

Minutes of a meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee, 2nd March 2015, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich at 6:00pm.

Present: **Councillors:** **The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mrs Russell (in the Chair)**
 HJ Bragg
 BW Butcher
 PI Carter
 MW Moorhouse
 MB Trussler
 JJ Watts

Officer: **Miss T Weir**

01.03.15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from the Mayor, who was on holiday.

02.03.15 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

Cllr Carter declared an ‘other significant interest’ in item 4.(i) on the agenda (minuted here as 04.03.15 (i)), *Grant Applications: Financial Year 2015/16*, Form L3 Sandwich Technology School, as a governor of the school.

03.03.15 MINUTES

Members received and noted the Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 26th January 2015. There were no matters arising therefrom not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

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04.03.15 GRANT APPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/16

Members considered the following grant application:

(i) Form L3 Sandwich Technology School: request for £400 for ‘Alternative Curriculum Week July 2015 – Making a Difference’.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (i) That a grant of £100 be awarded.

(ii) That the Technology School be advised to contact the local Co-Op regarding its community fund and also to contact Kimberley Anderson, Discovery Park, regarding any advice and support for the project that may be available.

05.03.15 KCC MEMBERS GRANT FUNDING

(i) Members considered a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk, regarding an accounting omission from 2011/12.

RECOMMENDATION: That this report be noted.

(ii) Members considered a quote from Mid Kent Fisheries for Delf Stream preservation work (the Council has a grant of £7,000 that was received from Cllr Ridings ring-fenced for expenditure on this project).

RECOMMENDATION: That this estimate (£12,920) be accepted and that Cllr Ridings’s grant be topped up using £5,920 of the £8,000

being refunded to the Town Council by the Toll Bridge Fund following the accounting omission noted under 05.03.15(i). However, the Town Clerk should seek to establish whether hedgecutting work undertaken in the area already by a third party would reduce the quote made and by how much - if so, the Council should proceed on the basis of that lower quote.

(iii) Members considered a quote from Sandwich Joinery and Building for a Disabled Access Ramp at Mill Wall for £22,000. Cllr Trussler outlined further details of the proposal, including plans, and informed the Committee that County Councillor Leyland Ridings had suggested up to £15,000 may be available from KCC Members funding towards this project.

RECOMMENDATIONS: (i) That County Councillor Ridings' offer of funding be confirmed and accepted before the end of March 2015.

(ii) That a further £2,080 be assigned to this project by the Town Council (from the £8,000 being refunded to the Town Council by the Toll Bridge Fund following the accounting omission noted under 05.03.15(i)).

(iii) That the meetings of Sandwich Town Council and Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund on 23rd March 2015 consider how the remaining costs of this project may be met.

05.03.15

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.