



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 23 February 2026 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs.

Present: Cllrs J Bright, K Bright, R Farooki, M Garner, P Jacobs, C Leys, P Moore, K Pressland, S Roberts & G Rusiecki.

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman, Cllr M Garner welcomed everyone and drew their attention to the openness and transparency legislation confirmed in several notices around the room.

795. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

796. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllrs Bayford, Kemp, Munns, Nichols and Orhan were received and accepted.

797. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr K Bright declared an interest in item 20: Pierremont Depot.

798. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 January 2025 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

799. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETERS none

800. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2 February 2026.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Jacobs be appointed to the Neighbourhood Planning Committee.

801. COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE

Members received the draft minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

RESOLVED: members noted that the resolutions under minute 292 would be discussed in detail under item 20.

802. EVENTS, LEISURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 February 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

803. COMMUNICATIONS

i) The Town Mayor gave a report on the events he had attended recently to represent the Town Council. Please see attached.

ii) The Town Clerk gave an update on the following: -

- The initial public consultation on Thanet Isle of Culture bid has now closed and we will be told in due course whether it has been accepted through to the next stage. TDC is not managing the process so is unable to offer any timeframe but it is understood TDC and all the Towns and Parishes will be able to feed in to the bid as it develops.
- Margate Community Governance Review is now open. It was agreed it is not possible for the Town Council to complete the consultation as a single entity but members were encouraged to complete it individually if they wish.
- Local Government Reorganisation Consultation is open until 26 March.
RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk respond on behalf of the Town Council and in support of the option favoured by TDC.
- The Town Clerk had sent a letter to KCC as instructed at the last meeting to request that the unauthorised flags attached to lamp posts be removed. A response in the form of the official press release published in August had been received on the same day. The press release confirms no action to remove flags will be taken unless there is danger to road users.

804. FINANCE

i) Members received a report concerning payments for the period 25 January 2026 to 18 February 2026 (see agenda).

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

ii) Members received a report concerning receipts for the period 25 January 2026 to 18 February 2026 (see agenda).

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

iii) Members received a summary of staff salaries, tax, NI and pension contributions totalling £40,944 for the month of February.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

iv) Members received information about works or services authorised between meetings under financial regulation 4.1

RESOLVED: Members approved the only payment of £17,911.97 to the Public Works Loans Board.

v) Members received a report concerning payments for the period 19 February 2026 when the agenda was sent out until 23 February 2026. Please see attached.

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

805. BUDGET 2026-27

The Town Clerk reported that although a precept demand of ££944,903.34 had been approved at the last meeting Minute 782 iii), the figure had to be amended to meet TDC's condition that the figure divide by 9 for simplicity of calculating council tax.

RESOLVED: Members noted the final demand of £ 945,529.89, an increase of £626.55 on the previously agreed figure.

Band D tax will therefore be £89.64: an additional £0.06 per annum.

806. PHASE III

Members received a list of small amendments to the Town Council's Financial Regulations which would need to be temporarily implemented to permit TMD to undertake the tender exercise for the main contractor.

RESOLVED: That the process for TMD to undertake the tender process be approved with the additional point of the Town Mayor sitting in on the meeting when the electronic tenders are opened to oversee the process.

ii) Members considered which councillors are to be part of the interview process.

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Munns, Garner and Rusiecki be part of the interview panel with Cllrs K Bright and P Moore substituting if necessary.

807. QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES – EKJIRP RECOMMENDATIONS 2026 - 2030.

i) Members received the NALC advice note concerning Parish Basic Allowances

RESOLVED: members agreed to note.

ii) Members received the review. The Town Clerk confirmed the 2025-26 allowances had been paid at the former rate and that the 2026-27 budget accommodated the increase in allowance which the Panel had recommended.

Parish Basic Allowances would be considered by Council in autumn 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

808. BROADSTAIRS YOUTH FORUM

Members received the minutes of the last meeting. Cllr J Bright reported that the forum was still going well and a recent visit to Dane Court Grammar School had identified some new potential projects.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

809. PRIDE OF PLACE IMPACT FUNDING

Cllr Kristian Bright updated members on a TDC decision that part of the funding was to be made available for capital improvements to Pierremont Park. The decision also has the backing of the two local MPs. The amount has yet to be decided, but TDC officers will be liaising with the Town Council and relevant local community and voluntary groups for their input and ideas.

RESOLVED: Members were delighted to note.

810. SUMMER SECURITY CONTRACT

The Town Clerk informed members that the tender process was underway and would close at midday on Monday 2 March 2026. The Town Clerk and Deputy Town

Clerk will then evaluate each tender against the published criteria. Members were asked to consider whether they would like to be involved in the shortlisting and/or interviewing process.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Garner and Rusiecki will be involved in the process.

811. GRANTS

Members received and considered a request for funding from Broadstairs Food Festival, and noted that the amount requested was to cover both the Easter and Autumn events.

RESOLVED: that £10,000 is approved to help cover the costs of staging the event, provided the Town Council is acknowledged as a headline sponsor.

812. FIXED ASSETS POLICY

i) Members received and reviewed the document.

RESOLVED: That the document be approved.

The following item was discussed after a resolution to exclude the public under standing order 3d due to the confidential nature of the business.

813. LEGAL ISSUES

Nothing to report this time.

814. PIERREMONT DEPOT

The Chairman explained that this part of the meeting was to pick up from minute 292 of the extraordinary Community Assets Committee meeting received earlier in this meeting. A couple of key stakeholder meetings had also taken place since the last Council meeting and therefore Councillors were being given the opportunity to evaluate all that information and decide whether the Town Clerk should continue devising a bid for the site to include Social Value as invited by Thanet District Council.

i) Members discussed Social Value. The Town Clerk had shared various official definitions within the current context, as well the Social Value Toolkit as devised by the Social Value Portal and the Local Government Association. She also shared the National TOMS (Themes, Outcomes and Measurements) Framework which illustrates how social value is measured. TDC had been asked to supply their own Social Value Policy to assist the process but as yet had not provided one.

ii) Members had been due to receive legal advice from the Town Council's solicitor, but none had been received in time.

iii) Members received the Town Clerk's notes regarding the site, including key considerations, and an extract of the minutes of a recent Town and Parish Forum which may prove useful in ascertaining what TDC will be looking for and how they will evaluate all the bids.

iv) Members received a draft risk analysis in terms of acquiring and *not* acquiring the depot, and a draft options appraisal which identified other, as yet unexplored options for fulfilling the Town Council's needs for their open spaces team.

Members discussed the pros and cons of acquiring, clearing, improving and staffing the site, especially in light of the new information about the imminent improvements to Pierremont Park. Such improvements will require ongoing care and maintenance which the District Council is not in a position to supply.

The Town Clerk suggested professional assistance in the form of a surveyor be requested in order that councillors are able to make informed decisions.

RESOLVED:

i) That a surveyor be asked to visit and report on the condition of the site and what remedial works might be necessary to make it serviceable.

ii) That the Town Clerk continue developing a bid for consideration at the next Community Assets Committee meeting on 16 March 2026.

Members of the public, had any been in attendance, would have been permitted to re-enter the meeting.

815. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 30 March 2026 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed _____ Date _____