

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 25 January 2021 virtually, as permitted by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”), at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor D Porthouse	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	Councillor Ms S Stamper
Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)	

In Attendance

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

67/20 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Newton

68/20 Declarations of Interest

None received.

69/20 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

70/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 14 December 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14 December 2020 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

71/20 Correspondence

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

- 1) It be agreed that two bus shelters were required at Eagle Gill, Flimby, & that permission be sought for permission to install suitable shelters at suitable sites from the land owners & Cumbria County Council, as appropriate.
- 2) No comments be offered to Allerdale Borough Council concerning its 2021/22 Budget Consultation.
- 3) Further to Cumbria County Council's Cumbrian Laptop Appeal:
 - a) The Town Council agree an initial budget of £4,000 towards the provision of tablets & laptops for Maryport Schools, based on the schools' identified needs, for assistance for young people in need their home learning following schools' closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - b) A virement of £4,000 be made from the Festivals Promotion budget to support the scheme.

72/20 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £13,687.48 be agreed.

73/20 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2020 be agreed.

74/20 Flimby Cemetery

Resolved that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council Property Services Manager to ascertain when works were planned to be carried out to provide an extended path at Flimby Cemetery to improve access for users.

75/20 Pandemic Support

Resolved that the item be deferred.

76/20 Allerdale Area Office Front Desk Accessibility

Resolved that, given the Town Council's concerns at proposals by Allerdale Borough Council to change accessibility arrangements for members of the public to its Maryport Office to an appointment-only system, Allerdale be advised of the Town Council's concerns at the potential impact of the proposals on users, particularly members of the community who struggled with modern technology, & that the Town Council's preference was for a non-appointment-based system.

77/20 North West Ambulance ‘Save a Life’ Scheme

Resolved that, further to the lack of awareness of the scheme & the lack of interest in it shown by Maryport Schools, it be agreed not to support the scheme at this time.

78/20 Flimby Band Room

Resolved that Allerdale Borough Council Planning & Building Control Manager be contacted to arrange for a site meeting, due to the dangerous state of the building, noting that it was understood that the building was the subject of a compulsory purchase order by Allerdale Borough Council some twenty years ago, as a result of which the owners were rehomed.

79/20 Items for the Next Agenda

- 1) Proposals of the Catholic Church to convert all Catholic Schools in the area to Academy status

P Kendall

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

Signed

Chairman

Date