



Deal Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Deal, CT14 6TR.

To all Councillors: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Full Council at the Town Hall on Tuesday 22 April 2025 at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Monday 21 April 2025 by email to deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all councillors present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.

Mrs. L Crow - Town Clerk

Date: 15 April 2025

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks:	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received:	Town Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach. 1
4	The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2025 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach. 2
5	Public participation and statements received: For councillor information, members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	Town Clerk
6	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from the 1 March to 31 March 2025: Decision required.	Attach. 3
7	Review of Deal Warm Welcome Project: Decision required.	Attach. 4
8	KALC Health and Well-Being Advisory Committee Consultation: Decisions required	Attach. 5
9	Review of Representation to Outside Bodies and Liaison List: Decision required	Attach. 6
10	Councillor Outside Body quarterly reports: Information to note a) Chamber of Trade b) Astor Theatre	Attach. 7 Attach. 8
11	Deal Town Council Committee Minutes: Information to note. a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 03.03.25 b) The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21.01.25	Attach. 9 Attach. 10
	Date of next meetings: Annual Town Meeting: Thursday 8 May 2025 Annual Meeting of the Council Tuesday 27 May 2025	

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration, they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensation, withdraw from the meeting.

Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of or vote taken on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

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The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at the Town Hall on Tuesday 25 March 2025
at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr O Richardson (Chairperson) Cllr M Eddy (Vice Chairperson)
Cllr B Bano Cllr S Beer
Cllr T Bond Cllr L Craggs
Cllr D Cronk Cllr S Cullen
Cllr P Findley Cllr A Friend
Cllr P Jull Cllr M Walters

Officers: Mrs L Crow (Town Clerk) Others: 0
Mr P Bone (Responsible Finance Officer)
N Miller (Climate Change and Communications Officer)

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed all to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures, he then advised members of his recent mayoral engagements.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence received: Cllr S Brookfield and Cllr M Cronk due to work commitments Absent: Cllr D Parks	Town Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received	
4	The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
5	Public participation and statements received: None received	
6	List of payments including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing from the 1 February to 28 February 2025: Members RESOLVED: To recommend that the F&GP committee review the service contract for the lift and that the R.F.O goes out to tender for work in advance. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr M Eddy 8 for 0 against 2 abstentions Members further RESOLVED: To accept the list of payments made from 1 February to 28 February 2025 including payments exceeding £500 for approval and signing. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed	F&GP committee Chairperson
7	Financial Risk Management Plan 2025/26: Members RESOLVED: To agree and accept the Financial Risk Management Plan 2025-2026. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk All agreed	R.F.O
8	Appointment of Internal Auditor: Members RESOLVED: To re-appoint McCabe Ford Williams to continue as the Internal Auditor for Deal Town Council for the financial year 2025-2026. (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Walters All agreed Members further RESOLVED: To delegate authority to Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Council to sign the McCabe Ford Williams engagement letter on behalf of the Council. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr L Craggs All agreed	R.F.O Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

9	<p>Town Clerks Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and move the Annual Town meeting to Thursday 8 May 2025. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr T Bond 11 for 0 against 2 abstentions</p>	Town Clerk
10	<p>Town Council of Sanctuary update: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr A Friend All agreed</p>	
11	<p>Councillor Outside Body quarterly reports: a) Deal Fairtrade Network b) KALC Dover Area Working Groups</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: To note the reports and request that the Town Clerk brings a report to the next convenient meeting of Full Council on how Deal Town Council can take forward health and wellbeing for their residents. (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr S Cullen 6 for 3 against 1 abstention</p>	Town Clerk
12	<p>Deal Town Council Committee Minutes: a) The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 03.02.25 b) The minutes of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 16.01.25</p> <p>Members RESOLVED: To note the minutes. (P) Cllr D Cronk (S) Cllr A Friend All agreed</p>	
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.20pm	

**Deal Town Council
Nat West Combined A/C's**

List of Payments made between 01/03/2025 and 31/03/2025

Date Paid	Payee Name	Transaction Detail	Amount Paid
03/03/2025	VIC YOUNG SS LTD	OFFICIAL CAR LEASE	£ 390.89
03/03/2025	SCREWFIX ACCOUNT	MAINTENANCE ITEMS	£ 258.67
07/03/2025	BRITISH TELECOM	INTERNET TOWN HALL	£ 58.68
10/03/2025	GLOBAL4 TELECOM	LANDLINE TOWN HALL	£ 214.38
10/03/2025	VODAFONE BUSINESS	WORK MOBILES	£ 135.05
10/03/2025	RG WILLIAMS	WATER TAP PA ALLOTS	£ 227.98
12/03/2025	ADT FIRE & SECURITY	FIRE ALARM MAINT	£ 810.90
12/03/2025	NEATHOUSE PARTNERS	H&S AND HR PACKAGE	£ 366.00
12/03/2025	GUIDELINE LIFT SERVICE	LIFT SERVICING	£ 173.06
12/03/2025	DELL	SM LAPTOP	£ 299.00
12/03/2025	K & N GARDENING	MAINTENANCE MR ALLOTS	£ 160.00
12/03/2025	K & N GARDENING	MAINTENANCE PA ALLOTS	£ 160.00
13/03/2025	DELL	OFFICE PC	£ 498.60
14/03/2025	DNA PAYMENTS	CARD MACHINE CHGS	£ 31.65
14/03/2025	CLIMA GATE RAILING	BIKE RACKS FOR ALLOTS	£ 1,914.00
14/03/2025	CLIMA GATE RAILING	IRON POSTS ALLOTS	£ 2,034.00
14/03/2025	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	TH WINDOWS CLEANING	£ 40.00
18/03/2025	BACS PENSION	EE's PENSION	£ 1,417.00
18/03/2025	BACS PENSION	ER's PENSION	£ 5,618.96
19/03/2025	BACS NET PAY	BACS NET PAY	£ 20,538.06
19/03/2025	BANK CHARGES	BANK CHARGES	£ 41.95
20/03/2025	ADM COMPUTER SERVICES	IT SUPPORT	£ 945.54
21/03/2025	HMRC	EE's PAYE	£ 3,404.94
21/03/2025	HMRC	EE's NI	£ 924.52
21/03/2025	HMRC	ER's NI	£ 2,507.69
24/03/2025	BUSINESS STREAM	WATER GR ALLOTS	£ 7.60
26/03/2025	SANDOWN COMMUNITY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 400.00
26/03/2025	DEAL PIRATES	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 300.00
26/03/2025	DISABLED FRIENDS & FAM	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 500.00
26/03/2025	IMAGO COMMUNITY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 480.00
26/03/2025	WALMER & DEAL ACTION	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 473.79
26/03/2025	DEAL AREA EMERGENCY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 340.00
26/03/2025	DEAL MUSIC & ARTS LTD	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL & DOVER TENNIS	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 500.00
26/03/2025	DEAL WITH IT	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL PRIDE	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL AREA REFUGEE AID	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL FILM FESTIVAL	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL ROWING CLUB	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 785.60
26/03/2025	DEAL ST OMER SOCIETY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 750.00
26/03/2025	DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 510.63
26/03/2025	THE DEAL SOCIETY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£ 500.00
28/03/2025	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	WINDOW CLEANING TH	£ 190.00
28/03/2025	FCS EXTERIOR CLEANING	CLEANING PAVEMENTS TH	£ 220.00
28/03/2025	ARCHERS LOW NURSERY	MAINT OF PLANTERS	£ 522.80
31/03/2025	SUEZ RECYCLING AND	WASTE & RECYCLING TH	£ 168.17

