

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 1 June 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 Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms S Stamper
Councillor T Todd	

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Viv Paterson (Press)

1/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Kemp, G McAlpine, W Pegram, Ms C Tindall & L Williamson.

2/15 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Item 9(2), Personal.

Resolved that the declaration be noted.

3/15 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

4/15 Minutes of Meeting held on 27 April 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 27 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/15 Police Report

PCSO Lisa Jackson advised that she was attending in place of Inspector Hunter following a recent significant crime.

She explained that the crime rate had increased following three burglaries in the Hillside area in the last couple of weeks & one at the Bowling Club, when thieves had tried to gain access during the night. Police advice was that everyone should keep doors and windows locked.

An incident on Senhouse Street, when a car collided with a bollard, had turned out to be an unfortunate medical incident and no one would be prosecuted.

PCSO Jackson responded to a number of questions from members:

- It was agreed that the Police would monitor vehicle speeds in the Fothergill area, following the recent change in speed limits, & a report of vehicles regularly exceeding that, causing difficulty for residents in the area gaining access to & leaving their properties.
- It was agreed that the Police would monitor drivers in the town for the use of mobile phones, following a report of a number of incidents in the town centre.

Resolved that the report be noted & that Cumbria Police be thanked for their hard work.

6/15 Correspondence

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

- 1) That, following the receipt of concerns regarding the state of repair of an electrical switch box on land owned by the Trinity Baptist Church at Curzon Street, the Council seek information on the costs of repair & removal of the box.
- 2) That the Council continue to subscribe to Cumbria Association of Local Councils, noting the good value of advice received by the Council on local government matters.
- 3) That, in response to the request from Allerdale Borough Council for suggested topics for its Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Plan, it be suggested that a review of the management & organisation of electoral arrangements be undertaken, to include, in particular, the timetable for the postal ballot process, the screening of Polling Station staff as a part of the recruitment process, recruitment arrangements for staff at counting centres & arrangements at counting centres to enable where particular counts are taking place to be readily determined by observers.
- 4) That the NALC Direction of Travel be noted.
- 5) That Councillors S Barcock, Ms S Stamper & T Todd & be enrolled on the New Councillor training course to be held on Monday 22 June, 2pm, in Cockermouth.
- 6) That the letter of thanks for the organisation of the Freedom of the Town award to the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment received from the local branch of the Regimental Association be welcomed, the success of the well organised event be noted & those organisations which had assisted in the arrangements be thanked for their contributions to such a prestigious event.

7/15 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £87,493.48, be agreed.

8/15 Financial Reserves 2014/15

Resolved that the position of the Council’s Financial Reserves at 31 March 2015 be noted & that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2015 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £899
- 2) Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant: £10,000
- 3) Christmas Lights Reserve: £6,500
- 4) Allotment Improvements Reserve: £15,000
- 5) Festivals Promotion Reserve: £4,500.

9/15 Cumbria County Council Adult Education Centre Administration Office Location

It was noted that the local press had recently reported on plans by Cumbria County Council to transfer its Adult Education Centre Administration staff from The Settlement to a new, centralised, location as a part of a budget saving exercise.

Resolved that the position be kept under review.

10/15 Items for Next Agenda

- 1) Partnership Arrangements

C McCarron Holmes

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

Signed

Chairman

Date