



Deal Town Council

Annual Report

2017/2018



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Welcome to the 2017/18 Annual Report

This is the full report of the Town Council and reflects the activities and services it has delivered during the last year.

The council comprises 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. Some members of the public attend regularly.

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



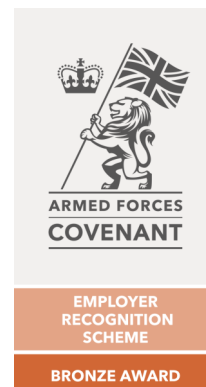
Chairman - Cllr David Cronk 2017-18

It was both an honour and privilege to serve Deal as Chairman of the Town Council and Worshipful Town Mayor for a second year. It has been a busy and exciting time, to say the least, and along with the other town councillors we have debated and deliberated many decisions to deliver the best outcome to enhance our delightful town.

Throughout the year I have held charity events at various venues in the town, including cocktail parties, a dinner and a 'race night' to raise money for my chosen charities that do amazing work in our town. I have also had quite a busy year supporting the Armed Forces in the town. In June we marked Armed Forces Day at the Pier Head, in October Deal Town Council showed its support and signed up for the Armed Forces' Covenant and Employer Recognition Scheme. In April 2018 we will see the Royal Marines march through Deal as they exercise their right to the Freedom of the Town.

This year I have celebrated with the town: the opening of a new school, The Goodwins Academy; a new Museum of the Moving Image and the Diamond Jubilee of the Pier.

Finally I must give a huge thank you to the Councillors and the Town Clerk, Lorna Crow, and her team for all their hard work and support they have given me.





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



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.



Information on local organisations, charities and events including Deal Town Council events e.g. The Braderie, is also available.

You will also find a great selection of souvenirs and gifts to purchase.



The Town Hall Team

Town Clerk	Mrs Lorna Crow	Email: town.clerk@deal.gov.uk
Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk	Mr Paul Bone	Email: paul.bone@deal.gov.uk
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General Maintenance Officer/Allotment Officer/ Wednesday Market Officer	Mr Michael Reeve	Email: michael.reeve@deal.gov.uk
Town Sergeant/ Health & Safety Officer	Mr Barry Finch	Email: themayor@deal.gov.uk
Deputy Town Sergeant	Mr Chris Hobbs-East	Email: themayor@deal.gov.uk
Visitor Information Centre Officers/ Receptionists	Mrs Cathy Whitnall Sue Morbey	Email: info@deal.gov.uk



Saturday Market: Union Rd Car Park. You will find there are lots on offer, including: plants, fresh flowers, eggs, fruit and vegetables, meat products, freshly made food and cakes. Also bric and brac. 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

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, Michael Reeve at michael.reeve@deal.gov.uk



Deal Town Hall Undercroft: This area is available to hire by charitable organisations for table top sales. As this is very popular and in demand, the Event Manager opens the bookings diary, usually in October to start receiving booking forms for the following year, and ensure that dates are allocated fairly. For further information please contact the Event Manager Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 or via email: Joanne.Harper@deal.gov.uk

Braderie: Our famous annual street fayre is traditionally held every 3rd Sunday in September. It was a great success in 2017, the weather was kind and the public came in their thousands to grab a bargain and browse through the antiques and memorabilia.

Date for your diary! Braderie 2018 is on Sunday 16th September

For further information see www.deal.gov.uk

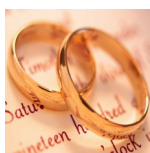
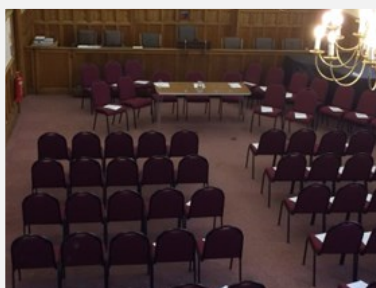


Deal Town Hall was built in 1803 and is a Grade II listed building. Steeped in history, the elegant oak panelled chamber is surrounded by stunning oil paintings and artefacts.