31/03/2025	CORPORATE WELLBEING	HR REPORT	£	350.00
31/03/2025	RG WILLIAMS	SERVICE BOILER TH	£	172.00
31/03/2025	KENT FARMERS MARKETS	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£	65.00
31/03/2025	BANK CHARGES	BANK CHARGES	£	75.34
			£	55,482.45

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14/03/2025	CLIMA GATE RAILING	BIKE RACKS FOR ALLOTS	£	1,914.00
14/03/2025	CLIMA GATE RAILING	IRON POSTS ALLOTS	£	2,034.00
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26/03/2025	DEAL AREA REFUGEE AID	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL FILM FESTIVAL	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	1,000.00
26/03/2025	DEAL ROWING CLUB	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	785.60
26/03/2025	DEAL ST OMER SOCIETY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	750.00
26/03/2025	DEAL MARITIME & LOCAL	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	510.63
26/03/2025	THE DEAL SOCIETY	GRANT MARCH 2025	£	500.00
28/03/2025	ARCHERS LOW NURSERY	MAINT OF PLANTERS	£	522.80
			£	49,184.64

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Councillor O Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council
Deal Town Councillors

FROM: Nadine Miller, Climate Change, Projects & Communications Officer

SUBJECT: Review of three years of Deal Warm Welcome

DATE: 14 April 2025

Deal Warm Welcome continues to exceed its original ambition of being solely a warm space offering light refreshment. For the past three years it has evolved to be a lifeline for those in urgent need and a refuge and community for many.

Established in 2022 in response to the cost-of-living crisis, each year a report has been submitted to council, detailing the project, feedback and outlining lessons learned. (Please see attached this winter's final report and feedback.)

Initially, in 2022/23, there were eight venues offering welcome six days a week (on alternate weeks) but was reduced to seven venues due to low attendance. A further review saw the number of venues drop down to five in 2024/25, and welcome was provided across four days a week. Originally the project ran for five months from November to April but due to subsequent mild autumns, it now runs from December. Here are the attendance figures for Deal Warm Welcome venues:

	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/25
December	379	377	325
January	455	511	415
February	512	499	404
March	389	511	406
April	51	30	104
Total attendance	1,786	1,928	1,654
Total cost	£10,836	£5,784	£4,264
Total cost including direct funding	£10,836	£7,784	£6,264

Learning and adapting year-on-year has seen greater efficiency in the scheme with the cost per welcome falling from £6 in 22/23, to £3 in 23/24 then £2.60 per welcome for the winter of 2024/25. Attendance figures are down on last year due to monitoring at the Pantry, which is a new venue. It has been estimated that more than 500 guests were greeted, stayed for a drink, played games and had chat and enjoyed a Deal Warm Welcome. However, only those who went solely for a Warm Welcome were recorded, but as you will see from the report, the support and offer of a welcome helped build a community and has helped establish The Pantry.

“Hosting the Warm Welcome at Deal Pantry has been integral to building a sense of community around this new initiative and helping revive Deal Welfare Club as a space for people from the local community to connect with one another” Deal Pantry Manager Amy Armstrong-Evans

Deal Warm Welcome now includes direct funding, a need that was identified following a review of the first year's project. Local organisations were chosen that have the expertise and infrastructure to be able to directly support people and families in Deal who are unable to afford food and energy bills and assisted **143 people** this winter.

After analyzing data for winter 23/24 it was identified that children and young families could be better supported by Deal Warm Welcome and so a new partner organisation, Home-Start, was approached to provide targeted and immediate help. Each direct funder receives a grant of £1,000 each and below is a breakdown of how the money was spent for both years:

United families (Year two 23/24)	quantity	cost	total
8L twin draw air fryer	1	£89	£89
Air fryer 6L – family size	8	£39.88	£319.04
4L air fryer – easy use	5	£39.99	£199.95

Energy Top-up vouchers	10	£40	£400
Households helped	24	Total cost	£1007.99

United families (Year three 24/25)	quantity	cost	total
Air Fryer 9.5L	5	£69.99	£349.95
Air fryer 2L	10	£27.99	£279.99
Halogen oven	2	£34.99	£69.98
Electric blankets	5	£24.99	£124.95
Energy electric vouchers	8	£15.00	£120.00
Energy gas vouchers	12	£15.00	£180.00
People helped	42	Total cost	£1124.87

Deal Area Foodbank (Year two 23/24)	quantity	cost	total
Slow cooker	5	£29.99	£149.95
Heated throws	5	£39.99	£349.95
Food grant	1	£10	£10
Heating grants	10	£20 - £75	£505
Households helped	21	Total cost	£1014.90

Deal Area Foodbank (Year three 24/25)	quantity	cost	total
Gas/electricity grant	29	£50-£150	£800
Electricity grant	8	£30- £45	£155
Gas grant	3	£5 - £40	£45
People helped	40	Total cost	£1000

Home-Start (Year three) 2024/25	quantity	cost	total
Weekly breakfast approx 12 adults (18-50) 15 children (0-5)	13 weeks	£34.40	£447.20
Food vouchers	14	£25	£350
Home essentials/hygiene products	multiple		£155.75
Slow cookers & hygiene products	multiple		£127.18
People helped	61	Total cost	£1080.16

The English Indices of Deprivation 2019 shows Middle Deal is one of five wards in the Dover District that are in the top 10% most deprived in England.

