

**Minutes of the meeting of the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Finance Committee, held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Guildhall, at 6pm, at the conclusion of the Sandwich Town Council Finance Committee meeting.**

**Present: Councillors: The Mayor, Cllr Mrs Liote (in the Chair)**  
**HJ Bragg**  
**PI Carter**  
**JEM Gisbey**  
**PG Graeme**  
**MJ Holloway**

**Officer: Mrs Karen Palmer**

- 01.01.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Moorhouse and Cllr Sneller.
- 02.01.19 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 03.01.19 GRANT APPLICATIONS 2019/20**  
**(i) Deal Area Foodbank: a grant of £3,000 to financially support the work of Deal Area Foodbank in Sandwich.**  
**RECOMMENDATION: That no grant be awarded in 2019/20.**  
**(ii) Age Concern Sandwich: a grant of £5,825 to fund safety security entrance doors.**  
**RECOMMENDATION: That no grant be awarded in 2019/20.**  
**(iii) Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust: a grant of £3,000 towards the construction of a second bird hide.**  
**RECOMMENDATION: That no grant be awarded in 2019/20 as this project falls within the Parish of Worth.**
- 04.01.19 FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20**  
Members received an amended draft 2019/20 budget from Mrs K Palmer.  
**RECOMMENDATION: That the budget be approved, pending the following changes: In the light of extreme pressure on the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund during 2018/19 & 2019/20, the Sandwich Sprucer project should continue to be supported, but the funding should come from commercial sponsorship in the first instance. A business case should be written by STC officers which explains the various sponsorship opportunities with the aim of securing the funding required by April. Additionally, the budget for the Bulwarks Play Area Equipment can be removed, as it is felt that this falls within the Dover District Council Green Parks Project, and as such could be funded by DDC.**
- 05.01.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6pm.