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 classic room that can accommodate up to 80 people and can be hired for many different purposes/occasions. The Committee Room can accommodate up to 25 people. For further information about hiring the Town Hall, please see contact details below, or look on the council's website www.deal.gov.uk



Weddings: Wedding ceremonies in the Town Hall chamber are becoming increasingly popular with local couples and those from further afield who choose to celebrate their nuptials in the versatile and elegant rooms of the Town Hall in our stunning seaside town. Our dedicated Events Manager will be delighted to show you around the Town Hall and discuss your requirements, to help make every moment the perfect experience for you, family and friends.

For further information and to make an appointment to view the Town Hall, please contact the Events Manager, Joanne Harper on 01304 361999 or email joanne.harper@deal.gov.uk



Events

Listed here are just some of the many events that were organised by
Deal Town Council during 2017/18

All were open to the public and free to attend

Heritage Open Weekend 9th & 10th September 2017

The Town Hall saw a record number of 212 visitors over the Heritage Open Weekend in September.

Members of the public were able to view exhibitions on Elizabeth Carter by genealogist Pat Smith, Goodwin Academy students and artist Colin Priest.; as well as on the history of past Mayors of Deal by the Kent Family History Society; and see the Charter of 1699, civic regalia and artefacts.



Elizabeth Carter“ Deal’s Daughter” A Different Perspective

December 2017: As a culmination of Deal Town Councils celebrations for Elizabeth Carter’s 300th anniversary, a talk was given by Mrs Pat Smith L.H.G. Dip.Gen exploring the reasons why Elizabeth Carter was famous in her own time and is studied in the 21st Century. The evening was well attended by members of the public and local dignitaries.



Holocaust Memorial Day: On Saturday 27th of January 2018, Deal Town Council held its Annual Public Holocaust Memorial Day Commemoration. More than 75 people including members of the public and local dignitaries attended a service and presentations from second generation survivors of the holocaust and the pupils from Goodwin Academy.

International Women’s Day: Deal Town Council celebrated International Women’s Day on Thursday 8th March 2018. With the theme “Press for Power” the Town Hall was fully booked. With women joined together for a day of inspirational and interactive workshops led by local female entrepreneurs who have made it in the international world of business and sports. Topics were wide ranging including the world of translation, women in politics, starting your own fashion label, wise women and Tai Chi.



Joanne Harper - Events Manager

Deal in Bloom Working Group: Once again, the Deal in Bloom Working Group had a very successful year with several awards. This was due entirely to the hard work and enthusiasm of the group members. The town did look wonderful, especially along the Sea Front. Here these were the DDC beds, businesses' own spectacular displays, lovely containers on the Sea Front Lamp Columns, and the wooden boxes along the North end of the Promenade, (these two latter being funded by the Deal Town Council).



We won a Gold Award for the Town entry, from South & South East in Bloom Organisation. The Sea Front Entertainment Area also won Gold for the first time of entering, Sandown Garden Community Garden also won Gold, with other areas receiving Silver/Silver Gilt. With the Britain in Bloom entry, Deal won a Silver Gilt again. This was only the second time the town has entered this quite prestigious competition.

My thanks as the Chairman of the Working Group, for making Deal a 'Blooming great town to live and work'. Perhaps this year the Gold award will be ours, with Britain in Bloom.

Councillor Mrs M Burnham - Chairman Deal in Bloom Working Group

Allotment Working Group: Deal Town council has three allotment sites that they are responsible for Golf Road, Mill Road and Park Avenue. The council continues to improve the sites and are committed to ensuring that plot holders, many of whom spend countless hours throughout the year cultivating their plots, enjoy the areas.

There are currently four vacant allotment plots across the three sites and these will be allocated in the next two weeks. There is a short waiting list of Deal residents wishing to take on an allotment, and this list is reviewed and updated regularly. 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.

