



# **Deal Town Council**

## **Annual Report**

### **2016/2017**



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## Welcome to the 2016/17 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 council comprises of 15 elected members who will serve for a four year term, the last elections were held in 2015.

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. Most of these meetings have been held in public with regular attendance from some members of the public.

This report will be available to collect in the Town Hall reception and to download from the website [www.deal.gov.uk](http://www.deal.gov.uk) which is regularly updated with details of council meetings, events and local information.



### Chairman - Cllr David Cronk 2016-17

To my surprise and delight I was elected Chairman of the council and Mayor of Deal in 2016, as a man born and bred in Deal this was a complete honour and I undertook the role with enthusiasm.

It has been an interesting and challenging year with council meetings, bye elections, contentious planning applications, summer events and updating the facilities available at the Town Hall, all of which have kept the council very busy to put it mildly!

Deal continues to be a popular destination and is ever growing in popularity with visitors and tourists, I am sure this is down to the hard work of the people and businesses who work tirelessly to promote our town along with the Town Council. For this I thank you all.

On the civic side I have had a busy year representing Deal at functions throughout the Cinque Port area and supporting local organisations and charities. I have also held charity and civic events in the town to raise money for my chosen charities for 2016/17 which are Deal's Community Transport Scheme and All-stars Football club. It has not been an easy task as due to the current economic climate people have to cut back on attending social events.

None of the above would have been possible without the support of the dedicated Town Council staff and I would like to thank them on behalf of my fellow councillors for all their hard work.



**Deal Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent CT14 6TR**  
**The Town Council and Visitor Information Centre is open**  
**Monday to Friday 10.00am - 2.00pm**  
**1 April to 30 September inc Saturdays 10.00am - 2.00pm**



Visit Deal Town Council's reception to get local council information, leaflets and guides on Deal, bus and train timetables, book National Express,

Carol Peters , Buzzlines, Crosskeys and Bayliss tickets, and pick up theatre programmes, cycle routes, maps and walks. There is also a great selection of souvenirs and gifts to purchase.



### **The Town Hall Team**

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Weekday Market Officer/ Allotment Officer	Mrs Heather McAdam	Email: <a href="mailto:heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk">heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk</a>
Town Sergeant/ Health & Safety Officer	Mr Barry Finch	Email: <a href="mailto:themayor@deal.gov.uk">themayor@deal.gov.uk</a>
Deputy Town Sergeant	Mr Chris Hobbs-East	Email: <a href="mailto:themayor@deal.gov.uk">themayor@deal.gov.uk</a>
Visitor Information Centre Officers/ Receptionists	Mrs Cathy Whitnall Sue Morbey	Email: <a href="mailto:info@deal.gov.uk">info@deal.gov.uk</a>





**Saturday Market:** Union Rd Car Park. You will find there are lots on offer, including: plants, fresh flowers, eggs, fruit and vegetables, meat products, bric and brac, freshly made food, and cakes. The market is currently fully booked but the Market officer is always interested to hear from potential traders so please email the Market Officer, Andrew Kononowicz at [andrew.kononowicz@deal.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.kononowicz@deal.gov.uk)



**Wednesday Market** 9am to 1.30pm in the Town Hall Undercroft. A variety of traders selling meat, homemade cakes and pastries, bread, cookies, preserves, biscuits, eggs, bric-a-brac, plants and crafts. If you wish to book a pitch or for further information please email the Wednesday Market Officer, Heather McAdam at [heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk](mailto:heather.mcadam@deal.gov.uk)



Deal Town Hall was built in 1803 and is a Grade II listed building. Steeped in history, the elegant oak panelled chamber is surrounded by stunning oil paintings and artefacts. The main chamber is a multi-functional room and can be hired for many different purposes and occasions. There is also a smaller committee room which is ideal for meetings and talks. If you are looking for a unique venue that combines heritage, history and total versatility then the Town Hall is the perfect place for your wedding, party, event or meeting. The Chamber is a room that can accommodate up to 80 people and it can be hired for many different purposes/occasions.



For further information about hiring the Town Hall please contact the Events Manager, Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 or email [joanne.harper@deal.gov.uk](mailto:joanne.harper@deal.gov.uk)



## Events

Listed here are some events that were organised by Deal Town Council during 2016/17 and some to add to your diary for this year.

All open to the public

**Braderie:** The September annual Street Fayre was again a great success, the weather was kind and the public turned up in their 1000s to grab a bargain and browse through the antiques and memorabilia.

For 2017 the date of the Braderie is

**Sunday 17 September.**



**Charter Day:** The annual church service was held at the Trinity Church on 15 October to commemorate the date the town of Deal received its "Charter of Incorporation" from King William III on 13 October 1699. The Mayors Chaplain Alan Spence welcomed all to his Church and we were delighted that the Admiral Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports was able to attend.

