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INTRODUCTION FROM THE TOWN MAYOR 2018-19



Welcome to this Annual Town Meeting of New Romney Town Council for the year 2018/19.

It has not only been a very busy one for day to day business, as you will see from the reports below but, also, a tremendous amount of work has continued in progressing projects and initiatives to improve the town of New Romney for our residents.

With a broad theme, once again, of 'helping others', my charities for 2018-19 were New Romney Sea Cadets, The RNLI, Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance and New Romney First Responders - and I thank all who have donated so generously to these causes.

In conclusion, I would like to convey my thanks to my Deputy Mayor for 2018-19, Cllr. Patricia Rolfe, my Fellow Councillors and especially the Town Clerk and her staff, for their hard work and support this past civic year.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor for 2018-19, Councillor Peter Coe

TOWN COUNCIL SUCCESS STORIES

Once again, this has been a very busy and productive year, with continued campaigning by the Town Council for improved local healthcare provision, further improvements to the locality for the benefit of residents and large-scale projects progressing well. As always, there is too much to mention within a single report, however, during the past year there have, as always, been a number of successes that are definitely worthy of highlighting:

- **CONTINUING THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL!**

Addressing Discrimination in Healthcare Provision

The Council has continued to lead the campaign to improve the local healthcare infrastructure in New Romney and across the Romney Marsh. In October, its healthcare representative, Councillor Rolfe, joined local MP – Damian Collins in Westminster for a meeting with the Minister for Health & Social Care – Stephen Barclay MP. The aim of the meeting was to discuss local ambulance response times and discuss ongoing issues in relation to local healthcare provision in the area – in particular the lack of local GP's – which is a country-wide problem. Following the meeting, Councillor Rolfe drafted a report that assessed "Discrimination in Healthcare Provision in Rural and Coastal areas"

and this was submitted to our MP and to the Minister to highlight the problems in these geographically vulnerable areas.

The South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group ('CCG') continues to progress the development of a new health hub in the Town. Meetings have taken place with KCC officers and a range of other potential stakeholders. A Project Management team has been appointed to help develop a robust business case for the project that will provide the key to securing a government grant of £1.56 million, although further funding will be required. The CCG's Head of Clinical Care has provided a letter of support for the proposed new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project – acknowledging that it will form part of a proposed 'Health & Wellbeing' hub within the Town and will help support the local healthcare infrastructure in line with the increasing relevance of 'social prescribing' as a means of providing preventative health care.

- **FUNDING SUCCESS**

Notice board

Grant funding was secured from Kent County Council via the KCC Member for Romney Marsh, Councillor Hills, for the purpose of purchase and installation of an additional Council Notice Board at the Princess Diana Memorial Gardens (Flagstaff Land), Littlestone Road. The Council is pleased to confirm that this new noticeboard has now been installed and will be in full use for the 2019-20 civic year and beyond.

The Town Council is committed to ensuring that information regarding the business of the Council is accessible to as many residents as possible, hence its use of its website and social media page as well as its three previously existing noticeboards to publish a wide range of information.

It was recognised that, for those residents without access to the internet, there was a significant distance between the notice board that is situated on the Greens in Littlestone and those that are situated in the Town Square and outside the Town Hall. Therefore, the Council hopes that the newly installed noticeboard at this midway point will 'bridge the information gap' by reducing the distance between which Town Council information is published.

Play equipment

As New Romney Town Council continues its programme of maintaining and improving play and leisure facilities for the children and young people of New Romney Town and Coast Wards, it can now confirm that a new two-bay swing set for New Romney's older children and teenagers, together with an interactive activity house for local toddlers and younger children have been installed during 2018 at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground.

- **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LOCALITY**

New Romney Coastal Community Team - Helping to create a 'shore path to success'

New Romney Coastal Community Team ('NRCCT') was formed in 2017. It is a completely separate Forum from the Town Council. Its initial task was to develop a strategic Socio-Economic Plan for the area. This was completed in March 2017 and formally submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government who had provided £10,000 grant funding for the Plan. (A further £5000 was also received from Magnox)