One beekeeper has set up a hive and the bees should be in situ by April, 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.

Last year the council received a "Certificate of Excellence" for the Golf Road and Mill Road Sites from the South and South East In Bloom competition, which was a first for Deal Town Council.

Mrs H McAdam - Allotment Officer

Inward Investment Working Group: The Inward Investment Working Group (IIWG) was set up to plan and seek funding for projects to further the aims of Deal Town Council, i.e. to make Deal a better place to live, work and visit.

A series of meetings was held through 2017. A number of members of local groups and organisations were invited to add their expertise and knowledge to the Group. A project outline was put together to meet the needs of the Coastal Communities Fund (funded by central government, managed by the Big Lottery).

In July 2017 a major public event was held to consult on the plan and the plan was improved subsequently, ready for an application to be made in autumn 2017. However, the Coastal Communities grant programme remained closed to new bids through 2017 and in fact only invited new bids in March 2018.

A bid was put forward to the WRAP grant fund, to provide better waste bins, which would improve the local environment and reduce litter in 2017. This was not successful, but it did help improve communications with other groups concerned to reduce waste and improve recycling.

At the time of writing we have plans to put forward a bid to Coastal Communities, which, if successful, will support the development of cycle tourism in Deal and the surrounding area.

Councillor Sue Beer - Chairman of Inward Investment Working Group

Transport Working Group: The Transport Working Group looks at the problems faced by residents and visitors as they move around the town and works with other bodies, like Dover District and Kent County Councils, as well as with transport providers, to try to find solutions. Over the last year, the Working Group held a public meeting to air views on the traffic in Middle Deal Road and members of the Group recently met to show problems faced by travellers in this area to representatives of Kent County Council.

Apart from specific traffic problem areas like Middle Deal Road, the Working Group is developing work programmes to improve signage (particularly for cyclists and visitors) and facilities, like dropped kerbs and level pavements, for people on mobility scooters or with pushchairs.

Deal Town Council has a non-voting representative on the Dover Joint Transportation Board (which brings together Dover District and Kent County Council) and the Transport Working Group is a channel of communication between the Board and Deal Town Council.

Councillor Mike Eddy - Chairman of the Transport Working Group

Planning Committee: It often feels as though the town is being besieged by large development companies trying to fill every available plot of land within its borders with as many houses as can physically be accommodated, without taking into account the problems generated by the inevitable increase in numbers of cars and lack of adequate parking. It is no good for the developers to assert with annoying frequency



that the town is well served by public transport, and that residents do not require cars. It isn't, and they do. Anyone consulting bus and train timetables will immediately discover that the service at certain times is woefully inadequate.

Another alarming feature of many new developments is the tendency to provide miniscule gardens and very limited off-street parking spaces. It is time that the builders of houses accepted that councils are not against new estates, but that they would look more favourably on projects that recognise the paucity of parking and the inadequacy of the existing road systems and aim to address these issues. The key challenge the town has to face is to match the infrastructure of the town with the need to provide sufficient affordable housing.



It is pleasing to report that we have found reasons to object to very few applications for extensions to houses; and by and large, alterations to buildings in the conservation area have been tasteful and beneficial for the town centre. These form the bulk of the applications that we consider.

We remain indebted to our co-opted member, Robin Green (of the Deal Society), for his widespread knowledge both of the

town and the planning regulations governing the conservation area and also to Bill Elliott from Friends of North Deal who has returned to his co-opted place on the committee. Kelly Lawrence, as our invaluable Planning Clerk, continues to keep a helpful and efficient hand on the tiller, ensuring that rules and processes in the planning system are correctly navigated. And the Town Clerk, Lorna Crow, is always on hand to provide guidance where necessary.

