

MINUTES
of
The Annual Town Meeting
of New Romney Town Council
held remotely on Wednesday 28th April 2021
commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor P D Thomas

Town Ward

Councillors: Mrs P S Rolfe, A Rodriguez, D Wimble,
Mrs B Lonbay Kapoor, Rev Cn S McLachlan,
J Davies and P Carey

Coast Ward

Councillors: P J Coe, Miss J M Hiscock, Mrs P Metcalfe,
R Tillson, Ms W Nevard and J Picco

In Attendance:

Town Clerk: Mrs C Newcombe

Finance Clerk: Mrs C T Morris

Members of Public 18

WELCOME

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were conveyed as detailed below:

Councillor J Rivers - who was attending another meeting
KCC Councillr A Hills - due to technical issues

Reasons for absence were duly received and noted.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 30th May 2019 were considered and it was noted that an amendment to minute reference 9(ii) was required to read 'A vote was taken amongst local residents and the motion failed.'

It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe

SECONDED BY: Councillor Wimble

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 30th May 2019 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 ahead of the meeting via the New Romney Town Council website.

The Mayor presented the Report, highlighting key items of interest. The Chairman of the Community Hall and Sports Pavilion Project Steering Group reported on progress of the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion, highlighting recent steps towards preparing for the tendering stage.

There were no further questions arising.

4. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

The Town Mayor presented details of questions for the Meeting that had been submitted in writing, highlighting detailed responses supplied thereto. Questions related to:

- Community Hall and Sports Pavilion costs and funding
- St Martin's Field Protection costs
- Publication of the Town Council Communications Policy
- Publication of Agendas and Minutes
- Timescale for resuming face to face Council meetings

5. **REPORT OF KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Having received apologies from Kent County Councillor A R Hills, the his report was received and noted by those present. In his absence, there were no questions arising.

6. **REPORT OF SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

(i) **Councillor D Wimble**

Councillor Wimble presented his report, which included details of District Council responsibilities and local issues that he has been engaging with. There were no questions arising.

(ii) **Councillor Mrs P S Rolfe**

Councillor Mrs Rolfe presented her report, which included details of work undertaken in respect of local health matters as well as Ward Grants awarded during the past 12 months and work undertaken with other outside agencies.

There were no questions arising.

7. **WRITTEN NOTICE OF RESOLUTIONS**

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

8. **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 present Mayor. The winners were:

Miss Hannah Buckland – for outstanding service to the Community by a young person.

Mr Jon Wilson - for outstanding service to the Community by an individual.

The Young High Street Traders, New Romney - for service to the Community by a local organisation.

The Rotary Club of the Romney Marsh – for service to the Community by a local organisation.

The 'Mayoral Star' award winner, personally chosen by the Mayor, was presented to Mr David Knight.

9. **KALC (KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS) COMMUNITY AWARD 2020**

Due to the emergence of the Coronavirus Pandemic, it had not been possible to present the afore-mentioned Community Award in 2020. Therefore, the Town mayor was pleased to also present this deferred Award to Mr Paul Alford and Mr Eric Brown of the Litter Picking Romney Marsh group.

THANKS

The Mayor thanked everyone present for attending.

The meeting then concluded at 8.47pm.

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.