

## **MINUTES**

of

The Annual Town Meeting  
of New Romney Town Council  
held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney  
on Monday 24 April 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

### **PRESENT:**

**The Right Worshipful The Mayor**

Councillor Mrs P S Rolfe

#### **Town Ward**

**Councillors:** Mrs E Gould, M J O'Neill, A Rodriguez,  
R Tillson,

#### **Coast Ward**

**Councillors:** P J Coe, D L Evans, Ms P Snoad,  
Mrs P Metcalfe and D Stedham

#### **In Attendance:**

**Town Clerk:** Mrs C Newcombe

**Finance Clerk:** Mrs C T Morris

**Planning Clerk:** Mrs Marlene Worf

**Amenities Clerk:** Miss A Williams

**Clerical Assistant:** Mrs S Hall

**Shepway District Councillor:** Ms S Govett

Lt Cdr Don Davies MBE

RNR (Ret'd)

Mr George Harvey OBE

Mrs Veronica Bailey

Petty Officer Mark Godden

Miss Rebecca Godden

TS Veteran Sea Cadets

Royal British Legion

New Romney Scout Group

TS Veteran Sea Cadets

Mayor's Sea Cadet

Fourteen Members of the Public

### **WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **PRAYERS**

Reverend Julie Coleman opened the proceedings with prayers.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from :  
Councillor Lawton for personal reasons; and  
Kent County Councillor Mrs C J Waters for personal reasons.

It was:

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Ms P Snoad

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Tilson and

**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that reasons for absence, as detailed above, be received and noted.**

2. **MINUTES**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor O'Neill

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Coe and

**RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 18 April 2016 be received and approved.**

3. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

A copy of the Annual Report had been previously circulated to Councillors and made available to members of the public at the meeting.

The Mayor presented the Report highlighting all matters and thanked the Town Clerk for her work in preparation of it. The Report was received and noted by Members present. The Mayor then invited questions.

No questions were raised.

4. **REPORT OF KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The Town Clerk read out Kent County Councillor Mrs C J Waters' report which was received and noted by Members present. There were no questions arising.

5. **REPORT OF SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR MS S GOVETT**

Councillor Ms Govett presented her report advising she was kept busy assisting local residents with problems raised, inter alia, planning and benefits. She was delighted to have joined the Visitor Centre Advisory Group and to sit on the new Coastal Community Team. She had assisted to form the newly established New Romney Traders Association. She worked closely with the Town Council, Kent County Council and other organisations. and she congratulated the Town Council on its

achievements over the last civic year and looked forward to working closely with it during the forthcoming civic year.  
The Mayor thanked Councillor Ms Govett for her hard work and support during the past Civic Year .

**8.05pm**

Reverend Julie Coleman left the Assembly Rooms.

6. **REPORT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LIBRARIAN**

A report had not been received from the Community Development Librarian.

7. **REPORT OF KENT POLICE**

The Town Clerk advised apologies had been received from PCSO Nick Hazell who, due to work commitments, was unable to attend the meeting.

The Town Clerk read out the report prepared by PCSO Hazell which contained, inter alia, crime and anti-social behaviour figures for the Parish of New Romney.

PCSO Hazell can be contacted the Police non-emergency number, 101, and information will be passed to him. Kent Police are also on Twitter (follow Kent Police Shepway).

The report was received and noted by Members present.

8. **WRITTEN NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS**

The Town Clerk confirmed that no written notices of resolutions had been received by her during the period stated.

9. **PRIDE OF NEW ROMNEY AWARDS**

The Pride of New Romney Awards were launched by the Mayor last year. The winners of this year's Awards, who had been selected from all nominations received, were announced at the meeting and received their respective Award from the Mayor, The winners were :

Mrs Veronica Bailey, New Romney Scout Group, for outstanding service to the Community by an individual.

Miss Rebecca Godden, Mayor's Sea Cadet, for outstanding service to the Community by a young person.

Lt Cdr Don Davies and PO Mark Godden, TS Veteran Sea Cadets, for service to the Community by a local organisation.

The 'Mayoral Star' award winner, personally chosen by the Mayor, was presented to the President of the local branch of the Royal British Legion, Col George Harvey (Ret'd) OBE, who accepted the award on the organisation's behalf.

10. **SIGNING OF THE ARMED FORCES COVENANT**

The Mayor advised that due to the recent announcement of a 'snap' election, this item had been postponed and it was hoped it could be re-organised following the forthcoming election.

**THANKS**

The Mayor thanked everyone present for attending and enquired if there were any further questions anyone would like to raise.

There were no further questions or matters arising.

The meeting then concluded at 8.14pm at which point members of the public present applauded the Town Council.

**NB** **Copies of all reports and documents referred to within these Minutes are available for perusal by members of the Council and the public on request to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.**

*Minutes Prepared by the Planning Clerk*