

13th November 2012

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund held this day present:-

Councillor Watts (in the Chair)

- “ Bragg
- “ Butcher
- “ Graeme
- “ Moorhouse
- “ Leith

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Dunay and Cllr Trussler.
2. Staff salary increases from 1st April 2013 were considered. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND an increase of 0.5%.
3. The Town Clerk's salary from 1st April 2013 was considered. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND a rise of one point on the National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks to be awarded (a move to LC2 32).
4. The budget for 2013/14 was discussed and it was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND the attached draft. The following matters arose therefrom:
 - RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Repair & Maintenance budget (£20,000) includes £3000 - £4,000 for redecoration of the Meeting Room.
 - RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Halls Committee produce a five year Guildhall maintenance schedule.
 - RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Halls Committee conduct a review of the advertising strategy for the Guildhall.
 - The Town Clerk's office should expedite the evaluation of the hall hire charges.
 - RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that the Thursday Market Manager's contract be reviewed before re-issuing in 2013.

(Cllr Graeme left the meeting during the discussion into Income).

5. The contract for small/urgent works at Guildhall for the ensuing twelve months was considered. RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that P.A.Hollingworth & Co Ltd be awarded the contract.
6. The following grant applications were considered:

- (a) Sandwich-Sonsbeck Twinning Association – Request for grant of £250.00 – RESOLVED to RECOMMEND this application be declined.
- (b) Sandwich & District Choral Society – Request for grant of £100.00 – RESOLVED to RECOMMEND this application be declined.
- (c) Richborough Action Group – Request for grant of £1,500 – RESOLVED to RECOMMEND that a grant of £150.00 be offered in the current financial year.

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