Colin Hartley - Chair of Planning Committee

Finance & General Purposes Committee: The Finance and General Purposes Committee is responsible for setting the budget of the Council and ensuring that our funds are spent in a prudent way, which also complies with all our legal obligations. At a time when local government finances have been under severe pressure, we have managed to maintain our Council Tax precept at the same level; as we are conscious of the need to have regard to the increasing pressures on household budgets in our town.

Our aim is to provide value for money in all our activities and you can see the breadth and scope of our work elsewhere in this report. We are particularly pleased that our income shows a steady rise, as more and more people appreciate the attraction of our Town Hall and hire our facilities for important occasions such as weddings.

A particularly important part of our role is to support the voluntary sector through our grants scheme and in the year under review we were able to make grants of, £12,210.99 to organisations which strengthen the community life of our town. This year we were able to introduce a Special Projects fund totalling £10,000 which supported specific projects with additional funds in order to bring them to fruition. In this way we continue to add value to our activities as a Council.

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

Special Project Fund Sub-Committee

The Special Projects Working Group was set up to develop a new grant fund to support local charities and organisations in Deal. After reviewing the existing grants process a new additional fund was set up for themed projects.

The Special Projects fund for 2017-18 supported new projects which improve the health and / or wellbeing of the local community. A total of £6,775.00 was awarded in Special Projects grants in November 2017.

Cllr David Cronk - Chairman of the Special Projects Sub Committee



Grants & Financial Assistance

Annual Grants

Listed below are the organisations who received financial assistance from Deal Town Council in 2017/2018 to the value of £12,210.99

Annual Grants	Amount
Deal & Walmer Allotments	£285.99
White Cliffs Ramblers Group	£250.00
Disabled Friends & Family Association	£250.00
Men of Kent & Kentish Men	£200.00
Walmer Cricket Club	£500.00
Deal Breastfeeding Support Group	£475.00
Deal Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club	£500.00
Deal Community Carnival Association	£1,000.00
Sandown Castle Community Garden Group	£500.00
Martha Trust	£500.00
HI Kent	£500.00
Deal & Betteshanger Rugby Club	£500.00
Dover District Volunteering Centre	£600.00
Kent Miners Festival	£500.00
Royal Marines Heritage Trails	£1,000.00
Friends of North Deal	£150.00
12th Deal Scout Group	£500.00
Deal Festival of Music and the Arts	£1,000.00
SEAS (South East Artists)	£1,000.00
The Deal Society	£1,000.00
Deal Maritime & Local History Museum	£1,000.00
Total	<u>£12,210.99</u>

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Special Project Grants	Project Name	Amount
Deal Area Food Bank	Christmas Boxes	£1,000.00
Deal Festival of Music & the Arts	Let's Dance	£900.00
The Drop in Lunch	The Drop in Lunch	£610.00
Dover Deal & District CAB	Financial Capability	£1,300.00
Dover District Volunteering Centre	Supported Shopping Scheme	£1,800.00
Deal Breastfeeding support group	The Parenting Convention	£1,165.00
	Total	<u>£6,775.00</u>

Grants & Financial Assistance Policy for 2018/2019

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANT POLICY

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANT POLICY: Deal Town Council will award grants to local organisations and committee groups to further the aim of Deal Town Council to create a thriving town in which to live, work and visit.

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL'S GRANT POLICY

For the year 2017/2018 Deal Town Council introduced a new funding stream for **Special Projects** with the theme of Health & Wellbeing.

For the year 2018/2019 an additional funding stream of **Community Contributions** has been added.

For the year 2018/2019 Deal Town Council will have three grant streams:

1 **Annual Grants** (divided into Large Grants and Small Grants)

Grants may be for one off events, short term activities, for the purchase of equipment, for repairs and maintenance or similar costs.

Deal Town Council is keen to ensure that smaller local groups benefit from this grant stream. At least 50% of the total fund will be allocated to Small Projects.

