

LYDD TOWN COUNCIL**CIVIC PROTOCOL****Background**

Section 245 (6) of the Local Government Act 1972 gave Parish Councils the power by resolution to give themselves the title of Town Council and the Chairman of a Town Council is entitled to the style of 'Town Mayor'.

A Town Mayor has the same rights and duties as a local Council Chairman and is elected by the full Council at the Statutory Annual Town Council meeting in May. A deputy Mayor is also elected at this meeting. The Mayor's term of office is for one year and during this time the Mayor continues to be a Member of the Council and presides over the meetings of the Council.

Nominations are submitted in advance except for election year and must be seconded by another Councillor with the vote taking place at the Annual Mayor Making in May.

Role of Mayor

The role of the Mayor is to undertake Lydd Town Council's civic and ceremonial duties in a dignified manner so as to uphold and enhance the status of the town and encourage civic pride. This is of significant importance and should be kept in mind when the Mayor carries out their duties throughout the year and in deciding what initiatives they choose to undertake.

During the year the Mayor is invited to support a wide range of events in the Parish of Lydd and receives invitations to many events, functions and engagements. If the Mayor cannot attend a function the Deputy Mayor may be asked to attend on his/her behalf.

Duties which the Mayor may carry out include:

- Hosting functions organised by the Council
- Attending functions and engagements in the Parish of Lydd and outside as a ceremonial representative of the Council
- Official openings or presentations on behalf of the Council
- Organising events to raise funds for the Mayor's chosen charities
- The Mayor will choose to appoint his or her own consort for the Mayoral term who should be given equivalent respect and dignity when accompanying the Mayor on Civic engagements.

The Mayor also has a number of statutory functions as set out below:

- If present at the full Council meeting the Mayor must chair the meeting
- The Mayor has a casting vote in the event of a tie
- The Mayor should ensure (with the Town Clerk) that the Council makes legal decisions
- The Mayor has a duty to ensure that the agenda is followed correctly

Support for the Mayor

Day to day support for the Mayor is provided by the Mayor's Secretary under the general direction of the Town Clerk. The Mayor's Secretary is an employee of Lydd Town Council who as well as carrying out other duties for the Council assists the Mayor with organising their Term of Office.

This position includes arranging a meeting with the new Mayor, once elect at the Annual Council meeting to arrange the Civic year, discuss lines of communication, diary management and the specific support required. The Mayor is provided with an I-Pad for use throughout their Term of Office. This must be returned when they relinquish the role of Councillor

The Mayor's secretary receives both Civic and Social invitations for the Mayor usually by post or email, any verbal invitations to the Town Mayor must be confirmed in writing to the Mayor's secretary before being included on the list of invitations for the Mayor to consider.

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The Mayor's secretary following providing this information to the Mayor will respond on their behalf to the Organisers of the function in a timely manner.

This process will be reviewed when the Councillor in the role of Mayor changes.

The current Mayor Cllr Bob Jones was invited to meet with the Town Clerk and Mayor's secretary on Monday 2nd June 2025 to discuss and refine the procedures around management of the Mayor's diary so as not to cause unnecessary workload and printing and discuss the boundaries around attendance at functions and events for the forthcoming Mayoral year

Cllr Jones confirmed that he only wishes to receive invitations from all organisations falling within the Parish of Lydd, the Councils which fall within the boundaries of the Cinque Ports geography and will include all Civic and Ceremonial events relating to the Cinque Ports outside of this geography and events arranged by the Lord Warden.

This geographical area to be reviewed following Devolution and Local Government reorganisation or a Local Government Boundary Review.

All invitations arriving within the agreed boundary will be sent to the Mayor by email so that these may be considered. The Mayor's secretary to ensure that all details including menus, parking arrangements etc are sent to the Mayor with the invitation if available.

The Mayor to respond to the Mayor's secretary within 7 days with an **Accept or Decline** response so that these can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Any invitations outside the scope detailed above will receive an immediate response of **Decline** to be sent by the Mayor's secretary and will not be shared with the Mayor or their consort for their consideration.

