

MINUTES
of
The Annual Town Meeting
of New Romney Town Council
held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on Monday 23 April 2018 commencing at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

The Right Worshipful The Mayor
Councillor P J Coe

Town Ward

Councillors: Mrs P S Rolfe, Mrs E Gould, A Rodriguez,
Ms S Govett and J Rivers

Coast Ward

Councillors: Miss J M Hiscock, Mrs P Metcalfe,
Ms P Snoad, D M Stedham, P D Thomas
and J D Picco

In Attendance:

Town Clerk:	Mrs C Newcombe
Finance Clerk:	Mrs C T Morris
Amenities Clerk:	Miss A Williams
Mayor's Sergeant:	S Woolgar

Armed and Cadet Forces Representatives approx 15
Members of the Public, including Recipients of Awards approx 32

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRAYERS

Reverend John Richardson opened the proceedings with prayers.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from :
Councillor R Tillson for personal reasons; and
Kent County Councillor A J Hills who was attending another meeting.

It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Ms Snoad
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Gould and

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

NB Apologies for absence were subsequently received from Councillor J Cramp for personal reasons.

2. **MINUTES**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs Metcalfe
SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 24 April 2017 be received and approved.

Councillors Miss Hiscock, P D Thomas and J Rivers abstained from voting as they had not been present at the meeting.

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 key items of interest. The Vice-Chairman reported on progress of the proposed Community Hall and Sports Pavilion, highlighting forthcoming public engagement events.

Following a request from a member of the public it was agreed that the Annual Report would be published on the Town Council website, and made available, at an earlier date next year.

There were no further questions arising.

4. **REPORT OF KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Having received apologies from Kent County Councillor A R Hills, the Town Clerk read out his report which was received and noted by Members present. In his absence, there were no questions arising.

5. **REPORT OF SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

(i) **Councillor R Tillson**

Having received apologies from Folkestone and Hythe District Councillor R Tillson, the Town Clerk read out his report which was received and noted by Members present. There were no questions arising.

(ii) **Councillor Ms S Govett**

Councillor Ms Govett presented her report. In his absence, there were no questions arising.

6. **REPORT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LIBRARIAN**

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

7. **REPORT OF KENT POLICE**

A report had not been received from the Kent Police.

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. **COMMEMORATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT LAUNCH**

Mrs Janet Thomas, 1st New Romney Scout Group, outlined the 'Thank You' campaign the Scouts were working on with the Royal British Legion. She explained the purpose of the poppy knitting community project and encouraged local residents to participate.

10. **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 :

Community Warden Gareth Roberts , for outstanding service to the Community by an individual.

The volunteers of the New Romney Day Centre for service to the Community by a local organisation.

The 'Mayoral Star' award winner, personally chosen by the Mayor, was presented to Lt Cdr Don Davies MBE, TS Veteran Sea Cadets

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

Major Darrington-Slegg explained the purpose of the Armed Forces Covenant, following which The Town Mayor, together with representatives from three Cadet Forces and the Royal British Legion, signed the Covenant.

The Bronze Employers Award was presented to the Mayor.

THANKS

The Mayor thanked everyone present for attending.

The meeting then concluded at 8.10pm.

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