



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall, Broadstairs.

Present: Cllrs J Bayford, J Bright, K Bright, R Farooki, M Garner, P Jacobs, C Leys, P Moore, A Munns, J Nichols, E Orhan, S Roberts, G Rusiecki.

Town Clerk: Kirsty Holroyd

863. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2026-2027 CIVIC YEAR

Cllr Garner opened the meeting and called for nominations. Cllr George Rusiecki was nominated and seconded by Cllrs Leys and Moore respectively. Cllr K Bright was nominated and seconded by Cllrs Orhan and Farooki respectively. A vote for and against each candidate was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Cllr George Rusiecki be appointed Chairman of the Council for the 2025/26 civic year.

Cllr Rusiecki signed his declaration of acceptance of office and being entitled to use the term Town Mayor, he announced his wife, Dr Sarah Kemp his Mayoress.

Cllr Rusiecki gave a brief acceptance speech in which he thanked the outgoing Mayor, Cllr Garner for his work over the last two years.

864. ELECTION OF A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2026-2027 CIVIC YEAR

The Chairman called for nominations. Cllr Roberts was proposed and seconded by Cllrs Munns and Garner respectively.

A vote for and against was taken by show of hands.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Steve Roberts be appointed Deputy Chairman of the Council for the 2025/26 civic year.

Cllr Roberts signed his declaration of acceptance of office and being entitled to use the term Deputy Mayor, he announced his wife, Fi O'Connor his Deputy Mayoress.

865. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The chairman welcomed all councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

866. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were accepted from Cllr Pressland.

867. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

868. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Those present were reminded of the right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

869. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

A. Members considered the membership for each committee.

i) Planning Committee

RESOLVED: That six councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs J. Bayford, M Garner, P Jacobs, P Moore, E Orhan & S Roberts.

ii) Finance & General Purposes Committee

RESOLVED: That eight councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs. J Bright, R Farooki, M Garner, P Jacobs, C Leys, E Orhan, S Roberts & G Rusiecki

iii) Community Assets Committee

RESOLVED That six councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs. J Bright, M Garner, A Munns, J Nichols, G Rusiecki, S Roberts.

iv) Events, Leisure and Tourism Committee

RESOLVED That eight councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs. J Bright, M Garner, C Leys, A Munns, J Nichols, E Orhan, S Roberts & G Rusiecki.

v) Allotments and Land Committee

RESOLVED That four councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs J Bright, K Bright, S Roberts & K Pressland.

vi) Staff Management Committee

RESOLVED That three councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs. J. Bayford, K Bright & S Roberts.

vii) Neighbourhood Planning Sub-committee

RESOLVED That four councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs M Garner, C Leys, S Roberts & G Rusiecki.

viii) Environment Committee

RESOLVED That six councillors be appointed to the committee as follows: Cllrs. J Bright, M Garner, A Munns, P Moore, K Pressland, S

Roberts.

B. Members considered nominations for Internal appointments.

i) School Liaison Councillor

RESOLVED: That Cllr J Bright be appointed School Liaison Councillor for 2026-27.

ii) Staff Liaison Councillor

RESOLVED: that Cllr Roberts be appointed Staff Liaison Councillor for 2026-27

iii) Friends of Mockett's Wood Councillor

RESOLVED: that Cllr Pressland be appointed Friends of Mockett's Wood Councillor for 2026-27

iv) Local History and Heritage Councillor

RESOLVED: That Cllr Munns be appointed Local History and Heritage Councillor for 2026-27

C) Representatives to outside bodies

i) Appointment of one representative to Broadstairs and St Peter's Twinning Society

RESOLVED: That Cllr Rusiecki be appointed to this role.

ii) Appointment of one representative to the Thanet Area Committee of KALC (TAC)

RESOLVED: that Cllr Moore be appointed to the role.

With Council's approval the Chairman moved items 19, 20 and 21 to this point in the meeting in order to present the awards to those members of the public in attendance.

870. PRESENTATION OF THE MILLENIUM CUP

Cllr Rusiecki presented the Millennium Cup to Harry Grafton in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to promoting Broadstairs and St Peter's and the well-being of the local community.

