

MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
Notice is given that a (Virtual) meeting of the Town Council
will be held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7pm

All Councillors are summoned to the above meeting.

The virtual meeting will be open to the press and public. Please use the link below to join the meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99155886238?pwd=SHlxYW5vSIFOTjJBa0RQSHIXeDk1dz09>

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. REFURBISHMENT OF TENNIS COURTS (enclosure)

The meeting will be adjourned to receive a presentation by Mr S. Catt requesting refurbishment of the disused tennis courts at The Banks.

Please send any questions on this item by email to townclerk@lyddtown.org by 9am on 8th March 2021. The meeting will then be reconvened.

4. MINUTES (Enclosure)

a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th January 2021 to be approved and signed as a true record.

b) To receive the approved minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11th January 2021

c) To receive the approved minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 28th January 2019

Only questions on the accuracy of the minutes are accepted.

***Councillors are requested to inform the clerk in advance of the meeting of any queries.
No later than 12 noon on the day of the meeting***

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Council's Code of Conduct and by the Localism Act 2011.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS (enclosure)

a) To receive and ratify payments and receipts for the current financial period.

b) To receive and note the bank reconciliation and bank statements

c) To note that the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have agreed the sum of £8.41 per elector for the purpose of Section 137 (4)(a) of the LGA 1972.

7. GUIDANCE FOR COUNCILLORS (enclosure)

To receive and note the following documents:

a) Briefing note on Declarations of interest, examples of DPIs and voting (following complaints from the Planning meeting 11th January 2021)

b) Etiquette for zoom meetings (revised following complaints from the Planning meeting 11th January 2021)

c) Bullying and Harassment policy

8. CONDUCTING COUNCIL BUSINESS BEFORE 7TH MAY 2021 (enclosure)

a) To consider holding the Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making as late as possible in April (26th) by zoom so that Councillors will have as much time as possible before disqualification by virtue of s.85 of the LGA 1972 becomes an issue.

b) To consider how voting at Mayor Making would be carried out either by roll call or to make a standing order for the meeting to be adjourned and votes be submitted by email.

9. REFURBISHMENT OF TENNIS COURTS

Further to the presentation by Mr S. Catt, Councillors to consider the allocation of a sum of money from the £20,000 agreed in the 2021-22 budget head for recreational facilities towards the tennis court project. There is currently £2,500 held in trust by the former Lydd Tennis Club when it ceased and the newly-formed Romney Marsh Tennis & Pickle Ball Club have £2,000 towards the project

10. TREES AND HEDGES ON THE COUNCIL'S LAND (enclosure)

- a) To consider a proposal from Cllr Mrs McKenna for the planting of additional trees on the Rype and at the Banks.
- b) To note that 15 saplings will be received from Woodland Trust in April which may be planted as a community project Covid permitting.
- c) To consider the pruning of the holm oak tree at the Banks
- d) Memorial Garden Yew Hedge –work required prior to installation of benches.

11. FOOTBALL ON RYPE (enclosure)

- a) To receive observations from Cllr Dimmock regarding the condition of the Rype and requesting its use for football from 29th March 2021
- b) To receive a report from the Grounds Maintenance contractor on this matter
- c) To consider if the Town Council wishes to grant permission for the use of the Rype and Pavilion for football matches from 29th March 2021.

12. REQUEST TO USE THE RYPE

To consider a request from the teacher of yoga and Pilates classes to hold classes of up to 6 people with social distancing on the Rype weather permitting from the 29th March.

13. REQUEST FROM KENT WILDLIFE TRUST

To consider a request from the project officer for the Kent Wildlife Trusts Down to Earth project to run activities in Lydd on Lydd Town Council land as follows:

- a) The placement of A4 (max) laminated QR codes on Council buildings that have nature- based activities linked to them.
- b) The placement of painted rocks decorated by local residents for others to find.

14. CYCLE PATH FROM LYDD TO NEW ROMNEY

Councillors to consider a request from Cllr Mrs McKenna that Lydd Town Council gives in principle support for the installation of a cycle path from Lydd to New Romney along the HL2 footpath through farm land to the back of Church Lane, New Romney.

15. CENSUS 2021 (enclosure)

To note that Census day is 21st March 2021. Councillors to receive and note the Councillors Handbook.

16. PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

To consider and resolve that this meeting be held without press or public present as the content of discussions will involve sensitive and confidential matters and is therefore exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the local Government Act 1972, to be treated as confidential by Members

17. STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF PERSONNEL

To receive a statement from the Chairman of Personnel Councillor Darren Chapman following matters raised in the Internal Auditors report. The Final Internal Audit report is reissued to Councillors for reference.

A. Alexander, B.A. (Hons.)
Town Clerk,
3rd March 2021