

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 12 June 2017 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport 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 Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor L Williamson	Councillor Mrs J Wood
Councillor M Wood	

## In Attendance

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

### 1/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, Ms S Stamper & I Tyson.

### 2/17 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Ms C Tindall, Item 8(11), Personal.

### 3/17 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

### 4/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 April 2017

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 24 April 2017 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

## **5/17 Correspondence**

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

- 1) A grant of £200 be awarded to New Arts North Ltd as a contribution towards its street theatre event in Maryport.
- 2) A proposed inscription for a plaque, in recognition Edward, (Ned), Benn Smith, resident of Maryport & youngest recipient of the Victoria Cross in World War 1, supplied by a member of the public, be agreed, with the addition of the relevant date of commemoration, and that it be placed on a bench overlooking North Quay, where Mr Smith resided.
- 3) In respect of a request from a member of the public for lights on a back lane between North Street & Fleming Street to be repaired, the Clerks review the Council minutes, from around 1994, to seek a record of it being reported that back lanes had been adopted by Cumbria County Council, as the Town Council had apparently been advised at the time, & to contact Cumbria County Council for information on the matter as necessary.
- 4) The Council register as a Charter Branch in respect of the Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree Scheme.
- 5) Further to a request for funding received from Maryport Infant School in respect of shed vandalism, the matter be deferred pending receipt of information regarding any insurance claim.
- 6) The Council support the commemoration of Merchant Navy Day on 3 September by flying the Red Ensign, following a request from Seafarers UK.

## **6/17 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) Accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £17,039.06, be agreed.

## **7/17 Police Report**

A written report was received from Sergeant David MacDonald.

**Resolved** that the report be noted & Sergeant MacDonald thanked for his hard work.

## **8/17 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 May 2017 be agreed.
- 2) Virements of £2,000 from the Mayor's Allowance & £500 from the Deputy Mayor's Allowance budgets to the Grants & Donations budget be agreed.

#### **9/17 Financial Reserves 2016/17**

**Resolved** that the position of the Council's Financial Reserves at 31 March 2017 be noted & that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2017 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £691
- 2) Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant Reserve: £2,685
- 3) Environmental Improvements Reserve: £18,000
- 4) Allotment Improvements Reserve: £10,000
- 5) Building Maintenance Reserve: £2,000
- 6) Elections Reserve: £4,000.

#### **10/17 Christmas Lights Maintenance Contract**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Council seek to reappoint its current contractors for the maintenance of Christmas lighting with effect from 1 October 2017, & that the Chairman of the Council & the Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be authorised to negotiate the contract on the Council's behalf, within the Council's budget.
- 2) The contractors be asked to pay due attention to health & safety matters, following a report from Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes that she had witnessed on ten occasions in 2016 & ten occasions in 2015 a young lad supporting a ladder without the appropriate clothing for such work.

#### **11/17 Best Kept Garden & Container Competition & Best Kept Allotment Competition, 2017**

**Resolved** that arrangements be made for the provision of a Best Kept Garden & Container Competition & a Best Kept Allotment Competition in 2017, the judging to take place in August by a Competition Committee to consist of Councillors P Kendall, W Pegram, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms C Tindall.

#### **12/17 Internal Audit Report**

**Resolved** that the Internal Audit Report for the period 1 October 2016 to 31 March 2017 be accepted and the Council Town Clerks commended for their excellent work.

#### **13/17 Review of Business Strategy Working Party**

**Resolved** that the item be deferred pending a meeting of the Working Party being held.

#### **14/17 Grant Policy**

**Resolved** that the Grant Policy be amended to include a requirement that Annual grant recipients, as relevant, provide information on income & expenditure, in particular identifying staff costs, on a quarterly basis.

**15/17 Poppy Appeal Garden of Remembrance**

**Resolved** that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council to ask whether the existing Garden of Remembrance in the Memorial Gardens could be adapted to include representation as a Poppy Appeal Garden of Remembrance.

**16/17 Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant**

**Resolved** that consideration of projects proposed to be funded from Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant in 2017 be deferred pending consideration of Planning & Economic Development Item 9(3) concerning 'public realm in the town centre' & its inclusion within the Council's Business Strategy.

**17/17 Support for Flimby Band**

**Resolved** that the Council support an application for funding for band practice facilities to Allerdale Borough Council from Flimby Band, on the condition that, should the application be successful & result in the band acquiring responsibility for suitable facilities, other community groups have access to the use of the building/rooms.

**18/17 Items for Next Agenda**

- 1) Christmas Lights Switch-on Arrangements

Peter Kendall

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....