

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 9 August 2021 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth (Chairman)	Councillor B Carter
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor P Mallyon
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	Councillor Ms S Stamper

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson, (Press)

15/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Copeland, J Newton, W Pegram, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

16/21 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from: Councillor G Hampson, Item 5(3), Personal as a member of Maryport Inshore Rescue; Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 5(5), Personal as an acquaintance of the applicant; & Councillor Ms C Slater, Item 5(4), Personal as a member of the Castle Hill Trust.

17/21 Requests for Dispensation

Requests for dispensation to speak were received from: Councillor G Hampson, Item 5(3); Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 5(5); & Councillor Ms C Slater, Item 5(4).

Resolved that the requests be granted.

18/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 7 June 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 June 2021 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19/21 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £10,000 be awarded to Allerdale Borough Council towards the Taste the Sea Festival 2021.
- 2) No beacon be displayed in support of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022, instead memorial trees be planted as previously agreed.
- 3) A grant of £500 be awarded to Maryport Inshore Rescue following notification of usage made of the grant awarded in 2020/21.
- 4) A grant of £250 be awarded to Castle Hill Trust in support of two Circus Skills Workshops to be held on 12 September 2021.
- 5) It be agreed to arrange the purchase of a silhouette commemorating Women at War to be sited in Maryport Memorial Gardens.
- 6) A grant of £1,980 be awarded to Owl Blue in support of its consultancy service for individuals with hidden disabilities & their families.
- 7) A grant of £500 be awarded to Maryport Golf Club in support of the provision of a defibrillator to be sited outside the Golf Club.
- 8) Mr David Porthouse be invited to a meeting of available councillors, to be held on a suitable occasion, to discuss the Council's operational arrangements.

20/21 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £61,840.43, be agreed.

21/21 Police Report

Acting Sergeant Leesa Edwards & Police Constable Dawn Lowerson attended the meeting to report on Cumbria Police activities in the area. Members asked a number of questions which were suitably answered concerning:

- Operational arrangements for the Allerdale Hub
- Police support for local retailers
- Life Buoys
- Speeding traffic

Resolved that the report be welcomed & that an offer to attend such meetings as are considered possible in the future be agreed.

22/21 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2021 be agreed.

23/21 Tidy Stations

Resolved that the item be deferred to a future meeting.

24/21 Marine Litter

Resolved that the Council seek the support of the Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority in arranging a joint venture to assist with the management of marine litter being landed by Maryport fishing boats.

25/21 Council Business Strategy

Resolved that a review of the Council's Business Strategy be deferred until after clarification of the Town Council's operational requirements following local government reorganisation in the area.

26/21 Heritage Signage

Resolved that it be agreed to develop signage for the Shipping Brow & Harbour area in recognition of the former arrangements for shipbuilding & launching in Maryport, & in recognition of LS Lowry's artistic connections with the area, & that members be invited to submit suitable proposals for additional signage.

27/21 Christmas Lights Switch-on

Resolved that the Maryport Christmas Lights Switch-on 2021 be held on Saturday 27 November, & that suitable detailed arrangements for the event be developed in association with the Chairman.

28/21 Ground Maintenance Deficiencies

Resolved that:

- 1) Further to the receipt of information from Allerdale Borough Council concerning ground maintenance operations in the area, the Council seek details of contractual arrangements & schedule of works details for relevant sites.
- 2) The Council contact Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd concerning the poor condition of the harbour area & seek to have suitable ground maintenance works carried out.

29/21 Bench Remembrance Plaques

Resolved that members of the public be invited to submit proposals for memorial plaques as a part of the Council's Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

30/21 Items for the Next Agenda

- 1) Tidy Stations, (C Tindall)

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

Signed

Chairman

Date