

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Finance Committee, held on Monday 7 October 2013, in the Mayor's Parlour, Guildhall, Sandwich at 6.20pm.**

**Present:**           **Councillors: The Mayor (in the Chair)**

**Mrs J L Dunay**  
**M W Moorhouse**  
**M B Trussler**  
**J J Watts**

**Officer: Miss L Fidler**

**01.10.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Bragg and Graeme who were on holiday.

**02.10.13 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No private interests were declared.

**03.10.13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013 NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**04.10.13 BUDGET 2014/15**

The following recommendations were made for consideration in the 2014/15 budget:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**(i) That one of the offices used by the Citizens Advice Bureau could be offered for use by Kent Police.**

**(ii) That quotes be obtained to carry out the following, possibly as projects in 2014/15:**

- **Updates to the Lightning Conductor System;**
- **Sand back and varnish Main Hall & Jury Room;**
- **New office computers (budget £1500 to be split 50/50 with Sandwich Town Council);**
- **Refurbishment of the exterior of the North elevation including repair to louvered panel;**
- **Re-setting of Guildhall Forecourt;**
- **Electrical rewiring of original Guildhall;**
- **Porch repairs for St. Peters Day & Social Hall.**

**05.10.13 INVESTMENT IN DIGITAL EQUIPMENT FOR EMPIRE CINEMA**

Members considered the correspondence from Mr L Culver for a grant / grant and loan to enable the purchase and installation of digital sound and projection equipment for the Empire Cinema. It was acknowledged that without an upgrade to this equipment the cinema will no longer be able to get modern films and will be likely to cease trading.

**RESOLUTION: That Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund buys the necessary equipment at a cost of £31,663 (excl. VAT). The projection equipment will**

**then be leased to Mr Culver with an appropriate repairs and maintenance agreement in place.**

**06.10.13 GRANT**

A grant application from Euan Maybank & Rachel Smith for the restoration of the sailing barge Tollesbury for £30,000 was considered.

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

**07.10.13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Finance Committee will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014, following a meeting of Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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