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The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 9th January 2017 in Deal Town Hall chamber starting at 7.15pm

Present:

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| Cllr B Bano – Chairman | Cllr B Frost |
| Cllr C Hartley – Vice Chair | Cllr Mrs M Burnham |
| Cllr N Tomaszewski | Cllr M Eddy |
| Cllr D Cronk | Cllr D Bond |
| Cllr D Harper | |

Officers:

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

Others: 7 members of public

1.	Chairman’s opening remarks: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation instructions.	Actions
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr W Elliott, Cllr T Bond and Cllr K Lee	
3.	Declarations of interest: As trustees on the Citizens Advice Bureau Cllr M Eddy and Cllr B Frost declared OSI for agenda item 10 (ii) Dover, Deal and District CAB	
4.	Minutes of the previous Finance and General Purposes meeting held on 14th November 2016: RESOLVED: To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 14 th November 2016 as a true and accurate record subject to the inclusion of Cllr Tomaszewski’s name as an attendee. (P) DC (S) ME All agreed. The Chairman then duly signed the minutes.	
5.	Public Participation: A member of the public asked how much Deal Town Council had granted the Chamber of Trade in the last 5 years towards the Christmas lights. The RFO stated he would send the information to him. Representatives from each of the organisations requesting funding from the Council gave short presentations. One member of the public questioned the grants policy guidelines regarding salaries.	RFO
6.	Responsible Finance Officer’s Report: The RFO reported on the progress of the planning permission for the proposed Undercroft gates. Following a query from the chairman the RFO advised that DDC had received the request for a bench in Mill Hill and it would be installed soon. RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) ME All agreed	
7.	Finance: (i) Income & Expenditure figures to 30 th November 2016: RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) ME All Agreed. (ii) Full Bank reconciliation to 30 th November 2016: RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) ME All Agreed. (iii) Income & Expenditure figures to 31 st December 2016: RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) ME All Agreed. (iv) Full Bank reconciliation to 31 st December 2016: RESOLVED: to note the report. (P) DC (S) ME All Agreed.	

8.	<p>Deal in Bloom: Cllr M Burnham presented her report and answered queries from members. Members RESOLVED: to note the report (P) MB (S) DC All Agreed. Members congratulated the Deal in Bloom working group for their successes last year. (P) DC (S) NT All Agreed.</p>	
9.	<p>KCC/KALC – Volunteer Support Warden Scheme: Following discussion members RESOLVED: To only support this scheme by sharing the costs with Walmer Parish Council should they decide to participate. (P) BF (S) DB All Agreed.</p>	Town Clerk/ R.F.O
10.	<p>Correspondence received (Deferred from the November F&GP meeting pending further information):</p> <p>(i) Request from Susan Moody - Deal Noir 2017 for financial support. Members RESOLVED: to grant funding of £500 towards the Deal Noir 2017 event (P) ME (S) NT All Agreed.</p> <p>(ii) Request from Jan Stewart - Dover, Deal and District CAB for financial support. Cllr Eddy spoke on behalf of the CAB and then Cllr Eddy and Cllr Frost left the room. Members RESOLVED: to grant £500 towards funding assistance to CAB. (P) DH (S) NT All Agreed. Cllr Eddy and Cllr Frost returned to the room.</p> <p>(iii) Request from Peter Davies - Deal and Walmer Chamber of Trade for financial support. Following discussion Members RESOLVED: to defer decision pending the application form being fully completed with more detail on exactly what the money was to be spent on and to include all other funding applied for and/or received and to request that a representative from the Chamber of Trade attends the next meeting of this committee to answer any questions when the application is considered (P) BB (S) DC All Agreed.</p> <p>(iv) Request from Beverley Callaghan - Porchlight for financial support. Members RESOLVED: to grant £500 to the charity for the homeless and to help with the Porchlight helpline. (P) DH (S) NT 7 for 2 against motion carried. Cllr Frost requested his voted against this motion was minuted.</p> <p>(v) Request from Linda Ford - Sandown Castle Community Garden. This request was withdrawn prior to the meeting as funding for the water supply had been secured.</p>	R.F.O R.F.O R.F.O R.F.O
	<p>Date of next meeting: 13th February 2017 The chairman closed the meeting at 8.08pm</p>	