In Middle Deal, 37% of children aged between 0-15 years are living in income- deprived families. There is a clear need for help in Deal and this is also borne out by the feedback from our partners. Direct funding continues to give immediate help to those in most financial need and venues offer support beyond heating and eating. They are providing places of friendship and are continuing to build communities.

Now in its third year, Deal Warm Welcome has been a good example of the Town Council reacting and supporting our most vulnerable residents and giving hope to many.

The project has moved on from its original inception and changes continue to be made to improve efficiency of delivery both in the practical sense to better target those in need and financially by reviewing where best to allocate the budget.

The original Deal Warm Welcome was funded in 2022 through the use of an existing Food Poverty budget of £10,000 plus a sum of £5,000 from the Climate Change budget. In November 2022 a budget line for Warm Spaces was approved and has funded the subsequent two years. A Warm Spaces budget line for 25/26 was approved in January 2025.

A project plan will be submitted to Full Council in June to recommend a fourth year for the scheme and will reflect the feedback from the council and our partners.

Recommendation: Members to email their feedback for the Climate Change, Projects and Communications Officer to consider by Friday 23 May.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

Deal Warm Welcome



**Offering warmth,
refreshment & friendship
December 2024 - April 2025**



Deal Warm Welcome, December 2024 to April 2025, offered warmth, refreshment and friendship during the winter months, providing a bite to eat, cup of something warm and a chance to chat and share. There is no charge and everybody is welcome.

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Many of our clients, are relatively surprised that it was Deal Town Council who funded this scheme and have taken more of an interest in the work local councils do

We hope that it brightened up their day whilst at the same time saved them heating costs at home.

Both me and my partner work but we had lots of bills and I had to take time off work unpaid because my son was ill. I don't know what we would have done if it was not for the food voucher.

A sense of the community providing support, led by the Town Council



The project offers Deal families in need the opportunity to access funds or goods to help support them financially and practically. It has also helped bring communities together.

Deal Warm Welcome comprises of nine organisations who either provide immediate and direct funding, or host a weekly drop in session for anyone to attend. The scheme is free and we opened our doors this winter from Monday 2 December 2024 until Wednesday 2 April 2025.

This year, posters advertising the project were produced in English, Arabic and Ukrainian. Day-to-day support was provided by Deal Area Foodbank, Home-Start and United Families UK. There was additional signposting to Deal GP Social Prescribers, Age UK South Kent Coast and Help for Households

Deal Warm Welcomes were held on:

Mondays: St Richard’s Church, Mill Hill from 9am - 1pm

Tuesdays: Trinity Church, Union Road from 12.30pm - 3pm
Deal Pantry at Deal Welfare Club, Cowdray Square from 2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays: St Andrew's Church, West Street from 9am to 11am
Deal Pantry, Deal Welfare Club, Cowdray Square from 10am - 12pm
St George's Church, High Street from 12pm to 2pm

In total **1,654** guests were welcomed across the venues

	December	January	February	March	April
St Richard’s Church	50	50	47	60	0
Trinity Church	48	49	63	60	15
The Pantry	0	16	6	11	0
St Andrew’s Church	65	91	108	84	30
St George’s Church	162	209	180	191	59
Total	325	415	404	406	104

DEAL WARM WELCOME MONITORING

ITEMS PURCHASED	PURCHASED FROM	DATES PURCHASED	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST	PEOPLE SUPPORTED	AGE GROUP
PROVISIONS FOR BREAKFASTS PURCHASED WEEKLY	ALDI DEAL	5/12/24 – 31/3/25	13 WEEKS	APPROX £34.40 PER WEEK TOTAL RECEIPTS £447.20	APPROX 12 ADULTS PER WEEK (149 OVER 13 WEEKS) APPROX 15 CHILDREN PER WEEK (196 OVER 13 WEEKS)	18-50 0-5
ALDI VOUCHERS	ALDI – ORDERED ONLINE	15/1/25	14	14 X £25.00 VOUCHERS £350.00	9	18-50
HOME ESSENTIALS / HYGIENE PRODUCTS	INKIND DIRECT	18.12.24	MULTIPLE	£155.78	17	18-50
CROCKPOT SLOW COOKERS & HYGIENE PRODUCTS	INKIND DIRECT	14.2.25	2 MULTIPLE	£127.18	8	18-50
				£1080.16		

The Deal Warm Welcome grant has enabled us to supply families attending our Deal Family Group with a healthy breakfast each week over the winter period. The families we support are often vulnerable and from deprived backgrounds. The breakfast was very well received and families reported that they often don't have the time or money to have a healthy breakfast at home and really looked forward to a Thursday morning where both parents and children could have breakfast in a warm safe environment.

Aldi Vouchers were purchased and these supported 9 families in Deal who were struggling financially, the families were able to purchase food and essential items which helped them through a difficult period. We purchased some essential items such as Slow Cookers, toilet rolls, toothpaste, razors, deodorant, shower gels, from Inkind Direct – an organisation where charities can purchase items at a very cheap prices getting excellent value for money. Being able to supply families that were struggling financially with these items enabled them to free up money to help pay their monthly bills. The grant has helped us support many families in the Deal Town Council area and has been gratefully received.

Many Thanks from us all at Home-Start Dover District

Registered Charity No 1102201

Company Limited by guarantee No 4974145. Registered in England
 Patron: HRH Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy, KG, GCVO

Did the project meet your budget?

The project was fully spent:

£412.86 Breakfast Costs

£350.00 Aldi Vouchers

£240.00 Family Provisions (Air Fryers / Slow Cookers / Household items)

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

Yes the grant was used for the purpose stated.

What went well?

Providing the families with a breakfast in a warm space each week went well and being able to offer families Aldi Vouchers for food was very beneficial.

Would could be done better?

A wider selection of fresh fruit offered for breakfast.

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

I think this project worked well so cannot think of anything that would need to be done differently.