The Team is an ‘enabling’ forum. It has brought together a range of proactive local organisations who are committed to improving and regenerating the area. Members include the District & Town Council, the Romney Marsh Partnership, The Marsh Academy, St Nicholas Primary Academy, Littlestone Golf Club, the Varne Boar & Social Club, the Country Fayre Committee, Light Up New Romney, RNLI, New Romney Bowls Club, the Old School, Romney Marsh Visitor Centre and others. The Team held one meeting in January 2019 which enabled members to provide updates on the progress of the different projects that each organisation is leading on. For example, the Marsh Academy representative confirmed that funding for the ‘Cinemarsh’ project has been secured and the Academy is in the process of further developing and implementing the new cinema facility. Great news! Projects such as the new all weather bowling green at New Romney Bowls Club have been completed, and a range of smaller projects progressed. The District Council continues to lead on the development of a Job Generator hub at Mountfield Road Industrial Estate and with the endorsement of NRCCT applied for a Coastal Community Fund grant, which unfortunately, was not successful. A full analysis of the different projects is provided.

Importantly, the NRCCT will not ‘lead’ on any project, it does however provide an opportunity for members to have the endorsement of the Team which in itself, is evidence of support and engagement from a proactive cross-section of the local community, so helping each organisation to secure grant funding. If they are to be progressed, all major projects contained within the Plan will require a lead Partner and in the most part, will necessitate extensive public consultation and engagement

The Team’s focus is encapsulated in the Plan’s vision which states:

‘New Romney will be a stronger and more dynamic hub of Romney Marsh; promoting and using its strategic location and unique range of shops, services and attractions to increase investment. It will provide a vibrant focal point for those living, working and visiting the area’

NB: See New Romney Town Council website for status of projects.

IMPROVING LOCAL LEISURE FACILITIES AND BUILDING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Update on Progress with the new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion



The Council has continued to progress the development of the long-awaited new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion that will replace the old Maude Pavilion on Station Road Sports Ground. Working closely with a professional project management team the detailed design for the building has been finalised and agreed and reflects the feedback received during multiple public consultations regarding the project that have taken place during the past few years. In May 2018 – two public awareness events were held in the Assembly Rooms to inform and consult stakeholders and local residents. In August 2018, a major multi-questionnaire consultation was distributed to every household and business in the Town and Coast Wards to assess ongoing support for the project and to consult local residents regarding the potential to take out a Public Works Loan to fund any potential shortfall and so ensure implementation of the project.

The new facility, together with the refurbishment of the adjacent old Boxing Club will cost just over £4 million. This will be funded by Town Council allocated reserves, the capital receipt from the sale of an adjacent parcel of land, VAT reclamation and grant funding. Any shortfall will be met by a low interest Public Works Loan (see above)

Following an Especial Meeting of Full Council in March 2019, a formal planning application has been submitted to Folkestone & Hythe District Council which includes both the Community building and a linked residential development. The capital receipt from the sale of the development land will provide the majority of the balance of funding required.

2018 Remembrance Day Commemorations

New Romney Town Council worked in close partnership, during 2018, with the New Romney Branch of the Royal British Legion and other local organisations, as a result of which, it was pleased to be able to announce a whole day of commemorative events to bring the local community together in remembrance and commemoration on 11th November 2018.

The Town Council, having already signed up to the Armed Forces Covenant earlier in 2018, pledged to participate in the **International WW1 Centenary Tribute: 'Battle's Over'**. As a result, the Town Council, working closely with the local branch of the Royal British Legion as well as New Romney Scout Group and TS Veteran Sea Cadets, planned a high profile day of events that focused on commemorating the centenary of the end of World War One in line with the National Tribute.

'Battle's Over' was an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War One and New Romney Town Council, together with the New Romney Branch of the Royal British Legion and others, played its part in these commemorations which took place around the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

Organised by Pageantmaster, Bruno Peek LVO, OBE, OPR, 'Battle's Over' took place on Sunday 11th November 2018 – with events throughout the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and at scores of overseas locations, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany.

The Tribute began at 6.00am with over 1,000 lone pipers playing 'Battle's O'er' – a traditional Scottish Air played after a battle, outside cathedrals and at other individual locations throughout the country and overseas. In New Romney, the Air was sounded out at the Garden of Remembrance in Church Approach.



The annual RBL Service of Remembrance in the Parish Church was preceded by a full parade through the High Street commencing at West Street Car Park and proceeding to St Nicholas Church via Church Approach and was followed by the annual Burma Star Service at the Garden of Remembrance.