The Mayor's secretary **will not print** any paperwork until a response to accept the invitation has been received from the Mayor. The Mayor will return any menu choices to the Guild Hall for action by the Mayor's secretary.

The Mayor should include when accepting an invitation whether he/she will be taking their consort. If the Mayor cannot attend, they may request that the Deputy Mayor attend on their behalf. The cost of this will be covered by the Mayoral allowance as set out in the Councils agreed budget head.

Once it is confirmed who will be attending the appropriate response is sent to the host organiser by the Mayor's Secretary who will check on other details such as dress code, Chains of Office or badges, transport and parking arrangements and refreshments. Only the confirmed events are entered into the Mayor's office diary detailing as much information as possible. This information is to be shared with the Mayor.

If an event is offered to the Deputy Mayor who then declines the invitation then an appropriate response to the organiser will be sent by the Mayor's Secretary.

All correspondence for the Mayor is kept by the Mayor's Secretary in the Guild Hall. It is courteous of the Mayor to send a personal thank you letter to the host after the event.

The Mayor's Secretary will also support the Mayor in responding to letters sent to the Guild Hall for their attention by providing letterhead, envelopes and stamp and posting or arranging hand delivery of the Mayor's replies. The Mayor's Secretary does not have the specific authority to respond on behalf of the Mayor but may assist at the Mayor's request. All civic engagements are arranged through the Town Council Officers and should be reported to full Council to ensure public accountability and openness.

Where the Mayor is approached personally concerning an official Mayoral event they must advise that the Town Council office is the only route through which an engagement is authorised.

Mayor's Charity

The Mayor's charity traditionally raises funds for local charities in the Parish of Lydd or the local area. It is advisable to choose the charity as soon as possible after election and to

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make a public announcement. The Mayor may decide on one main charity or support two or three local charities which will be published on our website. The Annual Town Meeting (Parish Assembly) is an appropriate time to present the cheques to the nominated Charities.

Mayor's Allowance

The Mayor has the use of an annual allowance from the Council as agreed in the Town Council's budget. The allowance can be used for expenses such as:

To meet the expenses of hosting official functions

To cover the expenses of attending official functions and event such as food and travel expenses

There is a separate Mayoral Scheme which sets this out in more detail.

Payment for tickets etc for functions being attended by the Mayor will be made from the allowance when the Mayor's Secretary accepts the invitations.

The Mayor must keep accurate records of other expenses incurred and provide receipts to ensure these are in line with the approved budget and guidelines adopted by the Council.

Mayor's Robes and Chains

The Mayor's chain and badge of office are the outward signs of the Civic Office held. The Mayor should not wear the Civic robes and chain/badge of office in another capacity without express permission from the Council.

The mayoral chain can only be worn at mayoral engagements. It must not be worn when entering a neighbouring authority unless permission granted by the Mayor of that authority. Similarly, Mayors visiting Lydd will ask permission to wear their chains. On other occasions the badge of office only will be worn.

The Chains and Regalia are listed on the Asset Register and insured by Lydd Town Council. We are obliged to inform our insurers if the protocol in relation to the safe keeping of the Chains is not adhered to.

The Chains are stored in the safe which has been approved as a secure place by our insurers who have received photographs and details of the Guild Hall safe which has been confirmed to meet their requirements for the insurance to be valid.

Lydd Town Council keeps a book into which each movement of the Chains is recorded to satisfy the audit trail for our insurers.

The Chains must be signed out of the Guild Hall and signed back in on their return

If the Chains are needed out of office hours, then the Town Sergeant has responsibility to collect and return the Chains to the safe.

The Chains may not be removed from the Guild Hall to be worn unless the Mayor's Secretary has accepted an invitation to an event on behalf of the Mayor and it is confirmed and recorded in the Mayor's diary so that we know the whereabouts of the Chains at all times.