2. **Special Projects Grants**

The Special Projects Fund is a themed grant stream, which has been set up so that the council's aim becomes more explicit both to local organisations and to the community. Applicants will need to show how their project relates to this theme.

The Special Projects theme for 2018 is Environment.

3. **Community Contributions**

Community Contributions is a new grant stream intended to provide ongoing financial support to local organisations which contribute in a significant way to the community of Deal. Grants may cover core costs as well as project costs.

Grant & Financial Assistance Application Forms

Full Grant packs containing application form and grant monitoring forms can be collected from the Town Hall reception between 10am and 1pm Monday to Friday or can be downloaded from the Council's website at www.deal.gov.uk

Income, Expenditure and Expenses

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL			<u>2017/18</u>	
INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			ALLOWANCES PAID	
Income	2016/17	2017/18	ALLOWANCES PAID	
Precept	£375,721	£382,568	Cllr B Bano	£300
Visitor Information Centre	£18,876	£14,297	Cllr S Beer	£300
Markets	£27,346	£26,818	Cllr D Bond	NIL
Braderie	£3,435	£3,730	Cllr T Bond	NIL
Allotments	£4,654	£4,538	Cllr M Burnham	£300
Town Hall Income	£10,927	£9,102	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Other	£496	£134	Cllr M Eddy	£300
Total	£441,454	£441,187	Cllr W Elliott	NIL
			Cllr A Friend	NIL
Supporting Income			Cllr B Frost	£200
Dover District Council Grant	£12,273	£3,572	Cllr D Harper	£300
Total Income	£490,930	£448,331	Cllr C Hartley	£300
			Cllr P Inch	NIL
Expenditure	2016/17	2017/18	Cllr K Lee	NIL
Mayoral & Civic Expenses	£4,651	£5,750	Cllr N Tomaszewski	NIL
Promoting Town	£7,418	£13,196		
Visitor Information Centre	£16,588	£12,775	Special Allowance:	
Markets	£8,863	£9,264	Chairman's Allowance	
Braderie	£2,300	£2,282	Cllr D Cronk	£300
Grants/Donations	£10,605	£18,986	All the above figures are	
Councillors allowances	£2,250	£2,600	taxable	
Allotments	£7,145	£2,140		
Salaries & Pensions	£211,693	£205,294		
Town Hall & Other costs	£86,180	£106,472		
Public Conveniences	£39,433	£36,208		
Election Costs	£15,712	£0		
Total	£412,838	£414,967		



Deal Town Councillors from 2015 - 2019 (page updated May 2018)

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<p>Cllr Trevor Bond 102 London Road Deal Kent CT14 9TY Tel: 01304 365816 Tel: 07785291480 E: antony49@aol.com Middle Deal Ward</p>	<p>Cllr Marlene Burnham 156 Middle Deal Road Deal Kent CT14 9RL Tel: 01304 372876 burnham_marlene@hotmail.com Middle Deal Ward</p>	<p>Cllr David Cronk 6 Roman Close Church Lane Deal Kent CT14 9XJ Tel: 07593259936 david.cronk@btinternet.co.uk Middle Deal Ward</p>
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Meeting Schedule 2018-2019

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

Council Meeting	Time & Venue	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Full Council	Town Hall 7.15pm	Tues 26	Mon 23		Tues 25	Mon 29	Tues 27		Mon 28	Tues 26	Tues 26	Fri *26	Tues *28
												*Annual Town Meeting Tue 30	*Annual meeting of the council inc Chairman election
Finance & General Purposes	Town Hall 7.15pm	Tues 19	Tues 17		Tues 18	Tues 23	Tues 20		Tues 22	Tues 19	Tues 19	Tue 16	
Planning	Town Hall 7.15pm	Thur 7	Thur 5	Thur 2	Wed 5	Thur 4	Thur 8	Mon 10	Thur 3	Thur 7	Thur 7	Thur 4	Thur 2

*26 Apr: Annual Town Meeting

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