



Deal Town Council

Annual Report

2014/2015



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Chairman - Cllr Adrian Friend 2015-16: There has been a big change at Deal Town Council following the elections that took place on 7 May 2015. Cllrs Maggie Cosin, Kath Blackburn, Bill Gardner, Eileen Rowbotham, Bryn Hawkins, Carol Stickler and Jim Cronk, decided not to stand as Deal Town Councillors, and others were not re-elected. On behalf of the council I would like to thank them all for their commitment and contribution to the work of the council over the past four years.

I was very pleased to be elected as one of the Town Councillors for the North Deal Ward and proud to then become Mayor and Chairman for this municipal year. I have lived in Deal all of my life and many of you probably already know me as I was a town councillor in 2007 to 2011 and have always been very active behind the scenes volunteering to help out local organisations and churches in any way I can, which has meant I usually have a paint brush in my hand! I am committed to ensuring that Deal continues to thrive and build on its success following the award as High Street of the Year, and I will be working closely with the local community with the support of the council and officers to keep Deal on the map as the place to live and visit.



Listed from left to the right
Deputy Mayor Cllr Elliott,
Deputy Mayoress Cllr Butler
Mayor of Deal Cllr Friend &
Mayoress of Deal Mrs Carr



Past Chairman - Dr D Murray 2014-15: This was the second time that I had the honour of being Town Mayor for Deal, and it was a very busy year for me. I attended over 100 events and was very impressed by the commitment and hard work of the local community groups in this area. I am particularly pleased that during my term of office the Town Hall has at last been refurbished to provide decent working conditions for the

entire Town Hall team, which is something that has always been important to me. I know that further work is required throughout the building but I am sure that the team will continue to do this



Photo of: the Retiring Chairman Dr Murray with members of the Tisdall family who attended DTC Gallipoli Service



Deal Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6TR
The Town Council and Visitor Information Centre is open
Monday to Friday 9.30am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 4.30pm
Saturdays 10.00am - 2.00pm.



Telephone: 01304 361999 Website: deal.gov.uk

The Town Hall offices continued to go through major refurbishment during 2014, and although there were many disruptions the staff were able to work around them to give members of the public the service they have come to expect from the dedicated team.

Town Clerk	Mrs Lorna Crow	Email: town.clerk@deal.gov.uk
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Visitor Information Centre Officers/Reception	Mrs Cathy Whitnall Sue Morbey	Email: info@deal.gov.uk

The Town Hall This Grade II listed building 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. Please contact Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 who will be



happy to show you around the Town Hall, answer queries and make arrangements.

Heritage Open Weekend: Deal Town Council was part of this nationwide initiative and opened the Town Hall on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September for the public to view the artefacts and paintings in the Chamber and Mayors Parlour. There were guided tours and talks by the Town Sergeant Barry Finch with local historian Gregory Holyoake and displays from Judith Gaunt and the Addelam History Research Group.



Deal in Bloom Working Group:



This is a very busy working group making sure that the Town Centre planters and hanging baskets were filled and in place in time for the summer. They were also very persistent in ensuring that the new brackets and baskets that Deal Town Council financed were put up on the lamp posts along the sea front from the Royal Hotel to Deal Castle. The committee is also not afraid to get their hands dirty in their commitment to improve the appearance of the town! The Deal in Bloom competition was held in July for residents and the council was also delighted to win a Silver Award in the South and South East Bloom awards. This certificate is proudly on display in the Town Hall reception and the committee has set its sights on winning Gold for 2015.



Events - Some events organised by Deal Town Council, all open to the public and free to attend were as follows **WWI remembrance**

August 2014: As a mark of respect and to commemorate the start of WWI Deal Town Council held a service of reflection on 4 August in the Town Hall with an exhibition provided by Judith Gaunt that showed how Deal and its community were affected.

