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## Annual Town Meeting

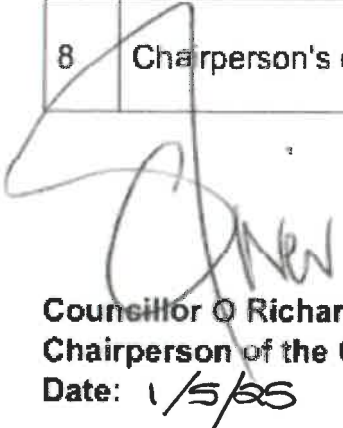
**You are invited to the Deal Annual Town Meeting which is to be held at 7.15pm on  
Thursday 8 May 2025 in the Town Hall Chamber**

**This is an open meeting for the Electors of Deal  
to raise and discuss matters of general interest.**

**Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.**

### AGENDA

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| 1 | Chairperson's welcome and opening remarks  | Cllr Richardson |
| 2 | Councillor apologies for absence   | Town Clerk      |
| 3 | The minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on 30 April 2024 for approval and signing.                        | Attach 1        |
| 4 | Deal Town Council Review of the Year   | Officers        |
| 5 | Kent Police Community Safety   | Kent Police     |
| 6 | Feedback from those awarded Deal Town Council grants, and from representatives of other local groups and organisations | Various         |
| 7 | Open session for questions, comments, and suggestions from members of the public on any issues of general interest     | All             |
| 8 | Chairperson's closing remarks  | Cllr Richardson |

  
Councillor O Richardson  
Chairperson of the Council

Date: 1/5/25

**The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Present:**

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| Cllr O Richardson (Chairperson) | Cllr A Friend  |
| Cllr S Beer                     | Cllr B Bano    |
| Cllr M Eddy                     | Cllr M Walters |
| Cllr S Brookfield               | Cllr P Findley |
| Cllr L Craggs                   | Cllr D Parks   |

**Officers in attendance:**

Town Clerk: Lorna Crow  
 Responsible Finance Officer: Paul Bone

**Others:** 24 Members of the Public

Assistant to The Town Clerk/Event Manager: Joanne Harper  
 Committee Clerk: Laura Marney  
 Climate/Communications officer: Nadine Miller

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| <b>1.</b> | <p><b>Chairperson’s opening remarks:</b> Cllr O Richardson read the fire evacuation instructions and welcomed everyone to the Annual Town Meeting.</p> <p>He said that it has been his first year as the Town Mayor and he and the Mayoress have been warmly welcomed at all the meetings and special occasions we have been invited to attend. Seeing the people of Deal and how hard you work to make the lives of everyone better makes me feel incredibly proud, so thank you.</p> <p>He congratulated Deal Town Football Club who, in front of record crowds, have gained promotion to the Isthmian Southeast league after winning the Southern Counties East League Premier Division title. He congratulated everyone both on and off the pitch for a cracking season – long may their success continue.</p> <p>Cllr Richardson also announced and congratulated fellow Town Councillor and former Kent County Councillor Mike Eddy who has been given the honour of becoming an Alderman of Kent. An award presented for service to the County Council and pursuit of the well-being of the County of Kent.</p> |
| <b>2.</b> | <p><b>Councillor Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr T Bond, Cllr P Jull, Cllr S Cullen, Cllr D Cronk.</p>   |
| <b>3.</b> | <p><b>The minutes of the previous Annual Town Meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for approval and signing.</b> RESOLVED: to accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as a true and accurate record.<br/>                 (P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr M Eddy. All Agreed. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairperson.</p>  |
| <b>4.</b> | <p><b>Visual Presentation: The Town Plan One Year On:</b> Due to technical issues the presentation was unable to be shown. The Chairperson advised that the presentation would be available on the Deal Town Council website.</p> <p><b>Due to the technical issues, the Chairperson amended the order of the agenda.</b></p>  |
| <b>5.</b> | <p><b>Presentation from the Samphire Project.</b> Director of the Samphire Project, Charlotte Zosseder, gave a presentation about the work of the organisation.</p>  |
| <b>6.</b> | <p><b>Presentation from STEM sustainability:</b> Matthew Morris gave an update on the council’s progress to reach Net Zero by 2025. The council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency was announced in 2019 and has reached its target of Net Zero six months earlier than planned. The report will be shared on the Deal Town Council website</p>  |

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| 7. | <b>Feedback from those awarded Deal Town Council grants, and from representatives of other local groups and organisations:</b> Representatives of local organisations were invited to present information about who they are, what they do and, if appropriate, how they had used any financial grant awarded by Deal Town Council.              |
| 8. | <b>Questions, comments and suggestions from members of the public on any issues of general interest:</b> Members of the public raised questions on the Local Plan, Deal Police Station, the closure of St George's Hall, hanging baskets on the sea front and the No Idling posters. The Chairperson and Councillors responded to the questions. |
| 9. | <b>Chairman's closing remarks:</b> Cllr Richardson thanked everyone who attended and participated and closed the meeting at 8.44pm.  |