

Minutes of a Meeting of Sandwich Town Council as Trustee of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund held on Monday 28th November 2022 at the conclusion of the Town Council Meeting at 7pm.

Present: Councillors: J Franklin (Chairman)
D Friend
P Graeme
N Gray
K Heaven
D Marie
M Moorhouse
D Sivrikaya
M Pennington
H Sampson
C Ungerson
C Wiles

Officer: Responsible Finance Officer (Minutes)

01.11.22 APPROVAL FOR APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr P Carter, Deputy Mayor and Cllr D Carter due to work commitments. Apologies were also received from Cllr A Fox, who had a family commitment.

02.11.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

03.11.22 MINUTES

Councillors received and considered the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sandwich Town Council as Trustee of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund held on 31st October 2022.

RESOLUTION: Minutes were approved as accurate and signed.

Cllrs Sivrikaya, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting.

04.11.22 PAYMENT SCHEDULES

(i) Members received the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Schedule of Payments for November.

RESOLUTION: All payments were approved.

Cllrs Sivrikaya, Wiles, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting.

(ii) Members received the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Guildhall Schedule of Payments for November.

RESOLUTION: All payments were approved.

Cllrs Sivrikaya, Wiles, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting.

(iii) Members received the Museum & Archives Payment Schedule for November.

RESOLUTION: Payments were approved.

Cllrs Gray, Sivrikaya and Ungerson abstained from voting.

05.11.22 FINANCES & INVESTMENTS

(i)

To receive and note the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Statement of Accounts and cash flow statement as at 31st October 2022.

RESOLUTION: Received and approved.

Cllrs Ungerson, Wiles, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting. Cllr Sivrikaya voted against.

- (ii) To receive and note the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Statement of Accounts, petty cash and cash flow statement as at 31st October 2022.
RESOLUTION: Received and approved.
Cllrs Ungerson, Wiles, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting. Cllr Sivrikaya voted against.
- (iii) To receive and note the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Guildhall Statement of Accounts and petty cash as at 31st October 2022.
RESOLUTION: Received and approved.
Cllrs Ungerson, Wiles, Heaven and Gray abstained from voting. Cllr Sivrikaya voted against.
- (iv) To receive and note the Quilter Cheviot Investment Management monthly report at 31st October 2022.
RESOLUTION: Received and noted.

06.11.22 TOLL BRIDGE FUND DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – YEAR ENDED 31/03/2022

Council received the Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund Trustee Report and Financial Statements – Year ended 31/03/2022.

RESOLUTION: The Trustee Report and Financial Statements were approved. Cllrs Ungerson and Wiles abstained from voting. Cllr Sivrikaya voted against.

07.11.22 STBF COMMITTEES

Council received a proposal from Cllr Moorhouse to abolish all Toll Bridge Fund Committees. Cllr Moorhouse explained that Sandwich Town Council as an entity is the Trustee of Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund, and no individual Councillor has a greater proportion of rights. On this basis he felt Committees should be abolished and all decision making should be made by the whole Trustee. A discussion ensued as to the merits of retaining or abolishing STBF Committees.

The RFO explained that the finances for Sandwich Town Council and Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund were integrated, and not having a STBF Finance Committee would make cohesive decision making difficult. Cllr Graeme added that a Museum and Archive Committee is useful as the accounts are kept separately from the rest of the Toll Bridge Fund.

RESOLUTION: Not to abolish Committees but review this issue again.

Cllr Wiles and Heaven abstained from voting.

08.11.22 MUSEUM CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Council received a report from the Museum Co-ordinator advising Christmas closure dates.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

09.11.22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th December 2022 at the conclusion of Sandwich Town Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 21:00.

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