

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 8 December 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Campbell
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Ms G Elliot
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Ms C Tindall

In Attendance

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

78/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Mitchell, A Moore & Mrs L Radcliffe.

79/14 Declarations of Interest

None received.

80/14 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

81/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 27 October 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

82/14 Police Report

Sergeant J Stamper reported on the year on year figures for the Allerdale area. Burglary figures for dwellings showed a 30% reduction, whilst figures for external buildings had reduced by 50%. The Police had undertaken preventative work in this area, which appeared to have been successful. Car crime figures showed an increase of 8% & anti-social behaviour was down by 18%, where the Police had taken a focussed approach to vulnerable & repeat victims.

Recent criminal activities included a robbery at Maryport Co-operative store, for which there had been two arrests; drugs issues, where one person had been charged with possession & another with possession with intent to supply; & an incident at Sandy Lonning Allotments on 30 November where a number of ducks had been killed. Police were carrying out high visibility work in response to that & issues in the vicinity of the surgery on Ewanrigg Road.

A hard hitting drink drive campaign had commenced recently, & people were being asked to inform the Police of suspected drink/drivers.

5 December had been International Volunteers Day & Sergeant Stamper paid tribute to Police support volunteers.

Sergeant Stamper responded to a number of questions from members:

- Investigations into problems with dangerous dogs at Flimby were being coordinated by Inspector Hunter. Members of the public were advised to continue to report concerns & incidents, which should also be reported to Allerdale Borough Council Dog Warden & the area Housing Associations.
- CCTV arrangements for the area, under the Police & Crime Commissioner's initiative, were being developed by a senior officer at Cumbria Police Headquarters. Once the initial arrangements had been put in place, it was anticipated that the coverage would be extended.

Resolved that the report be noted.

83/14 Correspondence

Resolved that the schedule of correspondence be received & noted, & the following matters determined:

- 1) That the Council advise the Hadrian's Wall Management Plan Committee that it was fully supportive of the committee's arrangements & would like to be kept informed of progress.
- 2) That the Council support proposals for making defibrillators accessible & ask the Cumbria Area North West Ambulance Service Trust for advice on suitable sites for defibrillators in Maryport & Flimby.
- 3) That the Council respond to concerns raised by Ms K Thompson, advising that it sympathised with her & was working with the Police on crime issues, & suggest that she work with neighbours, in conjunction with the Police, to address the problem.
- 4) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Solway Soul Rock Singers towards the operations of the group, so enabling membership charges to be reduced.
- 5) That Mr Alan Irving be invited to speak about his Facebook site, MARRAS, (Maryport Area Renewal & Regeneration Associates), following a letter from Sir Tony Cunningham in his support.
- 6) That a grant of £100 be awarded to Workington Transport Heritage Trust to support a free hourly bus service on Boxing Day running from Maryport to Workington, Whitehaven & the West Cumberland Hospital.

- 7) That in response to Allerdale Borough Council's consultation on the Management & Operations of Markets in Maryport, the Council invite Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport, Mr T Magean, to the next meeting to discuss the matter.
- 8) That a copy of CALC's letter to the Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government concerning local government structural arrangements in Cumbria be forwarded to members.

84/14 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £9,589.45, be agreed.

85/14 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 October 2014 be agreed.

86/14 Commissioning of Commemorative Quilts

Resolved that the Council discuss potential designs of quilts to be used to promote the Council's operations, together with making arrangements for two additional banners promoting the Council's support for events to be developed which can be used by event operators in the area, etc, who have received support from the Council.

87/14 Maryport Attributes

Resolved that the matter be deferred pending the Working Party meeting.

88/14 Cumbria in Bloom

Resolved that the Council's potential contribution in respect of Cumbria in Bloom be further considered once the operational arrangements for the competition had been reviewed, noting that submitting the town as a whole as an entry was likely to be a costly venture.

89/14 Christmas Lights Funding

Resolved that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council seeking information on the means by which funding for events & festivals could be obtained, & invite Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport, Mr T Magean, to provide guidance of how he could assist with this issue.

90/14 War Memorials

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council again invite submission of potential names to be added to the Flimby & Maryport War Memorials, which should be verified with the Royal British Legion, in accordance with requirements, & arrange for their addition to the memorials prior to Remembrance Day 2015.

- 2) The Council seek to have added to an appropriate Book of Remembrance the names of any civilian casualties from the wars which it deems appropriate.

91/14 Food Banks

Resolved that the Council contact the Prime Minister, expressing its support for the findings & recommendations of the report 'Feeding Britain' by the All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry into Hunger & Food Poverty in Britain, funded by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Charitable Trust, & ask that the government support & act on the report in accordance with its recommendations.

92/14 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date