

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee held on Monday 9 December 2013 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

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| Councillor B Campbell | Councillor B Carter |
| 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 Mrs J Wood |

In Attendance

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

27/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G McAlpine, Councillor A Moore & Councillor M Wood.

28/13 Declarations of Interest

A Declaration of Interest was received from Councillor Ms C Tindall, Item 5, Personal.

29/13 Requests for Dispensations

A dispensation to speak on Item 5, Correspondence, Flimby Allotment Association delegate's report concerning Flimby Community Garden, was received from Councillor Ms C Tindall.

Resolved that dispensation be granted.

30/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 28 October 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Allotment Committee held on 28 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

31/13 Correspondence

Resolved that the schedule of correspondence be received & noted.

32/13 Flimby Allotment Association Delegate’s Report

A letter had been received from the Flimby Allotment Association Delegate, which made the following comments:

- 1) ‘It is the general feeling that in your rules that you issued to plot holders, that you are not allowed to cohabit, [sic], a plot. So if Miss Tindall or the committee she controls is allowed to do this, ie letting someone else work the plot, the Council should get rent for them [sic] two plots in compensation for loss of revenue’
- 2) ‘How will you be able to reprimand a plot holder for doing the same thing later?’
- 3) ‘The last time there was help on them, [sic], plots was by probationers, & shortly after there was, [sic], eight plots broke, [sic], into.’
- 4) ‘The question has also been asked did the Council get a Guarantee for the work done on, [sic], the entrance road, if so, how long was it for, & does it include putting it back to reasonable state with, [sic], no extra cost to the Council.’

Resolved that:

- 1) It be noted that the Flimby Community Plot was originally let on condition that it was for community use & that continued to be the case. Councillor Ms C Tindall is not the plot holder for the site, for which the equivalent of two plot rentals is payable.
- 2) Councillor Ms C Tindall is not the Chairman of the Town Council Allotment Committee.
- 3) The Council’s Allotment Management Policy permits neither the joint tenancy of plots, nor succession of plots.
- 4) It be noted that the Community Plot had been broken into on many occasions in comparison to other plots, & that the spate of break-ins referred to happened prior to operations being undertaken on the site by the probationary service, (the allegations relating to which are scurrilous).
- 5) It be noted that damage caused to the track was largely as a result of overly large vehicles accessing the site.
- 6) The Committee record its concerns at the tone & manner in which the Flimby Allotment Association had been expressing its communications with the Council, & the matters with which it had been concerning itself, in particular, the extent of unsubstantiated allegations being made on issues which were of no concern to the Allotment Association.
- 7) The Council contact the Allotment Association to request a statement on the Association’s Objectives as a representative body to assist with clarification of its responsibilities in communicating with the Council.

33/13 Items for Next Agenda

None identified.

The meeting finished at 8.00pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date