If the Mayor is attending a local event without the Town Sergeant present in the Town and Parish of Lydd, they may wear the Chains on the understanding they are kept with the Mayor at all times and they are not handed to anyone else. It is the responsibility of the Mayor to insure the Chains whilst in their home or car/van etc and be in their possession at all times. The Mayor must insure the Chains for the value as in the Asset Register at the time and provide a copy of that insurance to the Mayor's secretary. The Mayor may collect and return the Chains to the Guild Hall if the event is taking place during Guild Hall working hours. If the event is outside the Guild Hall working hours the Chains must be collected and returned under arrangements with the Town Sergeant. If the Town Sergeant is not available due to holiday etc the Mayor must ensure that the Chains are kept in a secure locked safe which meets the requirements of our insurers at the time and return to the Guild Hall at 9am on the next working day.

During an event with the Town Sergeant in attendance the Mayor should take advice from the Town Sergeant for the security of the Chains, particularly when outside of the Parish of Lydd. The Mayor should not remove the Chains at an event without the

prior knowledge of the Town Sergeant who will then take responsibility for the Chains. If travelling abroad the Chains must be in the hands of the Town Sergeant or Town Mayor at all times and never checked in the hold on an airplane. The Town Sergeant is the guardian of the chains and the Mayor should defer to the Town Sergeant advice in relation to the wearing and safety of the Chains. The security of the Chains will be discussed on the change of Lydd Town Council insurers and the insurers will be consulted from time to time and the protocol and policy reviewed as necessary in accordance with their guidance.

Civic Events

There are a number of Civic events during the year which the Mayor is expected to attend and the Town Sergeant has dedicated hours set aside to accompany the Mayor at these events. Examples of these are (but not limited to):
 Annual Council meeting Mayor Making
 Mayor's Sunday
 Annual Town Meeting (Parish Assembly)
 Confederation of the Cinque Ports Standing Joint Committee, Speaker's Day, Walmer Castle Remembrance Sunday
 Twinning Events
 Honorary Freeman Ceremonies
 Lydd Club Day
 Christmas Band Concert
 Other Council Civic Services, Civic Events etc

Civic events will require the wearing of robes (on occasions) and the Chains of Office and the Town Clerk and Town Sergeant will normally be in attendance at these events. Confederation of the Cinque Ports events may also specify the attendance of the Deputy Mayor or Cinque Port Champions and on these occasions their black Council robes should be worn.

The Mayor's secretary will ensure that copies of invitations and all paperwork will be provided without delay for the Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor and/or Cinque Port Champion for these occasions.

Transport to functions and events outside the Parish of Lydd

Where an event requires the wearing of robes by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk etc then the Town Sergeant should be in attendance and act as the driver and custodian of the regalia. This will fall under his Civic duties for which the honorarium is given. For Official social functions sanctioned by the Town Council the Mayor may use another driver such as car share with other Mayors or a registered Taxi service where the cost may be claimed from the approved Mayoral allowance on production of an invoice or receipt.

Non official functions

The Mayoral chains must not be worn during non-official functions or personal events such as:
 Private gatherings
 Social events not sanctioned by the Town Council
 Any event where the Mayor is not representing the Town Council in an official capacity

Review

This protocol will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains relevant and effective,

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FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

