

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 27 July 2015 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor S Barcock
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor L Williamson
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)

11/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G McApline, Ms C Tindall & T Todd.

12/15 Declarations of Interest

None Received

13/15 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

14/15 Minutes of Meeting held on 1 June 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 1 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

15/15 Police Report

PCSO's Alison Renny & Emma Light advised the committee that no problems or trouble had been reported throughout the Blues Festival held the previous weekend & that everything had run smoothly.

No crime statistics were reported, & there were no specific problems in the area to report. During the week, the PCSO's would be holding a 'Junior be a PCSO' for a week. Participants had been chosen by local schools, & would be shown various aspects of police work which it was hoped would act as a deterrent to them becoming involved in anti-social behaviour in the future.

PCSO's Renny & Light responded to a number of comments & questions:

- Members thanked the Police for their work during the Blues Festival weekend.
- Issues were raised concerning parking in unsuitable places, causing an obstruction for both drivers & pedestrians. The Police advised that they were not responsible for parking on double yellow lines but could enforce if a vehicle was causing an obstruction. They agreed to investigate particular problems reported to them.
- It was pointed out that vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonnes in weight were using Mealpot Road regularly, disregarding the weight restriction limit on that route. The Police agreed to investigate.

Resolved that the report be noted, & that letters of thanks be sent to the Festival Group & Allerdale Borough Council for their organisation of the Blues Festival & contribution to a rapid clean up after the event, respectively.

16/15 Correspondence

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

- 1) That, further to the letter from Mr J G Mitchell expressing his disappointment & claiming that he was not notified that he would need to stand for election at the last Council election to stand a chance of being re-elected, it be noted that the correct administrative procedure had been followed, that Election Notices had been posted & that all Council members had been advised that nomination papers were available for those who wished to stand in the election, & that no further action be taken.
- 2) That Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport, in his request for issues caused by bus service cuts, be advised that further details were required concerning what was planned to be done with the information before members could comment.
- 3) That Allerdale Borough Council Communications & Marketing Manager, in his consultation on Market Provision, be advised that Maryport was not a Charter Market Town, but, in line with previous recent responses on the matter to Allerdale Borough Council, if a market were to be held in Maryport, the Council's preference was that it be on Mill Street Car Park.
- 4) That the letter of thanks from Brigadier P S Rafferty of the Duke of Lancaster Regiment thanking the people of Maryport for the tremendous welcome they gave to the members of the regiment who took part in the Freedom of the Town Parade on 20 May be welcomed; in particular, his comments on how tremendously proud the Kingsmen had felt to march through Maryport & how overwhelmed they had been by the genuine warmth they had received from the members of the community watching. Most important to them, he stated, were the lengths that Maryport had gone to in making sure everyone had a great day.

17/15 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £22,080.48, be agreed.

18/15 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 June 2015 be agreed & that a virement of £2,000 be made from Grants & Donations to Strategy Development.

19/15 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the report be agreed, noting the commendations received on the quality & completeness of reports & financial records, and thanks given to the Town Clerks for their hard work.

20/15 Partnership Arrangements

Resolved that a Working Party be set up to develop a formal partnership statement for application to partnership work undertaken by the Town Council, consisting of Councillors Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Ms C Tindall & Mrs L Radcliffe.

21/15 Consideration of location of Memorial Stone

Resolved that, in respect of the memorial stone due to be forwarded to the Town Council for suitable placement on the one hundredth anniversary of the receipt of the Victoria Cross by Private Ned Smith, the family of Mr Smith be consulted on the Council's proposal that it be located on a raised, angled plinth, on the harbour side, directly opposite his former residence.

22/15 Shortfall in repairs to Maryport Town Hall

Resolved that it be noted that the recent repairs to Maryport Town Hall had excluded replacement of the boiler, believed to be some 35 years old, & included in the original programme of works, & that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council requesting that those planned works be reinstated.

23/15 Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant 2015/16

Resolved that, in addition to the continental market held in May, the Council support community projects designed improve Maryport's attraction to visitors, including a sight & sound project, additional seating in various areas to be confirmed, & a project to develop canvasses for empty shop windows.

24/15 Best Kept Garden & Container Display

Resolved that councillors Peter Kendall, Linda Radcliffe & Carol Tindall be agreed as judges for the 2015 competition.

25/15 Grit Bin at Windermere Road

Resolved that a new bin be purchased and placed at the top of Windermere Road, Maryport.

26/15 Estates Clean-up

Resolved that a Town Council Spring Clean Week be held & that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council seeking support for the proposal, to involve local residents, in addressing a different part of Maryport & Flimby each day.

27/15 Additional Topics for Allerdale Borough Council Scrutiny Committee

Resolved that, further to Allerdale Borough Council’s request for topics for the new Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan, the Council support the following additional proposals to those previously agreed & submitted, (Minute 6/15(3) refers):

- 1) The lack of ground maintenance on the cycle track in the area, the Black Path from the Senhouse Roman Museum to Netherhall Road, & the Milltoft footpath from Curzon Street to Ellenborough Place.
- 2) The extent of maintenance of Maryport Promenade, including weeds, tripping hazards on concrete & dog fouling.
- 3) The meals service at Maryport Cottage Hospital.

28/15 Collaborative Working with Maryport Organisations

Resolved that members provide the Clerks’ Office with matters raised at the recent meeting with Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager Mr T Magean, for submission to Allerdale Head of Regeneration service Mr N Hardy, in preparation for a meeting arranged with Mr Hardy to discuss working arrangements between Allerdale & the Town Council.

29/15 Appointment of Council Representative to Love Maryport Group

Resolved that Councillor P Kendall be agreed as the Town Council’s representative on the Love Maryport Group.

30/15 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date