

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 13 January 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor B Campbell	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Ms D Charlton	Councillor Ms G Elliot
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)
Councillor D King	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Ms C Tindall	

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mr James Broadhurst (Press)
Sergeant J Stamper (Cumbria Constabulary)

101/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Moore, Councillor M Wood, Councillor Mrs J Wood, Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes, Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe & Councillor G Mitchell.

102/13 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs A Kendall, Item 7(9), Personal & Prejudicial & Councillor W Pegram, Item 7(9), Personal & Prejudicial.
Resolved that the declarations of interest be recorded.

103/13 Requests for Dispensations

Dispensation requests were received from Councillor Mrs A Kendall, Item 7(9) & Councillor W Pegram, Item 7(9).
Resolved that the requests be agreed.

104/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 December 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

105/13 Police Report

Sergeant J Stamper advised that violent crime had increased in December, but that was typical for the time of year & was drink related. There had been a small reduction in burglaries & theft from shops had decreased by 26%.

Police had been involved in assisting with many incidents over the previous few weeks resulting from the weather conditions, such as the rescue of people stuck in water and similar incidents.

Vehicle damage in all areas of Maryport during New Year's Day had resulted in the arrests of three young people. A well-known Maryport man had been sentenced to jail for 3 years, following a raid at the premises where he lived, which uncovered £3,000 worth of cocaine. Another raid took place shortly afterwards, which uncovered heroin, and the person involved was due to be sentenced in the near future.

A 'Say Safe' exercise had been carried out in December, but the adverse weather conditions had affected the results, with no young children found out on the streets at unsuitable times.

Upcoming strategies over January would include a crime prevention day which would be held in the Coop, focussing on providing information to combat potential burglaries, encouraging people to lock doors & windows.

Police had been working with the Highways Agency regarding speed limits in Crosby, Prospect and other surrounding villages, and it was considered that speed limits could be reduced as a result of that process.

The Police were currently working with County Highways on a road analysis to eliminate congestion and dangerous driving in Flimby where buses, particularly near to traffic islands.

Resolved that the report be noted.

106/13 Correspondence

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

- 1) That no action be taken following receipt of a quote for introducing Christmas lights at Fleming Square, it being considered overly costly for a small area of town, & that other suitable areas nearer the centre of town be identified & quotes sought for extending Christmas lighting there.
- 2) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport C of E Junior School towards the establishment of a 'forest school' project.
- 3) That a grant of £250 be awarded to All Souls Church, Netherton, towards a Festival of Industry, Past & Present, event.
- 4) The Council write to Cumbria County Council & Stagecoach, following complaints received from the general public, to express concerns about the withdrawal of bus subsidies from some routes in Maryport, particularly the 'down street' area covering properties near the harbour, & the introduction of unrequired routes, such as that covering the Sycamore Road area.

107/13 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £5573.70, be agreed.

108/13 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 November 2013 be agreed.

109/13 Flower Bed/Display Grasslot, South Entrance Maryport

Resolved that it be noted that Cumbria County Council owned the flower bed & that no action be taken in respect of introducing signage for events, etc, on that site but that other potential sites be investigated.

110/13 Town Plan

Resolved that the proposed arrangements for developing a Town Plan be agreed & that, subject to full funding being secured, Action for Market Towns be appointed as the Council's partner for developing the plan.

111/13 Bus Shelter opposite Bounty Inn

Resolved that quotes be sought for a new shelter to be constructed on the site of the former shelter opposite the Bounty Inn & that a contribution towards the costs be sought from Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes, as County Council representative for the area.

112/13 Items for the Next Agenda

- 1) Floral Features
- 2) Food Distribution

Peter Kendall
Brian Carter

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

Signed

Chairman

Date