

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11 June 2018 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)
Councillor P McCarthy	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)

In Attendance

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

1/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C McCarron-Holmes, W Pegram, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

2/18 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors A Kendall, (Item 8(10), Personal as a Member of Allerdale Borough Council; Councillor P Kendall, (Item 8(10), Personal as a Member of Allerdale Borough Council; P McCarthy, (Item 5(10)), Personal as Chairman of the applicant organisation; Mrs L Radcliffe, (Item 5(2)), Personal as School Governor, Maryport C of E Junior School; Ms C Tindall, (Item 5(3), Personal as member of Flimby Carnival Committee.

3/18 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

4/18 Minutes of Meeting held on 23 April 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 23 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/18 Correspondence

Note that Councillor P McCarthy left the room whilst Item 5(10) was considered.

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

- 1) Allerdale Borough Council be requested to provide a record of the footway lighting in respect of the Maryport parish area.
- 2) No comments be offered on proposals for the establishment of a Maryport C of E Primary School.
- 3) A grant of £2,000 be awarded towards Flimby Carnival 2018.
- 4) The resignation of Ms N Shaw from the Town Council be noted & a letter of thanks be sent.
- 5) A grant of £250 be awarded to Castle Hill Trust in respect of a Gardening for All Club.
- 6) A Red Ensign be acquired & raised on the 3rd September in support of Merchant Navy Day.
- 7) A grant of £250 be awarded to the Maryporters Group towards the staging of a Community Arts Festival to be held on 28 & 29 September 2018.
- 8) Repairs be carried out as considered necessary to Ellenborough Play Area equipment, following receipt of the Annual Play Inspection Report.
- 9) No contribution be made towards the Open Space Society's 'Please help us to realise a 50 year old vision' appeal.
- 10) No grant be awarded to the Hub Bub Hillside Community Shop & Café, noting that start-up funding for businesses was not a service which the Town Council provided, & that it be suggested that the organisation contact suitable potential funders, such as Cumbria Community Foundation.

6/18 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £51,752.22, be agreed.

7/18 Police Report

Catherine Keevil, PCSO for the Seaton & Clifton area, attended and updated on recent issues in Maryport. She advised that Crosby Street flats which had recently seen a lot of anti-social behaviour reports, were now under the management of a new landlord and all tenants evicted. Up-coming tenants were being vetted before awarded a tenancy, which had led to a dramatic fall in reports received.

Ewanrigg Junior School Children had been taking part in a mini police campaign, where they were able to see a lot of aspects of being in the force, & as a reward, Police dog handlers had been into schools. Cumbria Police had obtained further funding for carrying out such campaign work & hoped to do this in other schools in the area soon.

PCSO Keevil agreed to report concerns with the use of Mealpot Road by overly large vehicles on a weight restricted route to the appropriate Traffic Officer, together with concerns of speeding vehicles on the A594 approaching Maryport.

PCSO Keevil explained the comparative basis behind Police response times to incidents. She agreed to investigate possible assistance in identifying internet fraud for visitors to the Methodist Centre on Senhouse Street, & to report a need for liaison with British Transport Police regarding concerns of anti-social behaviour at Flimby Railway Station area.

Resolved that PCSO Catherine Keevil be thanked for her attendance & that the report be noted.

8/18 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 April 2018 be agreed.

9/18 Financial Reserves 2017/18

Resolved that the position of the Council's Financial Reserves at 31 March 2018 be noted & that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2018 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £307
- 2) Building Maintenance Report: £5,000
- 3) Allotments Improvements Reserve: £2,000
- 4) Elections Reserve: £3,550
- 5) Christmas Lights Reserve: £2,000.

10/18 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018 be accepted and the Council Town Clerks commended for their excellent work.

11/18 Review of Council Business Strategy

Resolved that the updates proposed to the Council's Business Strategy by the Business Strategy Working Party be agreed & the Strategy updated accordingly.

12/18 Best Kept Garden & Container Competition, & Best Kept Allotment Competition 2018

Resolved that arrangements be made for the provision of a Best Kept Garden & Container Competition & a Best Kept Allotment Competition in 2018, the judging to take place early in August by a Competition Committee to consist of Councillors S Ashworth, P Kendall & Mrs L Radcliffe.

13/18 Citizens Advice Bureau

Resolved that, further to a report received advising that Citizens Advice Bureau, (CAB), had ceased to provide a service in conjunction with the provision of the food bank service in Maryport, CAB be requested to consider rearranging its Maryport opening times at its Selby Terrace office to include an evening session.

14/18 Disability Access

Resolved that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council Health & Safety officer to seek guidance on the law regarding the provision of a loop system, noting that Allerdale Borough Council provides a loop system at its meeting room in Allerdale House which is available for use by Workington Town Council.

15/18 NHS Cumbria

Resolved that, following recent changes to the organisational arrangements for healthcare impacting on Maryport, the success of the application of those arrangements be kept under review.

16/18 Dementia Friendly Town

Resolved that the Town Council endorse & support the introduction of provisions to make Maryport a dementia friendly town & provide funding for the development of an explanatory leaflet for Maryport businesses.

17/18 Members Allowance Scheme

Resolved that the Members Allowance Scheme, as set out in the report, be agreed.

18/19 Manchester Event

Resolved that the Council support the event arranged by Allerdale Borough Council to be held in Manchester in August to promote the area, & that it be agreed that Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall & Ms C Tindall attend to promote Maryport on behalf of Maryport businesses, with expenses, as provided for in the Town Council Members Allowance Scheme, met from savings through the non-appointment of a Mayor in 2018/19.

19/18 Beach Clean & Plastics

Resolved that the Town Council make arrangements for two dates for a beach clean-up & that the events be promoted to attract volunteers, with Maryport schools invited to take part.

20/18 Cumbria in Bloom

Resolved that, following discussions held with representatives from the Maryporters Group:

- 1) Maryport enter the small town category of Cumbria in Bloom.
- 2) The Maryporters Group be responsible for dealing with all the arrangements in respect of the entry.
- 3) The Town Council pay the £80 entry fee.

21/18 Items for the Next Agenda

- 1) Review of the Council's Grant Application Form requirements P Kendall

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

Signed

Chairman

Date