MANOR ROAD PAVILION



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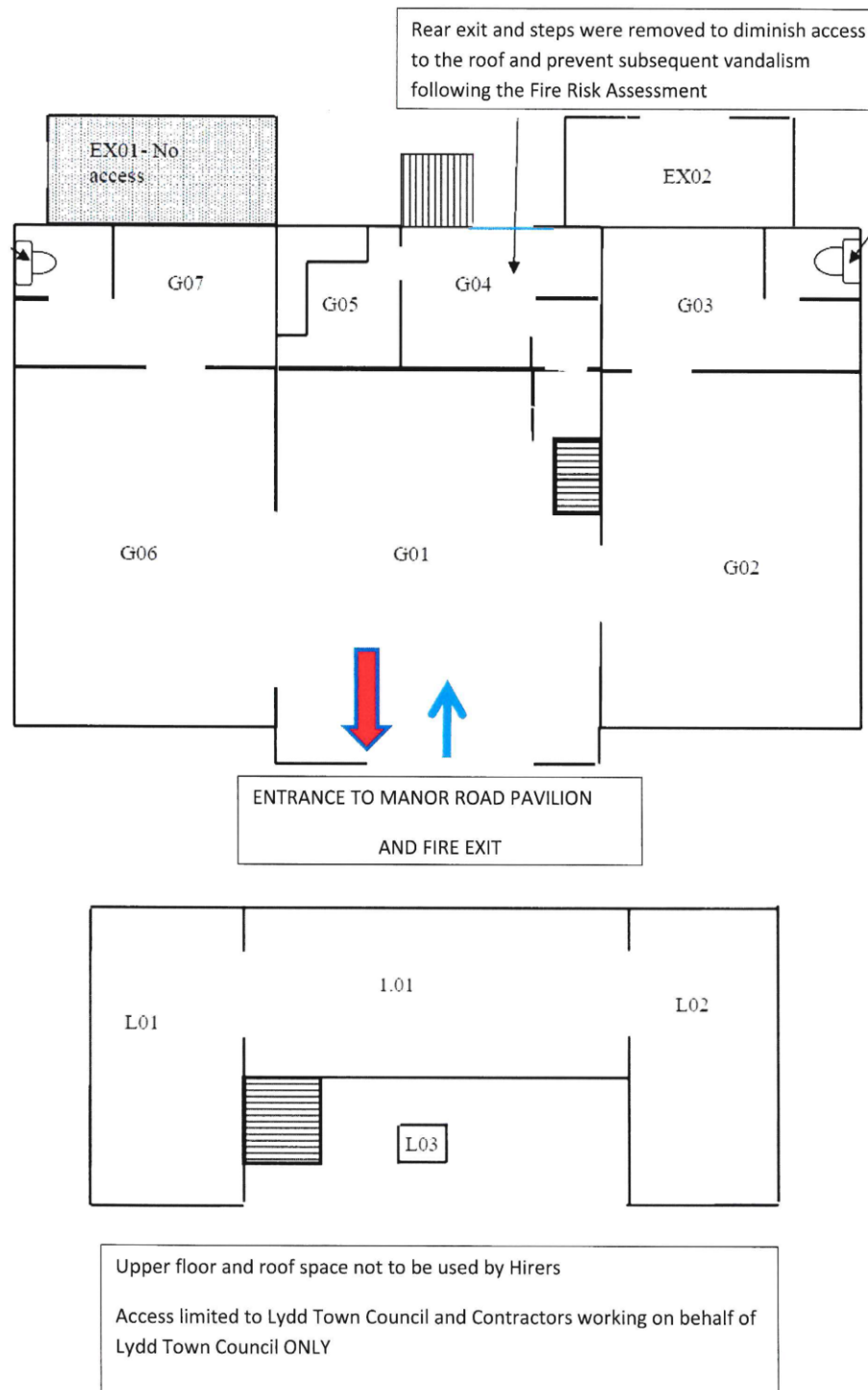
Updated September 2019

Reviewed 3rd June 2024 – Buildings and Amenities Committee

This document is to be issued to all users of the Manor Road Pavilion
and forms part of the terms and conditions of use.

Angela Alexander, Town Clerk on behalf of Lydd Town Council

PREMISES	Manor Road Pavilion, Lydd
RESPONSIBLE OWNER	Lydd Town Council
USE	Pavilion for sports changing rooms and hire by other users
MAX NUMBER OF PEOPLE	30 persons
HOURS PREMISES IN USE	As specified on hire agreement
CONSTRUCTION	Brick walls, tiled roof.
NUMBER OF FLOORS	2 storey ground and first floor with balcony



POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND RISKS**Sources of ignition and action to be taken to reduce risk**

Hazard	Control Measures	Action required
Electrical equipment including showers and kettles and other plug in appliances.	Pavilion rewired and new showers fitted 2016-17 Kettles and other plug in appliances No smoking allowed on premises	Testing to be carried out as required and installed equipment kept maintained and renewed as required. All kettles and other plug in appliances must be PAT tested before use. Electrical equipment other than a kettle must not be used and must be less than 1 year old or PAT tested. Users not allowed to bring any cooking equipment to the premises including barbeques.