871. PRESENTATION OF THE MAYORESS CUP

Cllr Rusiecki presented the Mayoress Cup to representatives of Folk Week in recognition of the significant contribution the organisation has made to promoting Broadstairs and St Peter's and the well-being of the local community.

872. PRESENTATION OF THE KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS

Kent Association of Local Councils awards were presented to Victoria Suchak for working tirelessly to provide a safe, fun, welcoming and supportive environment for local parents and their babies, children and young people over the last twenty years and to Inspiration Creative for almost 20 years' service to the Arts, running accessible creative and performing arts workshops for people of all abilities, breaking down social barriers and celebrating diversity across Thanet.

873. CHAIRMAN'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

i) Members received the Town Council's protocol document and discussed whether it suits the needs of the current Town Council.

RESOLVED: That with a few minor amendments the document is fit for purpose and can be adopted by the Council

ii) Members considered the Chairman's Allowance in accordance with the Town Council's annual budget.

RESOLVED: That the mayoral allowance of £6000 as agreed in the budget be approved.

874. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 27 April 2026 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the chairman.

875. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S.

none

876. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

877. COMMUNITY ASSETS COMMITTEE

Members received the draft minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11 May 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

878. COMMUNICATIONS

i) The outgoing Chairman reported on his activities as Town Mayor over the previous months. Please see attached.

ii) The Town Clerk updated members on various items:

- TDC's public consultation on PSPOs is now open and all are encouraged to respond.
- Cllr Finch, KCC member for Broadstairs had sent a report on KCC's work over the last year. This has been forwarded to all.
- Cllr Finch has also arranged for Southern Water to attend the next Council meeting to discuss works due to take place in Broadstairs
- Work is due to begin that night on the railway bridge in town and is expected to last 12 weeks.
- The CCLA adviser has sent possible dates for an online meeting with the F&GP committee. If members cannot make this date there is an online workshop hosted by the same adviser on Thursday at 10am.
- The Bowls Club has offered a staff and councillor tournament to take place one weekday evening in August. The Town Clerk will send round an email to ascertain the availability of those who would like to attend.

879. FINANCE

i) Members received and approved a report concerning payments for the period 28 April 2026 to 13 May 2026. (see attached)

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved

ii) Members received information about receipts for the period 28 April 2026 to 13 May 2026.

RESOLVED: That the payments be noted.

iii) The Town Clerk reported that staff salaries totalling £41,063.27 had been paid since the last meeting.

iv) Members received information about works or services authorised between meetings under financial regulation 5.15. (please see attached.)

RESOLVED: That the authorisations be noted.

v) Members received and approved a report concerning payments for the period 13 May 2026 when the agenda was sent out to 18 May 2026 (see attached)

RESOLVED: That the payments be approved.

vi) Members approved the use of specified direct debits and regular payments.

RESOLVED: that direct debits and regular payments as listed be approved in order to expedite the business of the Council.

880. CO-OPTION

i) Members received the policy.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members received a note from the Town Clerk outlining potential next steps.

RESOLVED: That the co-option procedure start immediately as described in the report with the aim of appointing the new councillor at the next meeting – Monday 29 June 2026.

881. BEACH SECURITY

Members received an UPDATE.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council pay for an additional four security guards at the summer fireworks and Water Gala events to compliment the service already budgeted by the organisers.

882. CAPABILITY POLICY

Members received and reviewed the existing policy. No amendments were advised.

RESOLVED: That the document is accepted as fit for purpose.

883. GRANTS

i) Members received a report on grants allocated year to date.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.

ii) Members received an application from the Kent Cricket Foundation

RESOLVED: That a grant of £1000 be approved.

iii) Members received an application from the Coastal Community Learning CIC.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £994.97 be approved.

iv) Members received an application from the Dickens Festival.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £4760 be approved.

884. PRESENTATION OF THE MILLENIUM CUP.

Discussed under minute 670.

885. PRESENTATION OF THE MAYORESS CUP

Discussed under minute 671.

886. PRESENTATION OF THE KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS.

Discussed under minute 672.

887. STAFF MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Members received a report from the Town Council about a potential apprenticeship scheme.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

888. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29 June 2026 at 7pm in Pierremont Hall

Town Clerk
Meeting closed at 19.55

Signed _____

Date _____