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcomes delivers?

The project offers Deal families in need the opportunity to access funds or goods to help support them financially and practically. It has also helped bring communities together.

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

The project offers Deal families in need the opportunity to access funds or goods to help support them financially and practically. It has also helped bring communities together.

Thank you for supporting Home-Start with this funding to provide families in need with much needed support.

Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

The project fund provided the families attending our Family Group on a Thursday morning in St Georges Church with a healthy breakfast. Aldi vouchers were purchased to give to families that were struggling with their finances.

Slow cookers and air-fryers were purchased to give to families to help them prepare cheaper meals for their family. Household items for families were purchased to help families in financial need. All recipients of everything provided have been very grateful and have really appreciated the additional support.

What impact did the project give our guests?

The families receiving breakfast at the group have really appreciated this and have been able to try some new healthy breakfast options that they would not normally have been able to afford.

Some families did not have any money for food and Aldi Vouchers were given to these families that enabled them to purchase food for the family.

Energy advice was given to families at the group which enabled families to save money on their heating and energy bills.

Slow cookers and Air-Fryers were given to families to help them have more cost efficient ways of cooking family meals, this helped them save money on their energy bills.



Household items such as shower gels / toothpaste / toilet rolls were given to families to help with their finances.

Case Study 1 (feedback from parent)

Being a single parent I do not have the time or money to eat breakfast in the mornings. I really look forward to a Thursday morning as I know my daughter and I will have a nice healthy breakfast in a warm environment. It then gives me more energy and enables me to get through the day.

Case Study 2

The Aldi Voucher that Home-Start gave me for food let me make meals for my family when we had no money. Both me and my partner work but we had lots of bills and I had to take time off work unpaid because my son was ill. I don't know what we would have done if it was not for the food voucher.

	UNITED FAMILIES UK DATA COLLECTION WARM WELCOME 2024/2025	
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ITEM DESCRIPTION	PURCHASED FROM	DATE PURCHASED	QTY BROUGHT	COST	TOTAL COST
Keplin 9.5L Dual Air fryer - 2850W	Amazon	15/12/2024	5	£69.99	£349.95
Vencer 2L Air Fryers 1000W	Amazon	15/12/2024	10	£27.99	£279.99
Andrew James Halogen Oven	Amazon	18/12/2024	2	£34.99	£69.98
Warm rest Electric Blankets	Amazon	10/01/2025	5	£24.99	£124.95
Emergency Electric Vouchers	Paypoint	Various	8	£15.00	£120.00
Emergency Gas Vouchers	Paypoint	Various	12	£15.00	£180.00

TOTAL PEOPLE HELPED	AGE DEMOGRAPHIC	TOTAL COST
42	21 to 82	£1124.87

With the cost of living, and the reduced support available with support to our elderly demographic, we focused our resources this year to purchasing cost saving devices for people, to help them reduce the need to use their cookers, when living in small households or alone. Everyone that was provided one, reported back within weeks and agreed that they were life saving and enabled them to eat better and not rely on microwave meals as they were to scared to switch their cookers on etc.

All those who received support, provided proof that they resided in the Deal Town Council Postcode area

With Thanks - United Families UK
 Mr Luke Shaw
 02-04-2025



Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

Yes - many of our clients are relatively surprised that it was Deal Town Council who funded this scheme and have taken more of an interest in the work local councils do

What impact did the project give our guests?

A 65 year-old recipient recently moved in to the north end, being forced to move out of their house from domestic abuse and financial control, had to pay 6 months rent in advance to secure a property. They were referred to us and we helped with food, utilities payments and provided them with an Air Fryer and other household items. Since things have settled for this person, they have informed us that it was this assistance, that has enabled them to eat properly, not worry about large white goods costs, etc, and love using the air fryer. They were completely overwhelmed with the support from the local council and sends sincere gratitude for those responsible for ensuring it continues

Did the project meet your budget?

United Families UK was able to add funds when donations were good, to ensure all those sign posted to us, received support. The budget set was remarkable, but also a sad reality that if it was doubled each year, would still never be enough, especially with finances getting tougher

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

I was not expecting it to run for a second year, but was really pleased that it was and really hope that this scheme continues. Please do get the local media involved as more local residents need to know that this is what their funds pay for.

What went well?

The time frame to deliver the project is the best part, as it starts prior to Christmas and ends as Spring starts and the warmer weather shows

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

It runs perfect in my opinion and no changes need to be made

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcomes delivers?

For us, it helps us provide devices such as Air Fryers to residents that have to choose between heating and eating, often choosing to not use the cooker and simply use a microwave to cook a frozen meal. The Airfryers and such items have enabled them to cook better nutritional meals and not needed them to turn on their big cookers which cost to run

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

I think, it has achieved more than envisioned, from a simple idea, to reality, the scheme has been well received by many in my opinion

“Thank you to all those involved in this scheme at Deal Town Council, for not only starting this scheme, but ensuring it continues, and long may that be the case”



Deal Area Foodbank provides emergency food to people in crisis. Deal Town Council direct funding was used to help people struggling with energy bills and heating their homes.



	Amount awarded	People helped
Gas/electricity grant	£800	29
Electricity grant	£155	8
Gas grant	£45	3

Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

All funds were utilised successfully

What impact did the project give our guests?

Funds supported 15 families with utility payments

Did the project meet your budget?

Funds were utilised from many small grants throughout the winter months

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

Yes, sadly went too fast

What went well?

We were able to support families when they were most at need

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

If utility vouchers were obtained that provided double the value this would be a great asset

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcomes delivers?

Helps the local people during hard times

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

Shared between many parties in order to support the local community to its best

The Pantry

The newly established Pantry is held at Deal Welfare Club, Cowdray Square. People benefited an estimated 516 times from the Warm Welcome hosted by Deal Pantry



Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

Visitors to the Warm Welcome hosted by Deal Pantry - including pantry members - were all very grateful to be offered a free hot drink, cake or biscuits, served up by the friendly pantry volunteer team. This was along with the opportunity to sit in a warm communal space, where tables had been laid out with games and activities for them to make use of whilst happily chatting to one another. So yes, we believe that the guests at the Deal Pantry Warm Welcome were satisfied with what was offered to them.

What impact did the project give our guests?