Sources of fuel and action to be taken to reduce the risk

Hazard	Control Measures	Action required
Equipment left on premises Cleaning materials etc left on premises Rubbish left on premises	Lydd Town Football Club to take appropriate cleaning materials to site and remove after use. All line marking equipment etc to be kept in outside store.	All users to remove any cleaning materials, aerosols etc and not leave on premises when they are not occupying them. All users to be instructed to take their rubbish away with them after each session of use.

Mitigating the effects of fire

1. Portable fire extinguishers are situated on the premises and independent inspection is carried out annually by Lydd Town Council appointed contractors..
2. Smoke detectors to be installed and checked regularly.
3. Cleaning materials and accelerants are not to be stored on the premises
4. Outside storeroom is to be kept locked at all times.
5. Lydd Town Council staff and contractors ONLY are permitted to access the upper floor, roof space and balcony due to the non compliance of balcony height.
6. All Users take responsibility for briefing their occupiers in line with this document.
7. Fire service has visited the building.

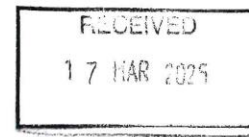
Escape routes for occupants

1. See plan. The main door at the front of the building leads directly to open air and is to be used as the Main Fire Exit.
2. Main front Exit door is to be kept unlocked when the building is occupied by hirers, Lydd Town Council employees and Contractors.
3. No equipment is to be left in the main part of the building during use so that the escape route is maintained free of obstructions.
4. Hirers should safety brief all their occupants on the escape route and raise the alarm and evacuate the building during their time of use.

ACTION

1. **Up to date Signage to be provided. showing Fire Exit**
2. **Terms of Use to be updated in line with this Fire Risk Assessment.**
3. **Regular Inspections to ensure Users are abiding by conditions**
4. **Annual Review of Fire Risk Assessment**

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF USE
The Rype and Manor Road Pavilion
Agreement between
LYDD TOWN COUNCIL
and
LYDD FOOTBALL CLUB

Town Clerk

To be issued with the Fire Risk Assessment June 2024

This Agreement was agreed at the meeting of Buildings and Amenities
3rd June 2024

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RYPE FOOTBALL PITCHES AND MANOR ROAD PAVILION

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIRE

LYDD FOOTBALL CLUB USERS

1. **Confirmation of dates of use** – The dates of planned use must be submitted in full by the first week of September so that this can be entered onto the Lydd Town Council booking calendar to avoid clash of use with other users of the Rype. Please provide accurate dates and times for both weekday evening training and Saturday and Sunday matches so that other users are not disadvantaged.
2. **Contact details** – Lydd Football Club will keep the Town Council informed of any change to contact details within the Club during the period that the agreement is in place. Contact details should be sent by email to the Town Clerk townclerk@lyddtowncouncil.gov.uk.
3. **Public Liability Insurance** – Please provide a valid copy of your Public Liability Insurance.
4. **Keys** – Keys to the Pavilion will be issued on confirmation of the signed agreement with Lydd Town Council and are then the responsibility of the Football Club. Keys must not be given or loaned to other individuals or organisations and the Pavilion must not be sublet. A charge will be made for the changing of the locks due to loss of keys or damage. Whilst using the Pavilion Lydd Football Club are responsible for its security. A representative of Lydd Town Council will be required to regularly check the building.
5. **Use of Rype and Pavilion** – Lydd Town Council will advise the Football Club when the Pavilion is required by another user or when permission to use the Rype has been granted by full Council – For example for Lydd Club Day. Lydd Football Club should ensure that they do not leave their belongings in the Pavilion during these times. The Town Council cannot be held responsible for loss of use or belongings at these times.
The use of the Pavilion is expressly as per the agreement between the Football Club and the Town Council and must not at any time be used for any other purpose or by any other organisation or individual. Should this be the case then the permission to use the Pavilion will be withdrawn.
6. **Damage** – Lydd Football Club will be responsible for all loss of and damage to the property or premises and will be responsible for the cost of making good or replacement. Lydd Town Football Club will be responsible for the cleaning and rubbish removal after each use of the Pavilion and any rubbish left on the Rype in relation to use by football training or matches.
7. **Equipment and personal belongings** – Any equipment or belongings brought onto the premises is the responsibility of Lydd Football Club. The Town Council's insurance does not cover any loss.
8. **Storage** – The Football Club will have use of the under-storage area for the goals and rear cupboard for line marking equipment at their own risk.
9. **Smoking/Alcohol/Drugs** – Smoking and the consumption of alcohol or use of illegal drugs is not permitted in the Pavilion and this will result in automatic termination of the agreement and in the case of drugs the matter will be reported to the Police.
10. **General Use** – Please do not bring/leave rubbish in the Pavilion. Please ensure you leave the Pavilion in a tidy condition and ask the visiting team to remove their rubbish or make arrangements to remove and dispose of their rubbish yourselves.

