

Minutes of a Meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee, held on Monday 17th November 2014, in the Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall, Sandwich at 6pm.

Present: Councillors: The Mayor (in the Chair)
HJ Bragg
BW Butcher
Mrs P Russell
MB Trussler
JJ Watts

Officers: Miss L Fidler & Mrs K Palmer

01.11.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Carter due to a prior commitment.
Apologies were received from Cllr Moorhouse after the meeting, Cllr Moorhouse had not seen the agenda for this meeting.

02.11.14 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS.

Cllr Butcher declared an Other Significant Interest in Item 04.11.14(i) & (ii): matters relating to Gazen Salts Nature Reserve within the budget.

03.11.14 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

It is **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for **Items (i)** on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against this item.

(i) ANNUAL INFLATION INCREASE FOR STAFF

Members consider what/if a percentage rise should be awarded to all staff (excluding the Public Convenience Attendants whose pay is tracked against the National Minimum Wage).

RECOMMENDATION: That a salary increase of 1.5% be awarded to Sandwich Town Council staff in the 2015/16 financial year.

04.11.14 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2015/16

Members agreed a draft budget for 2015/16 using the following information:

(i) A spreadsheet showing projected expenditure in the current financial year and possible/probable income & expenditure for 2015/16.

(ii) A report with relevant information relating to the budget figures.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached draft budget be approved.

(iii) Members considered Dover District Council's 'Tax Base Model for Towns & Parishes' detailing the level of support grant available when setting the 2015/16 precept. If the total resource for the Council is approved at £156,500 the following affect would be incurred:

	2014/15	2015/16
Council Tax	£78.05	£82.72
Taxbase (# Band 'D' Equivalent Properties)	1839.39	1839.39
Precept	£143,564	£152,155
Grant from Central Govt.	£6,427	£4345
Total Resource	£149,991*	£156,500

* We actually received £150,000 as a total resource in 2014/15, not £149,991
The total resource (if agreed to be £156,500) would result in an annual change of
+£4.67 for a Band D property.

05.11.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th January 2015, at 6 pm, in the Mayor's Parlour.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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