Hosting the Warm Welcome at Deal Pantry has been integral to building a sense of community around this new initiative and helping revive Deal Welfare Club as a space for people from the local community to connect with one another (beyond the bar or ticketed events).

As a result, new friendships have been formed between members, particularly pensioners, helping to reduce isolation and providing a social event in their week that they have reported looking forward to. Many members experiencing a variety of mental and physical health conditions also shared with us during the period that the Warm Welcome was running that it has been very beneficial for their wellbeing to get out of house and be able to spend some time in a relaxed and accessible social space.

Conversations between members with similar life experiences or encountering the same challenges led to advice being shared peer-to-peer, as well as key organisations and services being signposted by the pantry team and via materials on the community information board. It was evident during the time the Warm Welcome was on that new support networks began to form, particularly between some of the single parent households.

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Did the project meet your budget?

Yes. The budget enabled us to purchase equipment needed to provide a hot drinks station, all of the food items offered, games and activity materials, and contributions to other costs associated with hosting

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

It was in terms of being part of a series of venues across town hosting the Warm Welcome, though we expected to have a few more guests that were attending purely due to having seen DTC publicity materials/social media, not just hearing about it from word-of-mouth or flyers that we distributed. The fact that Deal Pantry is newly established at the Welfare Club will definitely have had something to do with that however, and we anticipate in future years as we ramp up our publicity activities there will be a much wider understanding of what the pantry is, where it is, and how it serves the community.

One notable thing was that no one commented on the 'warm space' aspect of the Warm Welcome. It was all about the warmth of the welcome rather than people coming in because they were cold at home (heating cost rises are definitely an issue for people, but no one mentioned it specifically in relation to the WW).

What went well?

During the period that the Warm Welcome was held there were 32 independent guests. There were 775 member visits to the pantry, with around a quarter of those pantry members also bringing at least one family member or helper with them to shop, and around half of all those stayed for a cuppa and a chat, or played games etc. So in total, we estimate that people benefited an estimated 516 times from the Warm Welcome hosted by Deal Pantry!



What could have been done better?

Perhaps more printed publicity (posters, flyers etc) put up/distributed in the immediate area (shops, cafes, churches, other venues etc) would probably have been beneficial, to inform people particularly within walking distance of the Welfare Club that the Warm Welcome was being hosted there.

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

There is nothing that we would suggest at this time.

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcome delivers?

It is very valuable in terms of supporting active community spaces in our town - which are quite lacking - helping to ensure they can provide useful services to local people and providing the opportunity to connect residents for the good of their physical and mental health. It provides hope and community resilience during very challenging social and economic times.

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

As a newcomer to the scheme it is not possible to really comment on this, and as the pantry team didn't have chance to connect with other hosts of the Warm Welcome. In future it would be good to coordinate with them and share ideas, resources, updates etc



St George's Church

St George's Church registered 801 guests this winter (on average 45 a week) with January being the busiest month with more than 200 attendees.



Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

Yes. Evidence is the number of repeat visits - we have had 42 people who have come on at least 10 of the 17 occasions this winter

What impact did the project give our guests?

A sense of being part of community; meeting with friends; someone to talk to about life issues; able to connect with Community Warden, social prescribers, dementia support or foodbank; somewhere warm; a regular point in the week; a reason to get out of a lonely house

Did the project meet your budget?

Yes. Funding from Deal Town Council and from donations without any request for donations.

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

Yes. We have continued unbroken since November 2022.

What went well?

Reliable numbers, 3 special occasions (Christmas lunch, ukulele band and anniversary celebration), good mixing between people unforced, people inviting others to come along

What could have been done better?

Fewer new people than previous years coming without a personal connection. We are also reintroducing some low-key activities eg crafts

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

We value the connection with other groups which has been less this year

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcome delivers?

A sense of the community providing support, led by the Town Council

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

A genuinely warm welcome in many ways, and a lifeline for some. Apart from New Year's Day, we have never had less than 38 people in any week.

"We have had a number of challenges protecting vulnerable beneficiaries from other vulnerable beneficiaries, and the support of the Community Warden has been invaluable."



St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's Church greeted 378 guests this winter, 86% were aged over 65 - their busiest month was February with more than 100 warm welcomes given



Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

We believe so - we had regular repeat visitors

What impact did the project give our guests?

It gave them a warm space to meet up with friends and new people alike. They were able to have a few cups of tea/coffee and some toast and or biscuits and the chance to win something in the weekly raffle ! We hope that it brightened up their day whilst at the same time saved them heating costs at home

Did the project meet your budget?

Yes, thank you

Was this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated?

Yes we were part of it last year and hope we can participate again next year

What went well?

Everything really, from the friendly and happy faces that we gave the guests and the thanks we received from them. For us it also gives us the opportunity to introduce new people to our church and the activities that we run (religious and social events).

What could have been done better?

Nothing we can think of

What could be done differently should the project be repeated?

We feel it runs well as it is

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcome delivers?

A range of places for people to go and meet others and enjoy a social time, in a warm and friendly environment.

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

It is a great integrated scheme run by the Council where different locations dovetail together, giving people several opportunities in any one week to keep warm and have refreshments, whilst saving heating costs at home.

“It’s well run, well advertised and well executed by the hosts in the scheme. Everyone involved can feel satisfied that they have been part of a fully worthwhile scheme.”



Trinity Church

Trinity Church welcomed 235 guests and all from Deal. All over 40 years of age and 88% in the 65+ bracket.



What went well?

People enjoy meeting for lunch

Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction?

You'd have to ask them!! But I think its very well received

Would could be done better?

Possibly a service to bring less able people to and from the meal.

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

We provide a free meal and community, and people come. That's it



St Richard's Church

The team welcomed 207 guests this winter, 82% were from Deal and 77% were aged 65 and over.



What went well?

The number of people attending and looking forward to it each week

Would could be done better?

The advertising



Was the project delivered to our guests satisfaction and as this winter's Deal Warm Welcome what you anticipated??

Yes

What value do you believe Deal Warm Welcome delivers?

It is a safe place

Looking back over the last three years of Deal Warm Welcome, how would you describe the scheme and what has, or hasn't, been achieved?

It is valuable

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr O Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council & All council members
From: Mrs L Crow, Town Clerk
Date: 27 March 2025
Re: **KALC Health and Well-Being Advisory Committee Consultation**

Deal Town Council has been contacted by the Chairman of KALC's Health and Well-Being Advisory committee with the following.