**Heritage Weekend 2016:** Deal Town Council was one of the first venues in Deal to

participate in this national event and for 2016 the displays included information of past Deal Mayors and more details on Elizabeth Carter.



**Heritage Weekend 2017:** This year the council will be celebrating the 300th birthday of Elizabeth Carter over Heritage weekend. The Town Hall will be open on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September. There will be visual arts and displays, school participation and lots to see and enjoy. Keep a look out for the posters that will have all details.....

**Mayoral Events:** The Mayor of Deal holds charity events throughout the year to raise money for worthwhile causes. In 2016/17 these included quiz nights, cocktail parties, a fun ice cream themed event on National Ice Cream Day, a fashion show and a Winston Churchill evening. These events are advertised on the councils website and on posters throughout the town, everyone is welcome to attend so keep a look out for the next event.



**Deal in Bloom Working Group:** 2016 was to say the least a very productive year for the Deal in Bloom Working Group. We were entered into the Britain in Bloom National Competition, which was a surprise for us all, this did present the group with some more challenges for the campaign, which we rose to with eagerness. As well as the South and South East in Bloom Competition, we had our own Deal Town Competition to organise,



publicity, letters to businesses, planning the judging, for all three competitions, with only 4 months to prepare! The Summer season suddenly was upon us, we planned ahead with vigour making sure the town looked its 'Blooming' best for the judges, and town of course. By mid August all was completed. We had to wait until Sept and Oct for the results. We won Silver Gilt in the SSEIB, what a great result. We then learned Deal had won Silver Gilt, for the 1st time in Britain in Bloom, what an achievement for the Working



Group, council and the town of Deal. This result was received with great pride, giving us the impetus to carry on for that elusive **GOLD** award next year, 2017 .

My thanks to the working group, for their hard work and involvement over the year, of 2016.

**Cllr Marlene Burnham, Chairman Deal in Bloom Working Group**

**Allotment Working Group:** Deal Town council has three allotment sites that they are responsible for at Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue. The Allotment Officer and Deputy Allotment Officer with my support continue to improve the sites and are committed to ensure that the plot holders, many of whom spend countless hours throughout the year cultivating their plots, enjoy the areas. The sites are currently all allocated but there is a short waiting list of Deal residents wishing to take on an allotment, this list is reviewed and updated regularly and when any large plots become vacant they are usually split to give opportunities to a greater number of residents. If you would like to be included on the waiting list please contact the Allotment Officer.

This year the council agreed to beekeeping on the sites. One beekeeper will be setting up on a hive very soon, and if it is successful we hope this will encourage more beekeepers to put more hives on the rest of the allotment sites within the next year or two.

I would like to thank the Allotment Officer, Heather McAdam and Deputy Allotment Officer, Chris Ponsford for their commitment and hard work on the sites.

**Cllr David Cronk, Chairman of the Allotment Working Group**

**Finance & General Purposes Committee:** The role of the Finance Committee is to ensure that the money received from Council Tax payers - your money - is spent as prudently and wisely as possible. We are always looking for ways to manage the Council's finances in a way that offers best value for money. For example the move of the Visitor Information Centre back to the Town Hall has enabled us to provide a high quality 'front of house' service at no additional cost to the Council. The increasing popularity of the Town Hall as a venue for weddings and similar events has brought additional income which is used to defray the high costs of running the building. And wherever possible we try to achieve an underspend on the year's budget which enables us to keep our precept at the same level without the need for an increase in Council Tax.. My thanks go to the staff in achieving this with a particular thanks to Paul Bone, our Responsible Finance Officer' for his prudent and careful management of our finances.

**Cllr Ben Bano Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee**

**Planning Committee:** In the last year we have considered over twelve meetings some 201 applications, mostly for home extensions and improvements but also for new homes and site developments One of the most frustrating features of many current applications is that developers are reluctant to take on board the parking issues that beset the town centre. There is already insufficient parking space especially at busy times and while every new dwelling can be expected to bring, on average at least two cars into the area, there will also be a need for parking for visitors, care assistants, and home deliveries. Developers should note that the Committee, responding to comments from constituents, could be more supportive of plans if they would address the very serious issue of providing space for cars. The committee has recently also had to consider difficulties created for the local infrastructure by very large developments, and occasionally by over-development of restricted sites. In the end our town Planning Committee is not the final arbiter for applications, as it is the District Planners that make the decisions, while local members can provide advice to the District about the views of the residents of Deal.

We are continually grateful for the advice of the co-opted member, Robin Green of the Deal Society with his wide and historic knowledge of the town and the conservation area, and to Bill Elliot from Friends of North Deal (who retired recently from the committee – but who continues to attend meetings ) for his contributions to our deliberations. Appreciation is also due to Kelly Lawrence, our Planning Clerk, who supplies us with all necessary information and provides each meeting with visual details for all applications. And finally, we are indebted to Lorna Crow, Town Clerk for her informed and wise advice and assistance when necessary at planning meetings.