During the afternoon, a Remembrance Day Concert, performed by Kent Police Band, took place in the Church and the Old School, where an appropriate history display had been prepared, was open for visitors.



At 6.55pm, buglers sounded the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7.00pm WW1 Beacons of Light were lit in a tribute signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war. New Romney Town Council is very grateful to Mr Del Jones (Principal Trumpet Player for Hythe Town Concert Band), who graciously volunteered to sound the Last Post at The Greens, Littlestone before New Romney's Beacon of Light was lit. During the Beacon-Lighting Ceremony on The Greens, messages from the armed services were read as well as the 'Tribute to the Millions' and music was provided by the East Kent Piping Society and the TS Veteran Sea Cadets Band.



At 7.05pm, over 1,000 churches and cathedrals rang their bells as part of the 'Ringing Out for Peace' tribute organised in association with the Central Council of Bell Ringers, which represents 65 societies of ringers from the British Isles and Overseas. Whilst the Beacon-Lighting Ceremony proceeded at The Greens, the Bells of St. Nicholas Church were heard ringing out across New Romney.



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe, said: *'We are proud to have played a part in this historic international event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War and to recognise the contribution and sacrifice made by the men and women from our own community.'*

'There But Not There' Tommy

Alongside the commemorative events that took place in New Romney, the Town Council also, in 2018, supported the **'There But Not There'** campaign in recognition of those that lost their lives in the Great War. New Romney Town Council, therefore, joined the Nationwide Installation to the Fallen, installing a life-size 'There But Not There' Tommy at the Garden of Remembrance in Church Road, New Romney, as a lasting tribute to the Fallen of WW1.



In addition to the installation of New Romney's own 'Tommy' at the Garden of Remembrance, New Romney Town Council celebrated the award of 6 Tommy silhouettes, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust. The silhouettes were located in New Romney's churches during the 2018 commemorative services of remembrance,

The award was made under the Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme, which makes awards to bring the communities together to remember and to think about the Armed Forces today.

The 2018 Town Service of Remembrance in New Romney truly served to bring the local community together; the parish church was packed with local residents joining together in remembrance and reflection and in 2018's very special centenary year commemorating one hundred years since the end of WW1, the service was all the more poignant. The Tommy silhouettes which joined the 2018 congregation – taking their place in the pews alongside members of our community – played an important role in providing a real focus on remembrance in an engaging and imaginative manner.

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe, said: *'This project, which provided a moving focus for New Romney's remembrance in 2018 in the form of the Tommy silhouettes that were awarded to the Town by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust, was so important because it helped bring together the members of our community not only in remembering the tragedy of conflict but in learning the lessons that history has taught so that we can all endeavor to move forward together in harmony.'*



The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust makes awards and grants to projects that support the Armed Forces Community. You can find out more about their work at www.covenantfund.org.uk

GRANT FUNDING SUPPORT

During 2018-19, New Romney Town Council has awarded grant funding as follows:

St. Martin's Field Charity	-	£4,000.00
1 st New Romney Scout Group	-	£ 200.00
JAM on the Marsh	-	£ 250.00
New Romney Sea Cadets	-	£ 200.00
New Romney Country Fayre	-	£ 450.00
Romney Marsh Day Centre	-	£ 300.00
New Romney Branch Royal British Legion	-	£ 200.00
New Romney Traders (#LoveNewRomney)	-	£ 200.00
Seaside Singers	-	£ 100.00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

During 2018-19, the Town Council also provided two free Community Concerts – an outdoor summer concert on St Martin's Field which was expanded in partnership with New Romney Branch of the Royal British Legion and #LoveNewRomney to include a family Picnic in the Park as part of this event - and an indoor Christmas concert in St. Nicholas Church. In 2018, the Town Council also provided a free Centenary Commemorative Remembrance Day Concert and put on the Centenary 'Beacon of Light' event at The Greens as part of the Remembrance Day Centenary Commemorations.

The Town Council also supported a number of Community events – both financially and in kind, including:

New Romney Country Fayre

New Romney Lantern Parade

RBL commemorative services at the Garden of Remembrance and Service of Remembrance and preceding Parade

THE GREENS, LITTLESTONE



The Greens, Littlestone, is an area of informal, open space which is owned and maintained by the Town Council and is made available for a range of community events and activities, including fun-fairs, fun runs and similar, as well as the very popular Emergency Services Day. Some of these events and activities benefit local organisations or charities by providing them with opportunities for fund-raising, whilst others provide entertainment for local residents.

