

MEETING OF LYDD TOWN COUNCIL

Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber at the Guild Hall

All Councillors are summoned to the above meeting.

AGENDA

PRAYERS –Fr. Jack Greenhalf will lead the Council in prayers.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MAYORS UPDATE

School Christmas card project

3. MINUTES (enclosures)

- a) The minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th November 2025 to be approved and signed as a true record
- b) To receive the already approved minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6th October and 3rd November 2025.

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 and not at the meeting.

4. 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.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The meeting will be adjourned

At the Chairman's discretion, 15 minutes duration in total and 3 minutes per member of the public submitting their written question in full **on items on the agenda** during which the meeting will be adjourned. No question will be accepted without a notice in writing delivered to the Clerk by no later than 9 am on the day of the meeting which states the question in full.

The meeting will be reconvened

6. UNCONTESTED ELECTION

Councillors to note that Tony Hills has been duly elected as Councillor without contest for Lydd Town Council. The Mayor to welcome Councillor Hills.

7. FINANCES (enclosure)

- a) To note the income from UK Power Networks for wayleave agreements for land adjacent Dungeness Road for the sum of £38.21 and The Rype and Skinner Road for the sum of £50.04
- b) To note the income from Arqiva Ltd for the sum of £1,500 for the Allotment mast
- c) To note the HMRC VAT reclaim for the sum of £758.69 received on 11/11/25
- d) To note the invoice from GMP Accountants for submission for the VAT return for the quarter ended 30 September 2025 with information provided by the Finance Officer
- e) To receive the invoice from CIA fire and security for the Subscription and maintenance contract regarding gate access to the tennis courts under the terms with LTA
- f) To receive the invoice from All Saints' Church in respect of charges for the Lydd Town Council Charity Band Concert for catering, gas and electricity for the sum of £421.70
- g) To approve the Internal Auditor terms of reference
- h) To consider the independence of Lionel Robbins and re-appoint the Internal Auditor

8. BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING (enclosure)

- A) Councillors to receive and adopt the budget as agreed at the Council meeting on 10th November 2025.
- B) Councillors to note the provisional Council tax base for 2026-27 of 2,245.06
- C) Councillors to set the precept request for the financial period 2026-27 in line with the agreed budget which is to be notified to Folkestone and Hythe District Council by 31st January 2026

9. DONATION FROM LYDD MUNICIPAL CHARITIES

To note that the donation of £5,000 from Lydd Municipal Charities on 1st December 2025 and that this money is to be used primarily for the funding of small grant applications by local Charitable and voluntary organisations. Closing date for applications is 2nd February 2026.

10. DEFIBRILATORS (enclosure)

Councillors to consider that the replacement of electrodes and battery for the defibrillators at the BT box, Lydd and at Taylor Road, Lydd on Sea are due for replacement and that these are due to be discontinued in February 2026. The alternative is to replace the defibrillators themselves which are now ten years old.

11. ALLOTMENTS

- a) To review the charges for allotment plots to include water for rents falling due 1st October 2026 and which is currently £20 for a 5 perch plot and £30 deposit.
- b) To review the annual Allotment Association Management Team allowance for the upkeep of the allotments in line with the self-management agreement. This is currently £1,200 per annum and would be paid at the beginning of the next financial year.

12. RBL POPPY APPEAL, BAND CONCERT AND LYDD IN LIGHTS (enclosure)

Cllr Clive Goddard to report on the following

- a) RBL Poppy Appeal 2025
- b) Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas Christmas Concert 2025 including letter of Loyal Greetings
- c) Lydd in Lights competition and presentation evening 2025

13. KCC MEMBERS REPORT (enclosure)

To receive and note the KCC members report from Cllr David Wimble – previously circulated to Councillors and on the Council website for the public to view.

14. CIVIC ENGAGEMENTS (enclosure)

To note the civic engagements at which the Town Council has been represented.

15. PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

To consider that public and press be excluded from the following confidential commercially sensitive agenda item being exempt as defined in Schedule 12 of the Local Gov Act 1972.

16. ATTENDANCE RECORD

S.85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Council member fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, they cease to be a member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months period expires.

Councillor Martin has not applied for a dispensation prior to the expiry the six-month period.

Town Mayor to report to Councillors on disqualification under legislation.

A. Alexander, B.A. (Hons.) Town Clerk
7th January 2026