**Cllr Colin Hartley Chairman of the Planning Committee**

**Grants/Financial assistance 2016/2017** Listed below are the organisations who received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2016/2017 to the value of £10,604.50

Betteshanger Parkrun	£500.00
Cheri Hadaway	£434.50
Deal , Betteshanger & Walmer Rugby Sports & Social Club	£450.00
Deal and Vlissingen Fencing Club	£310.00
Deal Community Carnival Association	£500.00
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Deal Festival of Music and the Arts	£500.00
Deal Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club	£500.00
Disabled Friends and Family Association	£500.00
Heartstart	£500.00
HI Kent	£500.00
Men of Kent Kentish Men	£300.00
Mongeham Over 50's Club	£500.00
Real Deal United	£180.00
Royal Marines Heritage Trails	£500.00
Skill Horizons CIC	£350.00
The Deal Society	£380.00
The Guild Players	£500.00
Walmer Cricket Club	£200.00
White Cliff Ramblers Group	£500.00

**Additional Grants provided during the year:**

Dover, Deal and District Citizens Advice Bureau	£500.00
Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade	£500.00
Deal Noir	£500.00
Porchlight	£500.00

**2017/18 Grant procedures:** The council has revised the grant forms and policy and continues to encourage applications. There will be two rounds of grant funding during the year 2017/18 with closing dates of 30 June 2017 and 30 October 2017. Applications received by 5pm on 30 June 2017 will be considered by the Finance and General Purposes committee at their meeting in July 2017. Applications received by 5pm on 30 October 2017 will be considered by the Finance and General Purposes committee at their meeting in November 2017. Application forms are available from the Town Hall reception and to download on the councils website [www.deal.gov.uk](http://www.deal.gov.uk)  
Deal Town council reserves the right to invite further applications at any time.



## Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL			<u>2016/17</u>	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
<b>Income</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<i>All the above figures are taxable</i>	
Precept	£375,721	£375,721	<b>ALLOWANCES PAID</b>	
Visitor Information Centre	£22,754	£18,876	Cllr B Bano	£300
Markets	£27,990	£27,346	Cllr S Beer	£150
Braderie	£3,753	£3,435	Cllr D Bond	NIL
Allotments	£4,549	£4,654	Cllr T Bond	NIL
Town Hall Income	£9,934	£10,927	Cllr M Burnham	£300
Other	£704	£496	Cllr D Cronk	£300
<b>Total</b>	<b>£445,404</b>	<b>£441,455</b>	Cllr M Eddy	£300
<b>Supporting Income</b>			Cllr W Elliott	NIL
Provisions Brought Forward	£53,435	£37,203	Cllr A Friend	NIL
Dover District Council Grant	£17,586	£12,273	Cllr B Frost	NIL
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£516,425</b>	<b>£490,931</b>	Cllr D Harper	£300
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	Cllr C Hartley	£300
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£16,698	£4,651	Cllr P Inch	NIL
Promoting Town	£10,991	£7,418	Cllr K Lee	NIL
Visitor Information Centre	£19,713	£16,588	Cllr N Tomaszewski	NIL
Markets	£6,214	£8,863	Special Allowance:	
Braderie	£1,853	£2,300	Chairman's Allowance	
Grants/Donations	£17,700	£10,605	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Councillors allowances	£1,800	£2,250	<i>All the above figures are</i>	
Allotments	£2,402	£7,145		
Salaries & Pensions	£205,142	£211,693		
Town Hall & Other costs	£115,004	£86,180		
Public Conveniences	£41,658	£39,433		
Election Costs	£15,500	£15,712		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£454,675</b>	<b>£412,838</b>		
<b>Carried Forward Provisions</b>	<b>£42,430</b>	<b>£67,798</b>		
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>£19,320</b>	<b>£10,295</b>		



## Deal Town Councillors

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## Meeting Schedule 2017-2018

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend council meetings and time will be set aside to allow the public to raise issues or questions relating to the agenda

Agendas for the 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](http://www.deal.gov.uk)

Council Meeting	Time & Venue	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	Tue 27	Tue 25		Tue 26	Tue 31	Tue 28		Tue 30	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed *18	Tue *22
												*Annual Town Meeting Mon 23	*Annual meeting of the council inc Chair-man election
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	Tue 20	Tue 18		Tue 19	Tue 24	Mon 20		Tue 23	Mon 19	Tue 20	Tue 17	Mon 14
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	Wed 7	Wed 5	Wed 2	Wed 6	Wed 4	Wed 8	Wed 6	Wed 3	Wed 7	Tue 6	Wed 4	Wed 2

\*18 Apr: Annual Town Meeting

\*22 May: Annual Meeting of the council (The Mayor/Chairman is elected at this meeting)