tree Festival.

Since becoming a Fairtrade Town, the group has used its contacts to encourage local organisations and community groups to incorporate support of Fairtrade into their policies and are now working towards becoming a stand alone group with the Town council's support.

Dover District Fairtrade Status Together with Dover Fairtrade Network the group continue to work with Dover District Council to achieve District Status.



Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income	2012/13	2013/14
Precept	£ 347,700	£ 367,062
Visitor Information Centre	£ 22,047	£ 21,377
Markets	£ 20,663	£ 25,353
Braderie	£ 4,484	£ 4,069
Allotments	£ 4,777	£ 4,709
Town Hall Income	£ 7,459	£ 7,642
Fair Trade working group	£ 1,046	£ 833
Other	£ 4,313	£ 7,599
Total	£ 412,489	£ 438,644
 Expenditure	 2012/13	 2013/14
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£ 4,965	£ 5,292
Promoting Town	£ 8,289	£ 12,633
Visitor Information Centre	£ 26,334	£ 25,186
Markets	£ 6,357	£ 6,980
Braderie	£ 2,146	£ 1,904
Grants/Donations	£ 14,889	£ 12,000
Councillors allowances	£ 4,200	£ 4,200
Allotments	£ 4,722	£ 4,500
Salaries & Pensions	£ 162,100	£ 184,522
Town Hall & Other costs	£ 67,723	£ 97,428
Public Conveniences	£ 45,687	£ 46,403
Election Costs	£-	£-
To New Capital fund	£ 15,000	£ 10,000
To Town Hall Repairs Provision	£ 35,000	£ 15,000
 Total	 £ 397,412	 £ 426,048
Net Surplus	£ 15,077	£ 12,596

Grants received:

Dover District Council £ 67,024

2013/2014
















ALLOWANCES PAID

Cllr B Bano	£300
Cllr Mrs K Blackburn	£300
Cllr Mrs M Burnham	£300
Cllr Mrs M Cosin	£300
Cllr D Cronk	£300
Cllr J A Cronk	£300
Cllr W Elliott	NIL
Cllr B Frost	£300
Cllr B Gardner	£300
Cllr B Hawkins	£300
Cllr I Killbery	NIL
Cllr D Murray	£300
Cllr Mrs E Rowbotham	£300
Cllr Mrs C Stickler	£300
Cllr C Tough	£300
Special Allowance:	
Cllr M Burnham	
Chairman's Allowance	£300

All the above figures are taxable



Deal Town Councillors 2011 - 2015

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