

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22 March 2021 virtually, as permitted by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”), at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor J Newton	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor D Porthouse	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)

In Attendance

**P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson, (Press)**

80/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Carter & G Hampson.

81/20 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor S Ashworth, Item 8(8), as a practising catholic; Mrs C McCarron-Holmes, Item 8(8) as a practising catholic & Item 8(10) as a member of the Credit Union; & Councillor Ms C Tindall, Item 8(11), as a flooding victim.

82/20 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

83/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 25 January 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25 January 2021 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84/20 Correspondence

Resolved that the schedule of correspondence be received & noted & that:

- 1) No Council response on proposals for local government reorganisation be made, & that individual members submit their own responses.
- 2) Maryport Schools Education Group be awarded £2,000 towards the Lowry Art Project.
- 3) No Council response on Allerdale Borough Council Action Plan to address climate change be made, & that individual members submit their own responses.

85/20 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £36,392.33 be agreed.

86/20 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2020 to 28 February 2021 be agreed.

87/20 Council Asset Register Review 2020/2021

Resolved that:

- 1) Assets be valued in accordance with either their original purchase cost, using information taken from the previous review, or if not known, their current value at 31 March 2011, as a proxy for the original cost, such values to remain unchanged until disposal.
- 2) Where an asset has been received as a gift at zero cost, or is a community asset, the asset be included in the asset register with a nominal value of £1 as a proxy for the zero cost.
- 3) The Council asset register 2020/21 be agreed.

88/20 Allotment Rent

Resolved that, further to Allotment Committee Minute 37/16, the annual rent for an allotment plot be increased to £75 with effect from 1 April 2022.

89/20 Insurance Policy Renewal

Resolved that the Council's Insurance Policy be renewed under a five-year agreement.

90/20 Defibrillators

Resolved that:

- 1) Arrangements be made to provide a suitable defibrillator at the following sites:
 - Bottom of Flimby Brow
 - Hillside Castle & Coasts Housing Office
 - One Stop Shop, Netherton
 - B&M/Lidl/Spar, (one of)
 - Town Centre area, (Crosby Street)
- 2) Funding of up to £10,000 be made available from savings in the Festivals promotion budget.

91/20 Environmental Improvements

Resolved that, (noting that permissions would be required as appropriate):

- 1) Arrangements be made for the provision of street furniture & flower displays at suitable sites in Flimby & Maryport.
- 2) Arrangements be made to plant memorial trees at suitable sites in Flimby & Maryport in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to covid 19, together with memorial seating.
- 3) Members give consideration to potential themes reflecting the area's background & history for a feature display at the south entrance to Maryport.

92/20 Broughton Moor Armaments Depot Explosion Memorial

Resolved that arrangements be made for the provision of a suitable general memorial to those people connected to the area who were killed in the explosion at the Broughton Moor Armaments Depot in 1944, to be sited at the Maryport Memorial Gardens, (subject to the agreement of Allerdale Borough Council, as owners).

93/20 Catholic Church Schooling Proposals

Resolved that information be sought from Cumbria County Council on the number of schools in Cumbria, the number which were academies & the number which were catholic schools.

94/20 Credit Union Office

Resolved that, following the Credit Union's departure from the Town Hall, its' only venue in Maryport, Allerdale Borough Council Maryport Regeneration officers be requested to how it is planned to ensure the effective provision of services for the area.

95/20 Flood Resilience Proposals

Resolved that Cumbria County Council be invited to make a presentation on the Environment Agency's proposals for flood resilience works for Flimby.

96/20 Pandemic Support

Resolved that the item be deferred.

97/20 Allerdale Area Office Front Desk Accessibility

Resolved that it be noted that Allerdale Borough Council Programme Director, Transformation & Operating Model, had met with Councillors Mrs A Kendall & P Kendall, & had advised that, upon the re-opening of the Town Hall following refurbishment, members of the public would be able to access the building via a reception area through which they could access the organisation & service required.

98/20 Maryport Memorial Gardens Christmas Lighting

Resolved that Allerdale Borough Council be requested to provide guidance on a suitable means of protecting trees from damage by lighting cables & that the Council make arrangements to receive advice from an arborist on the matter.

99/20 Items for the Next Agenda

None received.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, a meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date