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TOWN AND PARISH OF NEW ROMNEY

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Town Meeting of the above named Town is to be held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney on **WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL 2025** commencing at 7.30 pm.

Only such persons as are registered as Local Government Electors for the Town will be entitled to vote at the meeting, but the meeting will be open to the public during the proceedings unless the Town Meeting, by Resolution, should otherwise direct.

AGENDA

Prayers led by the Mayor's Chaplain

WELCOME

1. Apologies
2. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 24th April 2024.
3. To receive presentations from local organisations and community groups, as advised.
 - Marsh Apiaries
 - New Romney in Bloom
 - Marsh Marigolds WI
 - Romney Marsh Rotary Club
4. The Chairman to present the New Romney Town Council Annual Report and receive any questions thereon as may be put by attending registered Local Government Electors for New Romney.

5. The Chairman to receive any written question submitted by any registered Local Government Elector for New Romney regarding any other business of New Romney Town Council, having been received not less than one clear working day* before the day of the Annual Assembly and provide a response thereto or confirm when a response shall be provided (normally within 28 days).
6. Public Session: For a period of no more than 15 minutes (and a maximum 3 minutes per individual), the Chairman to receive and note any general comment or concern** put by any registered Local Government Elector for New Romney.
7. To receive the report of Kent Police / PCSO, if available.
8. To consider Resolutions, of which written notice has been delivered to the Town Clerk not less than one clear working day* before the day of the Annual Assembly.
9. Pride of New Romney Awards 2024 /2025 – to be presented by the Town Mayor
10. Cheques for funding from the Mayor's Charity Fund to be presented to local deserving causes by the Town Mayor

DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2025

Mrs C Newcombe
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** One clear working day excludes the day of the Annual Town Meeting and the day on which notice is received (therefore, if the day of the Annual Town Meeting is a Wednesday, for instance, notice of question or resolution must be received on or by the preceding Monday).*

***If any comment or concern is put in the form of a question relating to the general business of the Town Council, no immediate response to such question may necessarily be expected, but in such case, the Chairman shall confirm when a response shall be provided (normally within 28 days), subject to contact details being provided at the end of the meeting.*

NB: The KCC Councillor report and the District Councillor reports are not available on this occasion. Individual Councillor Reports are to be published following the forthcoming KCC elections as the Council is now in a period of Purdah.

MINUTES

of
The Annual Town Meeting
of New Romney Town Council
held remotely on Wednesday 24th April 2024
commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor of New Romney
Councillor J Rivers

Town Ward

**Councillors: P Carey, Rev Cn S McLachlan, J Davies,
J Houston, L Phillips**

Coast Ward

**Councillors: P J Coe, J M Hiscock, P Thomas, S O'Hare,
K Terry**

In Attendance:

Town Clerk:	Mrs C Newcombe
Finance Clerk:	Mrs C T Morris
KCC Councillor	Councillor A Hills
FHDC Councillor	Councillor P Thomas
Guest Speakers	3
Members of Public	23

WELCOME

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were conveyed as detailed below:

Cllr S Hodges	-	for personal reasons
Cllr D Wimble	-	due to a work commitment

Apologies for absence were duly received and noted.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26th April 2023 were considered and it was:

PROPOSED BY: KCC Cllr Hills
SECONDED BY: Mrs J Thomas

And by way of a show of hands, it was AGREED

- **that the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 26th April 2022 be formally received and approved as a true and correct record.**

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

Three presentations were given, as follows:

- Holding On Letting Go – on the work of the charity providing bereavement services to local children through a wide range of therapeutic activities in a broad range of settings.
- Mr K Clerk (Independent Metal Detectorist) – on the range of historic finds unearthed at Coney Banks, Church Road through metal detecting with the consent of New Romney Town Council.
- Romney Marsh Community Hub (RMCH) - on the Dial-a-Ride initiative soon to be delivered by the Community Hub with KCC funding support to provide community transport which will improve local access to GP and Hospital appointments as well as access to clubs and social activities, which assist in improving local health and wellbeing.

There were no questions put to the presenters on this occasion.

4. **ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

The Town Mayor presented New Romney Town Council's Annual Report, highlighting the range of projects that had been undertaken by the Council during the past year, which included further work on becoming a Dementia Friendly Council and improving accessibility to Town Council services, supporting local biodiversity and developing a Parish Highway Improvement Plan as well as awarding a Design and Build Contract for the Construction of the Maude Community Centre.

Questions on the content of the report were received and responses thereto provided.

5. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

Two public questions had been received in writing ahead of the meeting regarding (i) poor bathing water quality and (ii) the Maude Community Centre Project. Responses to both questions had been published in writing and were conveyed at the meeting.

6. **PUBLIC SESSION**

One member of public put several questions to the Chairman regarding (i) New Romney Town Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and (ii) the Maude Community Centre Project. Responses to all questions put were provided thereto.

7. **REPORT OF KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Kent County Councillor A R Hills presented his report, which included information on highways, climate change, re-use of Dungeness A Power Station, local transport and

bathing water quality. Councillor Hills' report was received and noted by those present. There were no questions on this occasion.

8. **REPORTS OF SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Councillor P D Thomas

Councillor Thomas presented his report, which highlighted his 100% attendance record at District Council meetings and included information on local nuclear energy and distribution of Ward Grant funding. He also commented on the issue of bathing water quality.

Councillor Thomas' report was received and noted by those present, with questions having first been put and answered.

9. **REPORT OF KENT POLICE/NEW ROMNEY COMMUNITY WARDEN**

The Kent Police Romney Marsh Newsletter for April 2024 was duly received and noted by those present.

10. **WRITTEN NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

11. **PRIDE OF NEW ROMNEY AWARDS**

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 Town Mayor. The winners were:

Miss Nicole Baker – for outstanding service to the Community by a young person.

Ms Caroline Wire - for outstanding service to the Community by an individual.

CARM Bridge Meeting Point Volunteers - for service to the Community by a local organisation.

The 'Mayoral Star' award winner, personally chosen by the Mayor, was Mr Derek Ruby.

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12. **CHEQUE PRESENTATIONS**

The Town Mayor presented cheques for funding from the Mayor's Charity Fund to: Touched by Cancer – in the amount of £2,000.00

New Romney Counselling Services – in the amount of £2,000.00

13. **THANKS**

The Town Mayor thanked everyone present for attending.

The meeting then concluded at 8.56pm.

NB Copies of all reports and documents referred to within these Minutes are appended to the relevant agenda and available for perusal on the Town Council website or on request to the Town Clerk at the Town Hall.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Annual Report of New Romney Town Council to follow

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