"The Kent Association of Local Councils is dedicated to ensuring the voices of our communities are heard. As the Government outlines its 10-Year Plan for the NHS, we want to gather valuable insights from residents like you.

Our Health & Wellbeing Advisory Group has designed a brief yet crucial survey to understand your experiences with healthcare services and your hopes for the future. By sharing your thoughts, you can help us advocate for the changes and improvements that matter most to you and your community.

Please take a few moments to complete this survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PY82TNZ> your input is vital. Together, we can help shape a stronger, more responsive NHS for everyone.

Kind Regards

*John Rivers - President
Chairman of the Health and Well-Being Advisory Committee"*

The closing date to complete the survey is **Friday 6th June 2025**.

Following my queries KALC has confirmed that they are requesting a collective response from Town and Parish Councils.

There are 22 questions as listed overleaf.

Recommendation:

Members to consider a collective response to this consultation

Decision required:

Members to consider the above recommendation.

1. Has your Council observed an increase in demand for local health and social care?

Yes

No

2. What community healthcare services are most in demand in your area?

1)

2)

3)

4)

3. How well do you feel health and social care services are coping with this shift?

4. How well do your local health and care services cater for minority groups?

5. What additional support or resources do you believe are needed to improve community and social care services?

6. How accessible are digital healthcare services (e.g. online GP consultations, telemedicine) to residents in your area?

7. What are the biggest barriers to digital healthcare adoption in your community?

8. Has your council taken any steps to support digital inclusion (e.g. digital training, Wi-Fi hubs)?

Yes

No

If Yes, (please specify)

9. Does your Council have any examples of other local organisations or groups supporting your residents in your area for digital training?

Yes

No

If Yes, (please specify)

10. What further support do councils need to help residents transition to digital healthcare?

11. How active is your council in supporting public health initiatives such as exercise programmes, healthy eating campaigns, and mental health awareness?

12. Does your Council have a health and wellbeing plan or is working towards one?

Yes

No

Working towards one

13. *What health and wellbeing initiatives does your council currently support (eg. Active travel policies, allotments and walking groups)?*

14. What are the main barriers to implementing more public health initiatives in your community?

15. What additional support would help your council promote preventive healthcare?

16. How well-informed do you feel residents are about their health and social care choices and available services?

Very well informed

Not very well informed

Not all all informed

Unsure

17. What initiatives has your council undertaken to improve residents' knowledge of healthcare services (e.g. Magazines, socials, notice boards, contact with local groups).

18. Do you liaise with your health and social care professionals, plus voluntary groups that are working in your area?

Yes

No

If so, please list.

19. In your view, what is the most significant health and social care challenge currently facing your community?

20. How can Parish and Town Councils play a greater role in supporting the NHS's transition?

21. Does your Council lead on health and social care?

Yes

No

22. Would you be interested in participating in further discussions or working groups on local healthcare transformation?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide your contact details

DEAL TOWN COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson of Deal Town Council, all Council members
From: Mrs L Crow, Town Clerk
Date: 31 March 2025
Subject: **Review of Representation to Outside Bodies and Liaison List**

As members will be aware the council has an agreed list of Organisations that they provide Council representatives to.

This list is now due for its annual review.

The Council will decide who will be the representatives at the Annual meeting of the Council in May for the current municipal year.

The representative role is to represent the Council as a body rather than acting in a personal capacity. This enables organisations to tap into the expertise and knowledge of the Council and councillors' links with other public sector organisations, such as the County and District councils and the Police (The Role of Deal Town Council Representatives on Outside Bodies policy refers).

Please see below the current list with links to the Organisations websites.

Organisation	Website	Usual Number of Councillor(s)	Current Councillor Reps from Apr 2024 to May 2025
Deal/St Omer Twinning Association To note: This association has the following written in its constitution: Deal Town Council will appoint two of its members to serve on the Management Committee, with the addition of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex officio members. These members are additional to those described.	DEAL / SAINT - OMER TWINNING SOCIETY - Home (weebly.com)	The Mayor and Deputy Mayor + 2 councillors	Cllr O Richardson Cllr A Friend Cllr S Beer Cllr L Craggs
North Deal Community Company	North Deal Community Company CIO Golf Road Community Centre (golfroadcentre.co.uk)	1 Councillor	Cllr S Beer Reserve: Cllr A Friend
Chamber of Trade liaison	Welcome to the Deal and Walmer Chamber in East Kent Website (dwchamber.co.uk)	1 Councillor	Cllr M Walters Reserve: Cllr A Friend
Deal Music and Arts Ltd	Festival - Deal Music and Arts	1 Councillor	Cllr D Cronk Reserve: Cllr O Richardson

Dover Joint Transportation Board	Councillors and Elections (dover.gov.uk)	1 Councillor + 1 Reserve Councillor	Primary: Cllr M Walters Reserve: Cllr M Eddy
Deal Memorial Bandstand Trust	Deal Bandstand – Memorial Trust	The Mayor	Cllr O Richardson
Astor Theatre liaison	The Astor Theatre	1 Councillor + Responsible Finance Officer	Cllr L Craggs
Citizens Advice Bureau	Citizens Advice	1 Councillor	Cllr S Brookfield
Deal Town Fairtrade Network	Deal Town Fairtrade Network Facebook	2 Councillors	Cllr L Craggs & Cllr P Findley
KALC area committee meetings	Home - KALC (kentalc.gov.uk)	2 Councillors	Cllr B Bano & Cllr O Ricardson
White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership & Southeastern Railway Stakeholder Meetings	White Cliffs Community Rail Partnership (dover.gov.uk)	1 Councillor + 1 Reserve Councillor	Cllr B Bano Reserve: Cllr D Parks
Cinque Ports Champion To note: No Reserve is required as the Mayor is in place for the Confederation.	Promotion – Cinque Ports	1 Councillor for a 4-year election term	Cllr D Cronk from 2023 until 2027
Deal Speaking Up Group	The Deal Speaking Up Group	1 Councillor	Cllr B Bano Reserve: Cllr S Beer
East Kent Network of Sanctuary	Home - East Kent Network of Sanctuary (cityofsanctuary.org)	3 Councillors	Cllr S Brookfield Cllr B Bano Cllr L Craggs
East Kent Climate Action	East Kent Climate Action Deal Facebook	2 Councillors	Cllr S Beer & Cllr S Cullen
Deal Area Refugee Aid (D.A.R.A)	DARA Facebook	3 Councillors	Cllr S Brookfield Cllr B Bano Cllr L Craggs

Recommendation:

- Members to consider any additions or deductions to the above list of outside body organisations and liaison for 2025/26.