During 2018-19, the following events took place at The Greens:

- 1x Circus

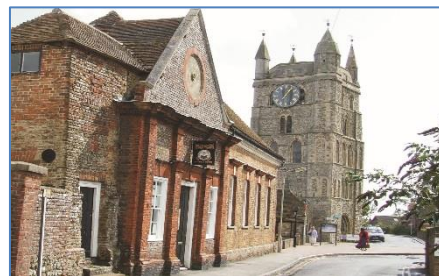
ASSEMBLY ROOMS, NEW ROMNEY

The Assembly Rooms in Church Approach, New Romney, are let on a regular basis to a range of local groups and organisations as well as for use by private persons.

For booking enquiries or further information, please go to the Town Council website: www.newromneytc.co.uk

or contact the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.

Email: townclerk@newromneytc.co.uk Tel: 01797 362348



CHURCH LANE ALLOTMENTS



The Town Council is responsible for Church Lane Allotment Gardens and is pleased to report that whilst there currently remains only a short waiting list for plots, the take-up by new tenants as plots become vacant continues to be steady.

The installation of two additional standpipes was completed in 2018 to improve access to water for a number of plot-holders on the extended area of the allotment gardens.

If you are interested in renting an allotment garden plot or for further information, please go to the Town Council Website: www.newromneytc.co.uk or contact the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.

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REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

New Romney Town Council appoints Members as representatives to other organisations. The Town Council would like to thank those Members who have, during 2018-19, served as Representatives on Outside Bodies, as follows:

Organisation	Town Council Representative 2018-19
Steward for Damian Collins MP	Cllr Mrs E Gould
Town / Coast Ward Councillor Surgery Attendants	Cllr Mrs Gould, Cllr Ms Govett, Councillor Mrs Rolfe (Reserve), Councillor Coe (Reserve)
Emergency Contacts for Shepway District Council	The Mayor – Cllr P J Coe, Deputy Mayor – Cllr Mrs P S Rolfe
Floodline Contacts for Environment Agency	Cllr Ms P Snoad, Cllr Miss J M Hiscock, Cllr P Thomas
Kent Association of Local Councils	Cllr P J Coe, Cllr R Tillson
Lydd Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr P J Coe, Cllr J Picco, Cllr A Rodriguez
Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group	Cllr A Rodriguez, Cllr P Thomas, Cllr P J Coe
NHS / South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group	Cllr Mrs P Rolfe, Cllr J Rivers
Romney Marsh Network	Cllr Mrs E Gould
Southlands Almshouse Trust	Cllr P J Coe, Cllr Rodriguez, Cllr J Picco
Confederation of Cinque Ports	The Mayor – Cllr P J Coe, Deputy Mayor – Cllr Mrs P S Rolfe, Town Clerk – Mrs C Newcombe
Romney Marshes Area Internal Drainage Board	Cllr P J Coe
Environment Agency	Cllr P J Coe, Cllr P Carey
New Romney Allotment Association	Cllr Ms P Snoad, Cllr D Stedham, Cllr Mrs E Gould (Reserve)
Romney Marsh Forum	Cllr Mrs P Metcalfe, Cllr Miss J M Hiscock
Mayoral Representative	No permanent representative – appointed as and when required at the discretion of the Mayor



COUNCILLOR SURGERIES:

Regular Monthly Surgeries are held for the Town and Coast Wards of New Romney, at which residents can meet Members of the Town Council and, by appointment, the MP for the Romney Marsh, to discuss any issues that they may wish to raise.

Councillor Surgeries were held during 2018-19, as follows:

Town Ward and Coast Ward:

The Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney

MP and Town Councillor Surgery – First Friday in every Calendar Month (except August)



COUNCILLOR DETAILS

New Romney Town Council consists of a full membership of sixteen Councillors, with eight Members representing each of its two Wards.

