

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee held on Monday 14 April 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Campbell
Councillor Ms D Charlton	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor D King
Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor W Pegram (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Tindall	Councillor L Williamson

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)

47/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Carter, Ms G Elliot, A Moore, G McAlpine, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

48/13 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Mrs C Tindall, Item 5(1), Personal.

49/13 Requests for Dispensations

None Received.

50/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 10 March 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee held on 10 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

51/13 Flimby Allotment Association Delegate's Report

A letter had been received from the Flimby Allotment Association Delegate, which appeared to be a response to the Council's letter of 11 December 2013, but failed to provide details of the Allotment Association's objectives, as requested. It was stated in the letter that the delegate had resigned from that position.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council contact the former delegate to ascertain whether a replacement had been agreed by the Association, & if so, respond to them.
- 2) The Council continue to provide skips on site & pest control treatment as determined necessary.
- 3) The Council consider options for addressing the continued problems with the access track.

52/13 Correspondence

Resolved that, in consideration of conditions 5.3 & 5.4 of the Council's Tenancy Agreement, it be noted that, further to a letter received from Mr R Hewitson, outlining the background to the provision of the plots which he occupied, some plots may not be suitable for cultivation of crops to the extent required & may have more hard landscaping than generally permitted.

Resolved that the Council agree special dispensation for plots 43, 46 & 47 on the Sandy Lonning Site, currently occupied by Mr Hewitson, to be maintained in a suitable condition to a lesser level of cultivation & higher level of hard landscaping than normally required.

53/13 Dog Fouling on Allotment Sites

Resolved that, given the continued problem of extensive dog fouling on the Council's Allotment sites, Allerdale Borough Council be requested to install 'No Fouling' signs at appropriate places on the sites.

54/13 Allotment Rentals in other Councils

Resolved that, further to Minute 44/13, it be noted that the level of allotment rents charged by surrounding local councils was considerably higher than those charged by Maryport Town Council.

55/13 Request for Plot Swap

A request had been received from a tenant on the Flimby Allotment Site to take on a plot due to be surrendered by a fellow plot holder, in exchange for the one he currently occupied, due to the wet conditions present on his plot.

Resolved that the Council not agree to the proposed plot exchange, recognising that preferential treatment should not be given to existing plot holders for such matters, & that the plot due to become vacant be offered to the next applicant on the waiting list.

46/13 Items for Next Agenda

None identified.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, a special meeting of the Council took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date