

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 2 June 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Campbell
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Ms D Charlton
Councillor Ms G Elliot	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Tindall
Councillor L Williamson	Councillor Mrs J Wood
Councillor M Wood	

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)
Member of Public

1/14 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D King.

2/14 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor Mrs A Kendall, Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Councillor W Pegram & Councillor Ms C Tindall, all in respect of Item 11.

3/14 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

4/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 14 April 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 14 April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/14 Police Report

Emma Light, PCSO for Maryport & Flimby, reported on crime figures for the area. Crime overall was down by 19% compared with the previous year.

All licensed premises had been visited by an officer regarding the upcoming World Cup, and an increased police presence would be in the town during the event.

Cumbria Police were introducing a help desk available in The Wave Centre on Thursday afternoons for anyone wishing to speak to an officer; the service would commence on 16th June 2014.

During National Volunteers' Week, local services would be holding an open day event in the Maryport Harbour area on Saturday 7th June, all were welcome.

It was agreed that it would be appropriate that Item10, Other Items (2), be considered in the presence of the Police, given its nature. In that respect, concerns were expressed at an outbreak of flyposting in Maryport. Members were advised that the police had been informed.

Resolved that the report be noted & that the Council contact the Police, given the potential criminal nature of the action & Allerdale Borough Council, with respect to the potential contravention of provisions of the Environmental Protection Act.

6/14 Presentation by Kate Whitmarsh, Ewanrigg Local Trust

The Ewanrigg Local Trust had been awarded £1 million to develop Ewanrigg over the next ten years and promote wellbeing. The grant had been awarded to the area due to the extent of poverty and deprivation on the estate, as well as the number of volunteer groups in Ewanrigg. The resources had been awarded to the Ewanrigg Estate area only and not the town in general.

Completion of questionnaires and consultations had already taken place under the first phase of the Trust's operations, which was supported by statistics from the latest census and from the Cumbria Observatory. Already lots of improvements could be seen in Ewanrigg, which was seen to be a close knit community. The Trust could only support practical projects and had a 'Piggy Bank' of £30,000 for funding; the funding application was straight forward and allocations would be based on proposals which were seen to have the greatest benefit.

Information gathered to date through various surveys indicated that in Ewanrigg some 93% were struggling financially; 46% of those aged over 16 had no qualifications; 34% of children were living in poverty; and 46% of households in Ewanrigg had no adult in employment.

The Trust had various groups already set up in Ewanrigg Community Centre, with the Community Café acting as a hub for some residents to come along and have a chat and receive a two course meal for just £2.50. The next stage would be to look at the outside green spaces in Ewanrigg which currently had no purpose.

Ewanrigg Local Trust currently had a large email posting list, & agreed that all members would be added to that list and be kept informed of upcoming strategies.

Resolved that the Council express its full support for the work being undertaken in the project.

7/14 Correspondence

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

- 1) That the Council support the Community Town Clean event being held on 20 June 2014.
- 2) That, in line with support in 2013, the Council support three activity sessions in 2014 under the Parcs scheme operated by the Cumbrian SPAA Foundation.

8/14 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £27,526.28, be agreed.

9/14 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 April 2014 be agreed.

10/14 Financial Reserves 2013/14

Resolved that the position of the Council's Financial Reserves at 31 March 2014 be noted & that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2014 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £2,695
- 2) Christmas Lights Reserve: £5,000
- 3) Allotment Improvements Reserve: £4,000
- 4) Elections Reserve: £1,200.

11/14 Maryport Cottage Hospital Meal Service

Resolved that the Council invite a representative from the Cumbrian Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to a meeting to explain the proposed ideas for the Maryport Cottage Hospital Meal Service.

12/14 Grant Applications

Resolved that the Grant Award statements of application of 2013/14 grants from Maryport Harbour Authority, Maryport Festivals Group, Maryport Inshore Rescue, Citizens' Advice Bureau & Maryport Museum Heritage be accepted, & 2014/15 Annual Grant payments made, & that the following organisations be awarded the following amounts:

Maryport Youth Rugby	£250
Flimby Children's Carnival	£2,000
West Cumbria Rape Crisis	£1,000
Flimby Youth Club	£1,000
Flimby Community Hall	£1,000
Flimby Community Garden	£1,000
Maryport Settlement	£800
Maryport Chess Club	£250
Glasson 69ers	£250
All Souls Church, Netherton	£250
Flimby Girls' Brigade	£399

Flimby Sunshine Club	£250
Netherhall School	£250
Dearham & District First Responders	£250

13/14 Internal Audit Report Year ended 31 March 2014

Resolved that the report be welcomed & that it be noted that the Council's records had been reported as being of immaculate quality & in full compliance with the Account & Audit Regulations 2011.

14/14 Items for Next Agenda

None received

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

Signed

Chairman

Date