

Minutes of a meeting of the Sandwich Town Council Advisory Committee held on Friday 13th January 2017, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich, at 7pm.

Present: **The Mayor, Cllr Paul Graeme (in the chair)**
HJ Bragg
PI Carter
RA Daw
MJ Holloway
Mrs VA Liote
Mrs O'Donoghue
JO Sneller

Officer: **Miss L. Fidler**

01.01.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members were present and so no apologies were necessary.

**02.01.17 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or other significant interests were made.

03.01.17 DRILL HALL (ACF SANDWICH)

Members considered how to proceed with the bid to purchase the ACF Sandwich. Cllr Holloway reported that MP Craig Mackinlay will be meeting with the relevant Minister on 18th January to argue that "extraordinary circumstances", based on KCC/DDC/STC regeneration plans for Town (*A New Vision for Sandwich*) should be given for the sale of the Drill Hall, due to the Council's long-standing interest in the site (since August 2015) and the public's support for the building being acquired as a community asset.

RESOLUTIONS:

(i) The Mayor, Cllrs Holloway and Mrs O'Donoghue will draft a press release explaining the actions of the Council to local residents; regular updates regarding the project will also be released in the future. Cllr Friend will publicise this information on social media.

(ii) Preparation of the business plan for the property will resume, taking into account the ideas and preferences raised by members of the public (art gallery, theatre, indoor markets and food fayre, etc).

04.01.17 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

(i) It was AGREED 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 the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

(ii) Members received a verbal update from the Mayor and Cllrs Holloway and Mrs O'Donoghue regarding the lease arrangements for the Land Adjacent to the Slipway, The Quay and the permitted use of the site. Following a meeting on 11th January officers at DDC have been given two weeks in which to review the current arrangements and identify what needs to be done to deal with the concerns that have been raised. Members will receive a further update when this has been done.

RECOMMENDATION: That this information be noted.