Braderie: The annual street fayre traditionally held every 3rd Sunday in September was a great success in 2014, the weather was kind and the public turned up in their 1000s to grab a bargain and browse through the antiques and memorabilia. **Christmas Fayre:** Monday 22 Dec was a very jolly day at the Town Hall; there was a table top fayre in the Undercroft and Chamber that offered all sorts of gifts/food for last minute Christmas shoppers and Father Christmas made his annual visit to a very cosy grotto tucked away in the Town Hall; there was also face painting, music and elves!

A commemoration of the Gallipoli Landings:

A service was held on 25 April 2015 at St Georges Church to remember the VC recipient Arthur Walderne St Clair Tisdall and all local men who lost their lives at the Gallipoli Landings. The Tisdall family attended, some travelling from New Zealand to lay a wreath at the Memorial.



Grants/Financial assistance 2014/2015

Listed below are the organisations who have received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2014/2015 to the value of £17,003

Martha Trust	£ 641.95	Deal / Saint-Omer Twinning Society	£ 587.93
Walmer Cricket Club	£ 190.00	Addelam History Research Group	£ 407.63
Samaritans	£ 50.00	Deal Festival of Music and the Arts	£ 1,000.00
Royal Marines Association	£ 350.00	Deal & Betteshanger Rugby Football Club	£ 1,000.00
Classic Music & Motors	£ 1,000.00	Veterans Association - Town of Deal	£ 980.00
Teen Face of the Year 2014	£ 50.00	White Cliffs D of E Awards Panel	£ 150.00
DWKRA	£ 1,000.00	Supporting Youth in Deal District	£ 500.00
Isobel Myers (Individual)	£ 177.00	St Leonard's Social Centre	£ 783.90
Deal Arts Management C I C	£ 587.93	2nd Deal Sea Scout Explorer Unit	£ 177.00
Deal Emergency Foodbank	£ 396.00	North Deal Community Park Association	£ 641.92
Age Concern Deal	£ 916.00	North Deal Community Partnership	£ 783.90
Pegasus Playscheme	£ 783.90	St. George's Church Deal	£ 749.41
Deal & District Strokes	£ 330.00	Deal Speaking up Group	£ 350.00
Dover, Deal and District CAB	£ 1,000.00	Men of Kent & Kentish Men	£ 300.00
Invicta Martial Arts	£ 335.00	Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade	£ 783.90

Finance & General Purposes Committee: Deal Town Council's Finance & General Purposes Committee monitors and controls the approved budget, making decisions on expenditure within many agreed budget headings and recommendations to Full Council on other matters such as budget setting, annual account approvals and items that may affect policy decisions.

The Council's main source of funding is the 'Precept' that is collected as a small part of the Council Tax charge from Dover District Council. The Precept was not increased for the year 2014/15 and has been maintained at the same level of contribution for the year 2015/16. As a comparison with other local Towns Deal has a charge of £59.22 per year for a 'Band D' property compared to Sandwich £80.73 and Dover £92.73

Deal Town Council manages and funds the Visitor Information Centre which has now been based in the Town Hall for a full year. This is working very well with the desk also acting as the Town Council's reception. The move has shown a saving of nearly £7,000 in the first year.

Planning committee: Deal Town Council's Planning Committee makes observations on the Planning Applications for the area submitted to the Planning Authority, Dover District Council.

The committee does not have the power to make any decisions on planning matters, but it is entitled to be consulted. The observations of the Committee are then forwarded on to the Planning Authority for consideration when they are making a decision about whether or not to grant planning permission. From May 2014 to May 2015 the Planning Committee has made observations on 159 Planning applications and 15 tree applications.

