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Minutes of the meeting of the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Finance Committee, held on 18th March 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
PG Graeme
MJ Holloway

Officer: **Mrs Karen Palmer**

01.03.19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Moorhouse who was unwell and Cllr Gisbey, who had a personal commitment. No apologies were received from Cllr Sneller.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

03.03.19 **GRANT APPLICATIONS 2019/20**

Members considered the following grant applications:

(i) Sandwich In Bloom: a grant of £5,000 on a match funding basis, towards the continuation and expansion of the Sandwich In Bloom project.

RECOMMENDATION: That £5,000 be awarded on a match funding basis.

(ii) Sandwich-Sonsbeck Twinning Association: a contribution to help fund a visit of the Association to Sonsbeck, Germany in May or June 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal as it was felt that the Sandwich-Sonsbeck Twinning Association should try to find other ways to raise funds towards their visits.

(iii) ReShake Theatre Company: a grant of £360 to fund practitioner master classes and purchase marketing materials for the theatre company based at St Marys Arts Centre, Sandwich.

RECOMMENDATION: That £360 be awarded with the request that a number of places be made available to the Phoenix Centre and / or schools in Sandwich.

(iv) Deal Music and Arts: a grant of £1,500 to help fund Deal Music and Arts Festival 2019 (for events taking place in Sandwich).

RECOMMENDATION: That £1,500 be awarded to Deal Music and Arts Festival 2019 specifically to fund three concerts in Sandwich (two concerts in St Clement's Church on 5th July 2019 and one concert at St Mary's Arts Centre on 12th July). The funding to be given on the understanding that Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund is named as a sponsor.

04.03.19 **SANDWICH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ASSOCIATION**

Members received a request from Cllr Wood to waive the Guildhall room hire charges of £213.75 in 2018 for Sandwich Christmas Lights Association. It was noted that no grant was awarded to this organisation in 2018 as a grant application form was never submitted.

RECOMMENDATION: Not to waive the room hire charges of £213.75, as it was felt that to do so retrospectively would set an awkward precedent. Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund would like to support Sandwich Christmas Lights Association but request that they submit a grant application for 2019.

05.03.19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee is to be confirmed after the Town Council election, unless an extraordinary meeting is required beforehand.

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