Decision required: Members to consider the above recommendation.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr O Richardson, Chairperson of Deal Town Council & All council members
From: Cllr M Walters
Date: 27 March 2025
Re: **Outside body report for Deal and Walmer Chamber of Trade**

Deal and Walmer Chamber of Trade and Commerce have put up Bunting in the Summer and Christmas Lights in the Winter to enhance the Town of Deal, it is one of the most successful Chambers of Trade in the Country.

It has been a privilege to have served on the Committee for the last two years. I intend to stand down from this committee as Deal Town Council representative in April due to often dates clashing with other organisations I am involved with.

This year bad weather stopped the annual Christmas Lights celebrations, a great disappointment after all the planning and work that was put in. The Chamber produced a calendar to help with costs of putting up lights, it runs a raffle and runs network meetings monthly. Christmas trees are also put up virtually at cost, for paying trade members.

It is run by President Peter Varrall of Castle Removals with Secretary Lisa Lauda who is an excellent organiser and the Kemps leading lights in Deal Pirates. Cllr Peter Jull has been Chairman for many years and is well liked and respected in Deals Business Community.

The Landmark Centre and its associated financial debt has become a major area of concern for Cllr Jull, Kenny Underwood .and Gary Kemp who have undertaken key roles as trustees of the Landmark Centre this year in a desperate attempt to stave off probable bankruptcy as debts are rumoured to be around the £150,000. The Chamber have undertaken to find the money to keep the Landmark going approaching Walmer Town Council for £5000 (granted with conditions), and Deal Town Council for another £5000, making a total of £10,000, which is what Dover District Council want to see for consideration of a much larger grant to keep the Landmark open.

At the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 18 March members awarded an unconditional grant for the sum of £5000 to the Deal & Walmer Community Association for the Landmark centre.

It is my understanding that the money will be deposited in an Escrow account controlled by the Chamber members mentioned as trustees, as a means of protecting, it from Landmarks debtors.

End of Report.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEMORANDUM**

To: Cllr O Richardson - Chairperson of Deal Town Council,
All Council Members
From: Paul Bone. Responsible Finance Officer & Cllr L Craggs.
Date: 10th April 2025
Subject: **Outside body representatives report for the Astor Theatre**

As the outside body representatives for the Astor Theatre, the RFO and Cllr L Craggs met with Duncan Campbell from the theatre for the regular six monthly monitoring/update meeting on 14th March.

Invited to update the Council on the previous period, Duncan provided an upbeat account of how things have gone. Previously, he had briefed on the difficult financial period the theatre was about to enter and the management actions he was proposing/had taken, for example assuming the role of manager himself, reducing opening hours at the theatre, closing the restaurant and bringing forward an improved programme of events and productions, including a well-targeted Christmas pantomime. The upshot is that, whilst it is his view that there will always be a shortfall between outgoings and ticket sales for a community theatre such as this, the balance sheet shows a much more positive performance. He feels able now to proceed with more appropriate projects and events, better suited to such an establishment. He hopes at some point to be able to be in a position to recruit a theatre manager. Work on the buildings has continued to meet health and safety requirements and afford an improved environment for theatre-goers. However, major upgrades to the toilets and balcony must await even more favourable economic times. Duncan was congratulated for both his personal contribution to the Astor's upturn in performance and that of the theatre as a whole. There is an increasing sense of shared aims and purposes in what the theatre and the Council are trying to do for the benefit of the town's residents.

The RFO was able to report that the manner in which the Council is kept informed on matters of mutual relevance and importance continues to work well; there are no outstanding questions to ask at this time. Invited to suggest ways in which the Council could assist the Astor in going forward, Duncan commented on the ongoing need for advertising the existence and location of the theatre. We discussed some of the complexities of putting up posters and banners.

Finally, Duncan was pointed to the imminence of a new financial year and the Council's changed arrangements for allocating grant aid. In particular, he briefed on the annual grant scheme for some specific project but also the new community contribution scheme that potentially can assist organisations both plan on a four-year basis and also use this as the basis for seeking other financial support from elsewhere.

Minutes - approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 07/04/2025
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The Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at the
Town Hall at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr M Eddy (Chairperson)
Cllr M Walters
Cllr L Craggs

Mr Robin Green (Deal Society)
Ms E Fogarty (FOND)

Officers: Mrs L Marney – Committee Clerk

Others: 3 members of the public

1	Chairpersons opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.				Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Cllr P Findley and Cllr T Bond due to prior commitments.				Committee Clerk
3	Declarations of interest: None received.				
4	Public Participation and Statements received: A member of the public spoke on planning application 25/00108 – Dunroamin, 19 Ark Lane, Deal CT14 6PX.				Committee Clerk
5	The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 3rd February 2025 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3 rd February 2025 as a true and accurate record. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Walters. All agreed.				Chairperson
6	Planning applications received:				Committee Clerk
	DDC Ref	Ward	Address	Proposal	
	24/00367	MH	Land On The East Side Of Cross Road Deal CT14 9LA	<u>Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/01683 for "Reserved matters application for the details of layout, scale, landscaping and appearance for the erection of 100 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission DOV/20/01125" to vary the 30% (30 dwellings) affordable housing tenure plan to</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed.