In 2018-19, the Membership of New Romney Town Council was as follows:

Town Ward:

Deputy Mayor - Cllr Mrs P S Rolfe
Councillor Mrs E Gould
Councillor A Rodriguez
Councillor R Tillson
Councillor Ms S Govett
Councillor Rev Cn S McLachlan
Councillor J Cramp
Councillor J Rivers

Coast Ward:

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of new Romney
Councillor P J Coe
Councillor Miss J M Hiscock
Councillor Mrs P Metcalfe
Councillor Ms P Snoad
Councillor P Thomas
Councillor D Stedham
Councillor P Carey
Councillor J Picco

For information about the work of a local council and the role of a councillor and for details about how to apply to become a Town Councillor, please visit the Town Council website: www.newromneytc.co.uk

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018/19 Budget Analysis

The Town Council's revenue budget for the year 2018/19 is on target to balance, with an anticipated expenditure and income, each comprising £309,507.00. The cost of New Romney Town Council's services for a Band D property for the financial year was £116.35 equating to £9.70 per month or £2.24 per week.

The Town Council's Precept for the year 2019/20 in the amount of £326,992.40 represents an annual cost of £118.51 for New Romney Town Council's services for a Band D property for the year – a total annual increase of £2.16 equating to an increase of £0.18 per month or £0.04 per week on the previous year.

Analysis of Proposed Income and Expenditure for 2019/20Income

	£
New Romney Town and Coast Tax Payers	326,992.40
Hire of Land and Properties	19,337.60
Allotment Rents	1,400.00
Hut & Winch Site Rents	5,250.00
Other Income	<u>7,760.00</u>
Total Income	<u>360,740.00</u>

Expenditure

Amenities Committee

Sports Field and Maude Pavilion	2,365.00
Fairfield Road Recreation Ground	3,966.00
The Greens	4,130.00
Flagstaff Land	910.00
Allotment Gardens	1,730.00
Land at Coney Banks	50.00
Town Square	80.00
Garden of Remembrance	761.00
Assembly Rooms	7,495.00
Community Hall	840.00
Other	1,220.00
Reserve Fund Contributions	10,500.00

Personnel Panel 140,550.00

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Town Hall	14,027.00
Town Hall House	1,316.00
Insurances	13,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	15,000.00
Donations	6,000.00
Subscriptions	3,000.00
Office Equipment	3,000.00
Computer Maintenance	750.00
Phone/Internet	1,800.00
Printing & Stationery	2,000.00
Public Clock	300.00
Postage and Petty Cash	1,800.00
Admin & Miscellaneous (inc. Mayor's/Civic Allowance)	14,000.00
Bank Charges	1,000.00
Town Sprucer Scheme	2,000.00
Payroll Outsourcing	600.00
Reserve Fund Contributions	72,300.00
Councillor Training	2,000.00
Contingency	10,000.00
PWLB Loan Repayment inc Interest	22,000.00

Planning Committee 250.00

Total Expenditure**360,740.00**

The Town Council is fully accountable to residents each year at the Annual Town Meeting at which time any questions may be raised.

The fully audited accounts for 2017/18 are available at the Town Hall for perusal by prior arrangement.

The Town Council has an approved Capital Spending Plan and an approved Investment Policy which are reviewed annually, details of which are available from the Town Hall by prior request.



ANOTHER VERY BUSY YEAR FOR NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL!



If you have ever wondered what your Town Council does, here are, once again, just a few examples of what **New Romney Town Council** did for the benefit of local residents during the past year:

JANUARY 2018:

- Preparations in hand to move Community Hall / Sports Pavilion project to the Planning Application stage – including further business plan and design development and preparation for stakeholder and community engagement events and further consultation.

FEBRUARY 2018:

- Repairs to Town Square Paving approved and scheduled

MARCH 2018:

- Community Open-Air Ceremony and Flag-Raising to celebrate Commonwealth Day

- Installation of two additional standpipes at Church Lane Allotment Gardens approved to improve access to water for local allotment garden tenants.

APRIL 2018:

- Series of summer boot fairs on Station Road Sports Field approved to support New Romney Cricket Club.
- Pride of New Romney Awards presented to recipients

- Town Council facilitated installation of Memorial Mosaic on St. Martin's Field.

MAY 2018:

- Successful Town Council lobbying of Stagecoach, Kent County Council and other relevant parties, resulting in partial reinstatement of bus services through New Romney High Street.

JUNE 2018:

- Communications Working Party formed, involving Community Representatives to investigate potential avenues for improving communications with local residents.
- Approved appointment of Town Sprucer Team for a series of visits during the summer period.

