



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Resources Committee held on
Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 6.30 pm

Present: **Chairman**

Councillor Adrian Watts

Councillors

Tim Prater, Guy Valentine-Neale, Lewis Whitnall and Tracy Stephens.

Clerk/RFO

Julie Tugwood

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Michael Fitch and Vicky Parsons.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
Proposed by: Councillor Lewis Whitnall Seconded by: Councillor Tim Prater
Approved by all present.
4. **AGAR:**
The committee were informed that accounts have now been certified by the outside auditors and all have been passed with no errors.
5. **Library Update:** The committee were advised that the next stage of the refurbishment will be starting on week commencing 5th December. The funding for this refurbishment is from section 106 and also a grant from the High Street Improvement Fund.
6. **Seafest:** The committee were informed that the Sea Festival went ahead and that a cheque will be presented to the RNLI for £1403.88 which was collected on the night of the fireworks and the proceeds from the raffle.
7. **Budget for 22/23:** The committee were asked if they had any items that they would like discussed for next year's budget. We have items which are to be taken into consideration including the swings replacement at Sandgate Park, re-surfacing of play area at Freemantle Park and replacement of four litter bins on Sandgate Esplanade.
8. **Salary Review:** To consider the NALC proposed pay award. This matter to be further discussed at the January meeting.
9. **Play Equipment at Sandgate Park:** Please refer to item 7. A record will be kept of the incidents of vandalism and all police crime numbers kept.
10. **Boathouse update:** The painting of the Kiosk went out to tender. It was proposed that the committee accept Tender A – Proposed by Councillor Guy Valentine- Neale Seconded: Tim Prater Agreed by all.
11. **Review of Boathouse lease:** The lease for the Boathouse is due for renewal on 21st March 2023 and discussions have taken place with the present leases.

12. PWLB update: Confirmation that the PWLB is updated every month

13. Grant request for FSG: The Folkestone School for Girls have requested help with payment of transport for some of the children to visit a school in Sangatte. This will be discussed further. It was suggested that they might contact the Sandgate Society for possible funding. It was noted that P & O had in the past had an officer with responsibility for matters relating to transport of parties for Twinning activities and events, and Cllr Whitnall was to investigate if this was this the case and pass on contact details.

14. Correspondence: The savings account with the Charity Bank has expired and they are holding the money. It was proposed that the committee wait to see what happens to the interest rates, Proposed by Councillor Tim Prater Seconded by Guy Valentine-Neale Agreed by all.

15. Information:

- The committee were informed that the coffee machine was ready to go back into the Library so a further discussion will be taken in January regarding the cost of purchasing the items for the machine. I was suggested that a small charge of 50p be proposed.
- A request was made that the Plaques on the War Memorial be cleaned properly.
- A request was made that two new planters be put on the fencing at Riviera Court be considered on the budget.
- Deputy Clerk to check on the winter planting.

16. Date of next meeting: TBC

Signed by Chairman of Resources Committee Dated