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- 11. Parking** – please do not park in any unauthorised position or drive on the Rype.
- 12. Football goals and Line Marking** – The Football Club will supply the football goals and line marking and the Clubs will keep playing areas marked in positions agreed with the Town Council. The pitches will be rested as agreed by the Town Council.
- 13. Child Protection** – Where the Football Club is using the facilities for activities with children, they will provide the Town Council with copies of their Child Protection Policy and ensure there is sufficient suitable and appropriate adult supervision at all times.
- 14. Fire Risk Assessment** – This agreement is issued along with the Fire Risk Assessment which forms part of the agreement of use by Lydd Town Football Club and must be adhered to at all times.
- 15. Utility Bills** – Lydd Town Football Club will be charged a reasonable amount by Lydd Town Council for the use of electricity and water during the period of this agreement.
The usage will be calculated on the average usage over the previous year from and monitored against actual usage from September to May and reported to the Buildings and Amenities Committee for consideration. A view will also be taken into account of any other users during this time.
- 16. Maintenance of Interior of Pavilion** – The terms of the agreement are that Lydd Town Football Club takes on the responsibility of maintaining and improving as appropriate the facilities to the interior of the Pavilion to ensure that it is suitable for use.
- 17. Use of the Rype**
Lydd Town Football Club will be responsible for inspecting the ground before training and matches prior to playing to ensure suitability for use.
Lydd Town Council will continue their contract with Gibbs and Son for cutting the grass on the agreed cycle. Any additional cuts during times of training and matches required by Lydd Town Football Club will not be at a cost to Lydd Town Council. Lydd Town Football Club should engage directly with Gibbs and Sons to request and pay for these additional cuts as follows: Nigel Gibbs 07974 194271
- 18. Other users of the Pavilion** – From time-to-time other users will require access to the Pavilion and its facilities – for example Lydd Club Day.
Other users including Lydd Club Day will not be permitted to store their belongings in the Pavilion during the period of the agreement with Lydd Town Football Club but will require access to the electrical hook up on the exterior of the building and the outside water supply.

Agreement between Lydd Town Football Club and Lydd Town Council for use of the Manor Road Pavilion to be renewed annually

Lydd Town Football Club

Name *SCOTT LINDSEY*

Signature *[Signature]*

Date *12/3/2025*

Lydd Town Council

Name *Angela Alexander*

Signature *[Signature]*

Date *19/03/2025*



CIVIC AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS 2025-2026

May 2025

The Worshipful The Town Mayor
Cllr Bob Jones

8 th	Lydd – VE 80 th Anniversary	TS
9 th	Lydd – 1 st Lydd Scouts Fun day	
21 st	Hastings – Confederation of Cinque Ports Mayor and Town Clerk	

June 2025

The Worshipful The Town Mayor
Cllr Bob Jones

8 th	Lydd – Mayors Sunday and Lydd Club Day United Service	TS
21 st	Lydd – Club Day and Luncheon	TS
22 nd	New Romney – Mayors Civic Service	TS
30 th	Bishop of Dover – Summer Drinks Reception	

Civic and Social Engagements June 2025