Minutes of the meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee, held on 15th September 2016 at the Guildhall, at 6.00pm

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

Officer: **Miss L Fidler**

01.09.16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Moorhouse (unwell), Cllr Sneller (private appointment), and Cllr Trim (private appointment). Apologies were also received from Cllr Wood, who is not a member of the Committee but had been invited to join the committee to detail the proposals set out at items 04.09.16 (i) and (ii).

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

No disclosable pecuniary interests or other significant interests were declared.

03.09.16 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the ordinary Finance Committee meeting held on 14th June 2016 were received. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

04.09.16 **PERSONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

(i) Members considered a proposal from Cllr Wood for Sandwich Town Council to investigate setting up a family crisis fund allowing residents of the town to access financial support if exceptional circumstances are such that this support may be necessary.

(ii) Members considered a proposal from Cllr Wood for Sandwich Town Council to investigate setting up a Youth Opportunity Fund allowing young people or their families in the town to apply for grants to support study or skill acquisition where circumstances are such that this provision would otherwise not be met.

Prior to the meeting Cllr Wood and the Clerk provided further information relating to these proposals. Committee members considered the provisions already available, via other organisations, and the remit of the town council.

RESOLUTION: Both proposals, (i) and (ii), will be deferred for consideration by the Finance Committee of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund.

05.09.16 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16th November 2016, at 6pm, in the Mayor's Parlour.