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**The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting
 held on 11th January 2016 in Deal Town Hall chamber starting at 7.15pm**

Present:

Cllr B Frost – Chairman	Cllr D Cronk
Cllr A Friend (ex-officio)	Cllr Mrs M Burnham
Cllr W Elliott	Cllr L Butler
Cllr K Lee	Cllr C Hartley
Cllr B Bano	Cllr D Harper

Officers:

Lorna Crow – Town Clerk
 Paul Bone - Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk
 Una Finch - Mayor's Secretary

Others: There were no members of the public present

1.	Chairman's opening remarks:	Actions
	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation instructions.	
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr T Bond, Cllr M Eddy, Cllr D Bond, Cllr E Carr	
3.	Declarations of interest: None received.	
4.	Public Participation: None present.	
5.	Minutes of the previous Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 10th November 2015 RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 th November 2015 as a true and accurate record. (P)DC (S) WE All agreed. The Chairman then duly signed the minutes.	
6.	Responsible Finance Officer's Report: The RFO answered queries on the report including questions from councillors on the progress on the proposed disabled toilet, the restoration of the portrait of William 3 rd and the procedure in place to deal with the cleansing of the Undercroft when required. RESOLVED: to note the RFO's report (P)WE (S)DC All Agreed. Cllr Elliott then congratulated the RFO on his book keeping.	
7.	Finance: (I) Income & Expenditure figures to 31 st December 2015. RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) WE All Agreed. (II) Full Bank reconciliation to 31 st December 2015. RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) WE All Agreed	



8.	<p>Deal in Bloom: Following discussion the members: RESOLVED: to defer the decision on supplier of planters until further information was received in a quote to have the concrete rings delivered in situ (P) AF (S) DC All agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To use the Deal in Bloom budget to offer hospitality to the judges of Britain in Bloom. It was also agreed that the sum of £300 would be available. (P) AF (S) DC All agreed.</p> <p>RESOLVED: to have a “task & finish” working group consisting of Town Clerk, RFO, Cllrs Burnham, Friend, Elliott and Butler, who will mark up a map showing the exact locations of the concrete rings to send to KCC to receive planning consent. (P) WE (S) AF All Agreed.</p>	<p>D I B Working Group</p> <p>T & F members</p>
9.	<p>Signage Request from DDC: RESOLVED: Members agreed to reject the request from DDC to contribute towards the new Public Space Protection order signage. (P) LB (S) WE All Agreed.</p>	Town Clerk
10.	<p>Deal Pier Christmas opening – Funding support: Following a discussion to clarify why the dates requested were later than the usual Boxing Day request as in past years, members RESOLVED: To reject the request from DDC. (P) AF (S) WE 7 for 3 abstained, motion carried.</p>	R.F.O
11.	<p>Kent Police & Crime Commissioner – Council Tax precept 2016/17. After a short discussion members RESOLVED: to note the report and to take no further action. (P) WE (S) AF 9 for 1 abstained motion carried.</p>	
12.	<p>Use of electricity in the Undercroft: RESOLVED: To grant permission to The Deal Festival of Music and Arts for the use of a temporary 13 amp supply. (P)WE (S) AF All Agreed.</p>	R.F.O
13.	<p>Free use of Town Hall: RESOLVED: To give one free use of the Town Hall to Fairtrade network on Wednesday 2nd March 2016. (P) AF (S) WE 9 for 1 abstained. The Town Clerk conveyed that the Events Manager was compiling a report which would highlight how many requests are received and granted for free use of the Town Hall; this would be included on the next Finance and General Purposes committee agenda.</p>	<p>Event Manager</p> <p>Event Manager</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th February 2016. The chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.</p>	