			<u>provide 10no. Affordable Rent Units, 12no. Shared Ownership Units and 8no. First Home Units.</u>	
25/00096	MD	Charnwood Manor Avenue Deal, CT14	<u>Erection of single-storey front, rear and side extensions, alterations to windows, fencing/gate, and solar panels to roof (garage and side extension to be demolished).</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed.
25/00077	ND	21 Union Road Deal CT14 6EA	<u>Erection of a free standing pergola.</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs All agreed.
25/00115	ND	Maisonette 136A High Street Deal CT14 6BE	<u>Erection of a first floor rear extension.</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr L Craggs All agreed.
25/00108	ND	Dunroamin 19 Ark Lane Deal CT14 6PX	<u>Erection of a single storey front extension and garage conversion to habitable accommodation, replacement roof and timber cladding to garden store.</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Walters All agreed.
25/00159	MD	355 London Road Deal Kent CT14 9PS	<u>Erection of a detached car port.</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy 2 For, 1 Abstention. Motion carried.
25/00163	MD	9 The Grove Deal Kent CT14 9TL	<u>Erection of a single storey rear extension (existing lean-to to be removed).</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs All agreed.
25/00148	MD	7 Sheron Close Deal CT14 9UG	<u>Fell one Turkey Oak the subject of Tree Preservation Order No 9 of 2016.</u>	Members RESOLVED: No Objection (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr M Eddy All agreed.

7	DDC Update - UPVc Windows in Conservation Area: Following a lengthy discussion. Members RESOLVED: The Chairperson to write to DDC and thank them for their response and advise that DTC will be monitoring future applications on UPVc windows in the Deal conservation area, as previous DDC decisions have been varied. (P) Cllr M Walters (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.	Chairperson
8	Committee Clerk Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	
9	DDC Decisions: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and for Committee Clerk to include in the future reports, DDC decisions/recommendations where they have varied from the DTC Committee decision. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.	Committee Clerk
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.54pm.	

Minutes – approved by Committee and signed by Chairperson 18/03/2025

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The Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes meeting held at the Town Hall
on Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7:15pm.

Present: Cllr T Bond (Chairperson) Cllr D Cronk
Cllr S Beer Cllr M Eddy
Cllr B Bano Cllr M Cronk

Officers: Mr P Bone – Responsible Finance Officer
Ms H McAdam – Finance Assistant Others: 0
Miss P Read - Clerical Officer

1	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the fire evacuation procedures and advised Councillors to put their mobile phones on silent.	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr L Craggs due to a prior commitment. Absent: Cllr D Parks	R.F.O.
3	Declarations of interest: None Received.	
4	Public Participation and Statements received: None received	
5	The minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12th December 2024 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 th December 2024 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Beer 3 For, 3 Abstentions. Agreed. The Chairperson duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6	Finance Income & Expenditure figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2024: Members RESOLVED: to note the information. (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed.	
7	Allotment Recommendation from the Climate Change Officer: Following debate Members RESOLVED: 1) To update section four 'Pests and Infection' of the Allotment Tenancy Agreement to read: "In line with our climate action and ecological commitments, the use of all pesticides, herbicides and inorganic fertilisers by allotment holders is strictly prohibited. In the event of a plant, insect or rodent infestation, the Allotment Officer should be contacted in the first instance." 2) The agreed changes to section four are notified to the allotment holders advising that the date the changes will come into effect will be agreed at the March meeting of F&GP and giving them a notice period of 30 days from 30/01/2025 – 28/02/2025 (inclusive) to provide feedback on any concerns they may have to the Allotment Officer regarding these updates. This feedback to go to the next F&GP meeting on 18/03/2025 to decide the commencement date of the updated agreement. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr S Beer. All agreed.	Allotment Officer Allotment Officer & Climate Change/Comms Officer & R.F.O.

8	<p>Town Hall Passenger Lift- Insurance Report: Following discussion Members RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To agree the works required to replace the Hydraulic hose as identified in the Immediate Action Report (Attach 3A) at a cost of £1,894.20 funded from the TH maintenance EMR 2) To agree the remaining works as per the quotation (Attach 3C) from the lift maintenance company for the works identified in the insurance 'Report of Thorough Examination of Lift' (Attach 3B) at a cost of £12,538.22 funded from the TH maintenance EMR <p>(P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr S Beer. All agreed.</p>	<p>R.F.O. & Facilities manager</p> <p>R.F.O. & Facilities manager</p>
9	<p>Town Hall Free Use request: Following debate Members RESOLVED:</p> <p>To grant the free use of the Town Hall on 22nd November 2025 between the hours of 1600 -2100 including the Undercroft, Chamber, Kitchen & Christmas gazebo subject to all H&S conditions being met and that the R.F.O. writes a confirmation letter that includes the hire costs that would usually apply and that the R.F.O. also emphasise that a gesture of recognition be made to Deal Town Council in their promotional literature.</p> <p>(P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr D Cronk. All agreed</p>	<p>R.F.O. & Facilities manager</p> <p>R.F.O.</p>
10	<p>Public Toilet Service Level Agreement: Following debate Members RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Not to accept the 2025/26 SLA and to advise DDC that the maximum amount that DTC are prepared to pay as a contribution to the Public Toilets in Deal for 2025/26 is no more than £40,000 or the lower figure if Full Council agree to set a lower amount in the 2025/26 Budget. 2) To authorise the Town Clerk to sign a revised SLA if the requested contribution is amended by DDC to match the amount agreed above. <p>(P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr B Bano. All agreed.</p>	<p>R.F.O.</p> <p>Town Clerk</p>
	<p>Resolution to exclude the public:</p> <p>Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 (2) – on the grounds that the information to be discussed is of a confidential nature.</p> <p>(P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr D Cronk. All Agreed.</p> <p>Clerical Officer Miss P Read left the meeting at 7.50pm</p>	
11	<p>Draft Budget 2025/26: Decision required.</p> <p>Following debate Members RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To recommend to Full Council: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That version 'B' of the draft budget is agreed and adopted. • That the Precept is raised by 12.0% to support the draft budget. • That the following Earmarked Reserves are returned to the General Revenue Reserve to support the draft budget. <p>322 EMR - Mayor's Parlour Refurb. £2,755.76 323 EMR - Environment Fund £2,000.00 326 EMR - Carbon Roadmap £1,564.20 330 EMR - Ukraine Support Fund £1,000.00</p> (P) Cllr B Bano (S) Cllr S Beer 4 For, 2 Abstentions. Agreed 2) To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in liaison with the R.F.O. to allocate amounts to individual events as required from the total budget for Town Events providing they remain within the overall agreed budget line total (P) Cllr S Beer (S) Cllr B Bano. All agreed. 	<p>R.F.O.</p> <p>Town Clerk & R.F.O.</p>
	<p>The Chairperson closed the meeting at 20:00</p>	