

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22 January 2018 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor P McCarthy	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms N Shaw
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)

In Attendance

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

66/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Tyson, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

67/17 Declarations of Interest

None Received

68/17 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

69/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 6 November 2017

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 6 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

70/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 November 2017

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71/17 Police Report

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Inspector Rachel Gale.

72/17 Correspondence

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

- 1) Further to a letter from Mr G Miller of James Street, Maryport, requesting the provision of Christmas lighting in the south quay area, Mr Miller be advised that the lamp posts in that area are of insufficient strength to support a string of lights, as advised by its contractors, & that the Council had requested permission from the property owners in that area to display a string of lights from the Navy Club to the Dentist Surgery, but had not been granted permission by private properties forming part of that group.
- 2) Further to a request so Allerdale Borough Council to provide grant funding to support the Maryport Blues Festival & a response from Allerdale Council Leader Mr Alan Smith which suggested that the Town Council raise its precept to provide additional funds for this purpose, the Council follow-up its similar request to Allerdale Chief Executive & appointed Maryport Champion Mr Ian Frost, seeking a response.
- 3) Since the response from the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's office to the Council's enquiry concerning the basis of the Commissioner's allocation of CCTV cameras across the county had failed to explain that basis & merely listed the chosen sites, the Council continue to pursue the matter, & a meeting be arranged with Inspector R Gale to address the matter, following her non-attendance at the meeting.
- 4) A grant of £250 be awarded to Netherhall Rugby Club in support of a Bonfire & Fireworks display, and that the Funding Application Form be amended to include a request for the registered charity number in the event of an applicant declaring itself to be a registered charity.
- 5) Following a request received from Allerdale Borough Councillor Mr Michael Heaslip to consider accepting a transfer of ownership & responsibility for a number of sites within the Town Council area, including land surrounding Ellenborough Green Play Area, Camp Road Play Area & surrounding land, & Flimby Recreation Fields at West Lane & Lowther Street, the Council advise that, particularly with respect to the annual running costs of some £26,000 notified for the sites indicated, the Council was not willing to accept the offer.

73/17 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £22,078.28, be agreed.

74/17 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2017 be agreed, including:

- 1) A transfer of £3,100 from the Allotments Improvement Reserve to meet the cost of Allotment Site improvements.
- 2) A transfer of £930 from the Office Equipment Reserve to meet the cost of a new computer.
- 3) A transfer of £2,840 from the Environmental Improvements Reserve to meet the cost of providing a bus shelter at Ellenborough.

75/17 Improving Engagement with Local Bodies

Resolved that the Community Engagement Working Party’s proposals from its meeting held on 15 January be agreed, namely that:

- 1) A record of the existence & purpose of Maryport organisations be established, through addition by members to the draft list, to assist in identifying possible communication arrangements.
- 2) Maryport Town Council Strategy be made available on the Council’s website.
- 3) The Council review how it publicises itself, & that:
- 4) The Working Party agree its Terms of Reference for consideration at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.
- 5) The Working Party be requested to complete its work within six months.

76/17 Ned Smith Memorial Commemoration

Resolved that, further to Minute 21/15, the Council commence development of arrangements to commemorate the unveiling of the Ned Smith Victoria Cross Commemorative Paving Stone on the centenary anniversary of his receipt of the award in collaboration with the community & respective local organisations, taking such advice & guidance from Allerdale Borough Council & Workington Town Council as is required.

77/17 Items for Next Agenda

- 1) Citizens’ Advice Bureau, (S Stamper)
To consider arrangements for the provision of the service in the Maryport area.
- 2) Acquisition of Maryport Town Hall for £1, (P Kendall)
To consider a proposal that the Town Council seek to acquire ownership of Maryport Town Hall from Allerdale Borough Council for £1.
- 3) Disability Access, (P McCarthy)
To consider a proposal that the Council investigate disability access arrangements at Maryport Town Hall.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date