

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 12 January 2015 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

## Present

<b>Councillor S Ashworth</b>
<b>Councillor B Carter</b>
<b>Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)</b>
<b>Councillor W Pegram</b>

<b>Councillor B Campbell</b>
<b>Councillor Mrs A Kendall</b>
<b>Councillor A Moore</b>
<b>Councillor L Williamson</b>

## In Attendance

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

### **93/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D King, G Mitchell, Mrs C McCarron-Holmes, Mrs L Radcliffe, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

### **94/14 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

### **95/14 Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **96/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

### **97/14 Police Report**

Sergeant J Stamper explained that residents of Maryport may get some rest bite as a re-offender in the area had been sentenced to 12 months in jail.

Sergeant Stamper reported on figures for Allerdale as a year on year comparison.

Burglaries from dwellings showed a decrease of 24%, and burglaries from other premises, such as out buildings and sheds, were down by 48%.

Car crime was showing an increase of 11%. A drugs warrant had been executed on Crosby Street recently which resulted in two arrests, the warrant being issued following community concerns.

An arrest had been made, for the first time in a long time in this area, under the Vagrancy Act of 1824. A man had been persistently begging in the towns of Maryport & Workington & would be issued with a behaviour order.

Anti-social Behaviour had fallen by 17% on the previous year's figures, although small pockets of youths were being passed to other organisations if found to be in groups in the area.

A new Crime Prevention forensic code product would soon be available for the vulnerable, which was a unique DNA like substance which could be placed onto valuables in dwellings and sheds & could later be used for identification if a crime had taken place.

Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner would be in Maryport on Wednesday 14 January & would be available to attend a future Town Council meeting if requested. Sergeant Stamper agreed to investigate the problem of youths on scooters in both Maryport and the surrounding villages.

**Resolved** that the report be noted & that the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

### **98/14 Correspondence**

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

- 1) That Councillor P Kendall be agreed as representative of the Town Council at meetings of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site Management Plan Committee.
- 2) That the consultation on Parish Polls modernisation be noted.
- 3) That no donation to be made in respect of the Open Spaces Society Anniversary Appeal Donation Request.
- 4) That consideration of potential Banner Sites in Maryport be deferred until the next meeting.
- 5) That further consideration of the consultation on Management & Operation of Markets in Allerdale be deferred until the next meeting.
- 6) That no response be made on the Allerdale Borough Council Public Consultation on 2015/16 Budget Proposals.
- 7) That no response be made on the Allerdale Borough Council Consultation on Council Plan 2015 to 2019.
- 8) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport Extended School Partnership in respect of a World War 1 Project.

### **99/14 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £4,457.85 be agreed.

**100/14 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 November 2014 be agreed.

**101/14 Maryport Attributes**

**Resolved** that the item be deferred until the next meeting.

**102/14 Tackling Poverty**

**Resolved** that the Council note the arrangements made by Cumbria County Council in providing a service to assist people experiencing difficulties connected with poverty & that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council to request that it provide use of facilities at Maryport Town Hall for Allerdale Credit Union, should it be required.

**103/14 Bus Shelters**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) A Bus Shelter on Grasmere Avenue which has been made redundant following recent changes in bus routes be removed.
- 2) The Shelter be split into two parts, one part to be erected on the A594 opposite the Bounty Inn and the other half to be stored & erected at a location to be agreed at a future meeting.

**104/14 Items for Next Agenda**

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| 1) Maryport Attributes | C McCarron-Homes                |
| 2) Banner Sites        | P Kendall & Town Centre Manager |
| 3) Markets in Maryport | P Kendall & Town Centre Manager |

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....