

COUNCIL MEETING: 17 OCTOBER 2017

SANDGATE FOOD AND SEA FESTIVAL: FUTURE GOVERNANCE

- 1 The Sandgate Sea Festival is a very successful event held over the August Bank Holiday. The pattern has been to hold a firework display on the bank holiday Saturday evening with associated musical events with the main event being on the bank holiday Sunday. The Sunday event comprises the “village fete on the beach” involving stalls with food, charity support and other suitable activities. There is live music and entertainment with small fairground pieces such as carousels and inflatables.
- 2 Each year the arrangements have been getting more complex with the demands of external agencies such as Shepway District Council and Kent County Council increasing. In addition the event seeks to build on previous successes and has grown incrementally.
- 3 The current governance is for the event to be managed by a small working party chaired by Parish Councillor Nina Bliss and supported by various interested individuals and businesses. The Parish Council assist financially and in kind by the donation of a grant of £2,000 and through the assistance of the RFO in some of the paper management (documentation to Shepway District Council, payment of bills and so on).
- 4 It is not proposed to change the governance radically because the current arrangements work very well. Rather it is intended to slightly formalise the structure. The RFO recommends therefore that the Working Party continues with its current membership but becomes established from 2018-19 as a Working Party of the Parish Council.

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11 October 2017*