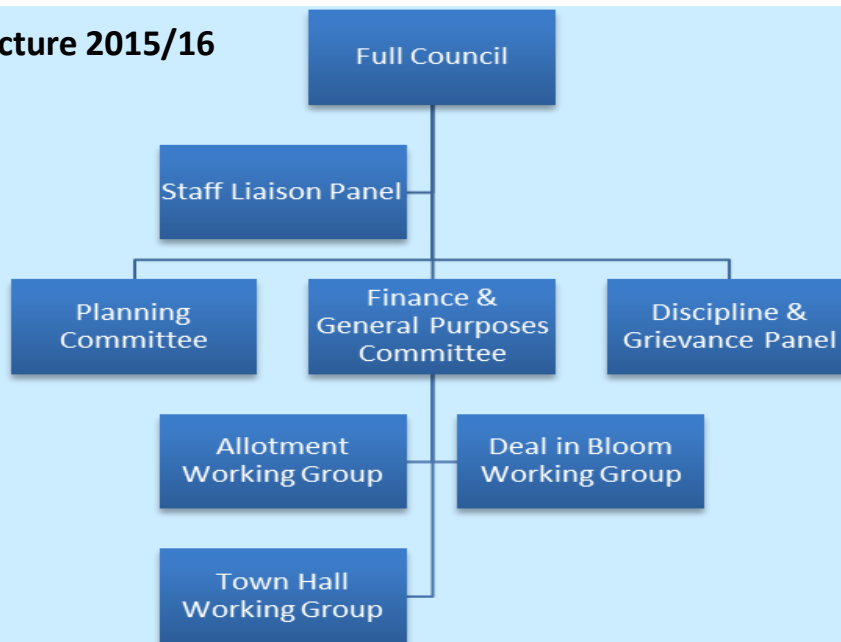
Meeting Schedule 2015-2016

Council meeting	Time & Venue	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	23	20		23	20	23		18	22	29	*18 25 * Annual Town Meeting	*19 23 * Annual meeting of the council
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	15	13		14	12	10		11	11	14	11	16
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	3	8	5	2	7	4	2	6	3	3	6	4

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

Committee Structure 2015/16



Allotments

Deal Town Council has three allotment sites that it is responsible for at Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue. All have active waiting lists, however this is being reduced as when some larger plots are given up they are split into smaller sites to enable more people to benefit. The Allotment officer and Chairman of the working group have improved the signage at the sites and will continue to ensure that the plot holders get full use of their allotment plots.



Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S			<u>2014/2015</u>	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
Income	2013/14	2014/15		
Precept	£ 367,062	£ 367,062	Cllr B Bano	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£ 21,377	£ 20,281	Cllr Mrs K Blackburn	£300
Markets	£ 25,353	£ 27,632	Cllr Mrs M Burnham	£300
Braderie	£ 4,069	£ 4,085	Cllr Mrs M Cosin	£300
Allotments	£ 4,709	£ 5,366	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Town Hall Income	£ 7,642	£ 6,635	Cllr J A Cronk	£300
Fair Trade working group	£ 833	£ 75	Cllr W Elliott	NIL
Other	£ 7,599	£ 6,182	Cllr B Frost	£300
Total	£ 438,644	£ 437,318	Cllr B Gardner	£300
			Cllr B Hawkins	£300
Expenditure	2013/14	2014/15	Cllr I Killbery	NIL
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£ 5,292	£ 9,250	Cllr D Murray	£300
Promoting Town	£ 12,633	£ 11,486	Cllr Mrs E Rowbotham	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£ 25,186	£ 18,351	Cllr Mrs C Stickler	£300
Markets	£ 6,980	£ 5,989	Cllr C Tough	£300
Braderie	£ 1,904	£ 2,142	Special Allowance:	
Grants/Donations	£ 12,000	£ 14,999	Cllr D Murray	
Councillors allowances	£ 4,200	£ 4,200	Chairman's Allowance	£300
Allotments	£ 4,500	£ 4,500	<i>All the above figures are taxable</i>	
Salaries & Pensions	£ 184,522	£ 187,360		
Town Hall & Other costs	£ 97,428	£ 72,427		
Public Conveniences	£ 46,403	£ 41,044		
To Election Costs Provision	£-	£ 6,700		
To Capital fund	£ 10,000	£-		
To Town Hall Repairs Provision	£ 15,000	£ 10,000		
Total	£ 426,048	£ 388,448		
Net Surplus	£ 12,596	£ 48,870		
Grants received:				
Dover District Council	£ 67,024	£ 26,012		



Deal Town Councillors 2015 - 2019

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