JULY 2018:

- Installation of new double-bay swings for older children at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground funded by RDHCT grant
- Installation of new interactive playhouse for younger children at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground funded by RDHCT grant
- Replacement of basket swing at Fairfield Road Recreation Ground

AUGUST 2018:

- Free public outdoor concert and community picnic on St. Martin's Field in partnership with New Romney RBL and #LoveNewRomney.
- Further public consultation undertaken and completed in respect of the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion project, the outcome of which, once again, evidenced positive support for this project.

SEPTEMBER 2018:

- Independent internal and external annual audit process completed, confirming clean bill of health in respect of financial and procedural matters once again!

OCTOBER 2018:

- Approved and instigated monthly PCSO Surgery at the Town Hall to assist in improving local public access to police services.
- Lobbying of FHDC to introduce Public Spaces Protection Order on open spaces to prevent unlawful encampments in the future.

NOVEMBER 2018:

- Culmination of a year of planning, coordinating and financially supporting whole day of commemorative Centenary Remembrance Day Events, including RBL Parade and Service of Remembrance, Free Commemorative Afternoon Remembrance Concert and Commemorative Evening Beacon Lighting Ceremony.
- 'There But Not There' Tommy installed in the New Romney Garden of Remembrance in lasting tribute to all who have served and lost their lives in conflict.
- Permanent electrical supply installed in Town Square to facilitate improvements to festive Christmas Tree lighting and similar temporary electrical installations in the future.

DECEMBER 2018:

- Installation of additional Town Council noticeboard at Flagstaff Land in Littlestone Road to further improve communications with local residents. Funded by a KCC grant, this is one of the projects within the New Romney Socio-Economic Plan
- Free public Christmas Concert in St. Nicholas Church.
- Supported New Romney Festive Lantern Parade.

JANUARY 2019:

- Installation of additional Town Council noticeboard at Flagstaff Land in Littlestone Road to further improve communications with local residents. Funded by a KCC grant, this is one of the projects within the New Romney Socio-Economic Plan
- Hosted a meeting of the New Romney Coastal Community Team to assess progress being made on many of the projects within the New Romney Socio-Economic Plan and support relevant funding applications.

New Community Hall and Sports Pavilion in Focus

The Town Council has continued to build upon the good foundations laid over the past three years to progress the detailed design and development of a new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion on the Station Road Sports Field. Led by the Council's Project Steering Group the project is fast approaching a major milestone as the Professional Design Team collate all the necessary information required to submit a formal planning application.

An Especial Meeting of Full Council will be called in February to enable Council members to formally approve the Design of the building and approve submission of the formal Planning application. Ongoing and applied public engagement sessions have taken place during the year and feedback from these evidence strong community support for the project. The capital receipt from the sale of a small parcel of land adjacent to the Sports Field will provide the majority of funding for the new amenity and the Council is in the process of preparing and submitting a number of grant applications to fund all or part of any potential shortfall.

... and, as always, all this whilst maintaining and improving a large portfolio of public buildings and open spaces, providing grant funding for deserving local organisations and projects, responding to consultations and enquiries, continuing the important campaign for improved local healthcare services, and engaging in a wide range of routine local government business etc.

New Romney Town Council leads, it listens and it works!

Spotlight on Healthcare on Romney Marsh

New Romney Town Council has continued to lead the campaign to draw attention to key areas of concern in local healthcare provision and has been working collaboratively with Healthcare providers – in particular the South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group. Plans to develop a new Primary Care health hub are ongoing and a business case will be required to access £1.56 million of government funding. In October, the Council's representative joined local MP, Damian Collins – in Westminster for a meeting with the then Minister for Health and Social Care – Stephen Barclay MP.

A range of matters were discussed. A paper drafted by Cllr Rolfe was subsequently submitted to the Minister's office highlighting the issue of "Discrimination in Health Care Provision in Rural and Coastal Areas across the UK."



The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney, Councillor Peter Coe, observes:

“The Town Council has, as always, continued to progress a range of significant matters over the past year – as well as implementing further key enhancement initiatives for the benefit of the Town and its residents. All this whilst at the same time making further significant progress in respect of the proposed new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion – which continues to move closer to becoming a reality.”

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
...Working Proactively For and With the Local Community!