

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee, held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at the Guildhall, at 6.00pm**

**Present: Councillors: The Mayor, Cllr Graeme (in the Chair)**  
**HJ Bragg**  
**PI Carter**  
**Mrs VA Liote**  
**MW Moorhouse**  
**JO Sneller**

**Officer: Miss L Fidler**

**01.06.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Trim and Cllr Trussler due to ill health.

**02.06.16 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS.**

No disclosable pecuniary interests or other significant interests were declared.

**03.06.16 MINUTES**

Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and the Extraordinary Finance Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were received. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**04.06.16 GRANT APPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17**

Members considered and made recommendations regarding the following grant applications.

**(i) Speak Up CIC:** grant application for £1200 for the Sandwich Peer Support Group.

**RECOMMENDATION: That no grant be awarded.**

**(ii) Sandwich, Ash, Woodnesborough and Worth Environmental Study Group (SAWWES):** grant application for £1000 for a SAWWES Study. Mr Richard Ralph and Mr Stephen Fuller presented further information about the aspirations of the group and answered committee members' questions.

**RECOMMENDATION: That a grant of £500 be awarded, consideration will be given for a further grant being made towards the end of the year if still required.**

**(iii) Quayside Players:** grant application for £500 for expenses of presenting *Man of Blood or Martyr of the People: the Trial of Charles I*. Please note that performances of this piece will take place in the Guildhall Court Room in August and September 2016 and it is proposed that all proceeds of ticket sales will go to Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund, thereby repaying this grant and covering Court Room hire charges.

**RECOMMENDATION: That a loan of £500 be awarded to the Quayside Players with a repayment to be made via ticket sales. If the production fails to go ahead the Quayside Players will still have an obligation to repay this money.**

**05.06.16 TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT**

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk regarding the Council's telecommunications contract.

**RECOMMENDATION: That one year contracts with TCG for all the telephone lines, with payment by direct debit, should be secured. That the Clerk be delegated the power to decide whether the internet supply should move away from BT once further information about the service provision from TCG is established.**

**06.06.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016, after the meeting of Sandwich Town Council's Finance Committee, in the Mayor's Parlour.