

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 26 March 2018 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.**

## Present

<b>Councillor S Ashworth</b>	<b>Councillor B Carter</b>
<b>Councillor G Hampson</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs A Kendall</b>
<b>Councillor P Kendall</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes</b>
<b>Councillor W Pegram</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe</b>
<b>Councillor Ms N Shaw</b>	<b>Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)</b>
<b>Councillor Mrs J Wood</b>	

## In Attendance

**Mr P Bramley (Clerk)**  
**Mrs V Patterson (Press)**

### **78/17 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms S Stamper, I Tyson & M Wood.

### **79/17 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of Interest were received from: Councillor P Kendall, Item 8(3), Personal; Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Item 8(13), Personal; Councillor W Pegram, Item 8(9), Personal: & Councillor Ms N Shaw, Item 8(13), Personal & Prejudicial.

### **80/17 Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **81/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 22 January 2018**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22 January 2018 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

### **82/17 Correspondence**

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

- 1) It be agreed to turn down an invitation from Allerdale Borough Council to take over responsibility for the provision & management of Irish Street Public Conveniences.

- 2) It be agreed to support, in principle, a request from Allerdale Borough Council for financial support towards the repair of the 'Fairy' footpath at Sea Brows, Maryport, & to await further information on the proposals for the repair of the footpath from Cumbria County Council & Allerdale Borough Council.
- 3) A grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport Amateur Boxing Club towards the construction of a boxing gym extension at Maryport Boys & Girls Club.
- 4) The Council contact Cumbria County Council for its comments on the failure to provide an additional classroom at Flimby Primary School as a part of recent improvement works, following a letter received from Flimby Primary School Governing Body.

### **83/17 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £32,720.39, be agreed.

### **84/17 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2017 to 28 February 2018 be agreed, including:

- 1) A transfer of £3,300 from the Environmental Improvements Reserve to meet the cost of Bus Shelters at Ellenborough & The Arches
- 2) A transfer of £2,350 from the Christmas Lighting Reserve to meet the cost of new lighting.
- 3) A transfer of £1,900 from the Allotment Improvement Reserve to meet the cost of improvements at Sandy Lonning Allotment Site.
- 4) A transfer of £420 from the Allerdale Community Fund Reserve to meet the cost of a cycle rack at John Street.

### **85/17 Council Asset Register Review 2017/18**

**Resolved** that the Council Asset Register 2017/18 be agreed.

### **86/17 Allotment Rents**

**Resolved** that, further to Allotment Committee Minute 37/16, the annual rent for an allotment plot be increased to £60 with effect from 1 April 2019.

### **87/17 Improving Engagement with Local Bodies**

**Resolved** that the Community Engagement Working Party's proposals from its meeting held on 8 February be agreed, & that the Working Party operate under the following Terms of Reference:

- 1) To review the Council's means of engagement with the local community.
- 2) To identify local groups & organisations with which the Council wishes to engage directly.
- 3) To identify specific means through which different groups & organisations may be engaged.
- 4) To report proposals to Finance & General Purposes Committee & seek agreement to proposed means of improved engagement.
- 5) To make arrangements to ensure effective communication & engagement takes place with different groups & organisations.

### **88/17 Edward Benn Smith Victoria Cross Centenary Commemoration & Remembrance Day, End of World War 1 Centenary**

**Resolved** that, further to Minute 77/17:

- 1) The Edward Benn Smith Memorial Stone be unveiled by a family member of Edward Benn Smith on 22 August 2018 at an unveiling ceremony held on site, comprising WW1 period poetry readings by representatives from local armed service organisations, background factual information presented by schools' representatives & some opening words from a member of the church, supported by period music from a local band & church choir. Following the opening ceremony, a finger buffet be provided in the Town Hall.
- 2) Young people be invited to attend the day's arrangements, through Schools' Council representatives organised in association with Maryport Schools Partnership, and suitable children's entertainment be provided.
- 3) The memorial stone be fixed to a suitably prepared sandstone block, recessed to include space for a plaque outlining the background to the memorial.
- 4) One each of a special design of WW1 & WW2 commemorative benches be provided at the site of the stone, with costs, so far as are available, met from the Allerdale Community Grant.
- 5) The following organisations be invited to attend the ceremony:
  - The family of Edward Benn Smith
  - Maryport Armed Forces & Veterans representatives
  - Maryport Army & Sea Cadet Corps
  - Churches Together representatives
  - Ambulance, Fire & Police service representatives
  - Coast Guard & Lifeboat service representatives
  - Town Council members
  - Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport

- 6) For the end of WW1 Centenary, a Commemorative Concert be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in St Mary's Church, with tickets made available to members of the public, & the Council, in conjunction with the Reverend Susan McKendry, organise the entertainment, to include performances of historic songs performed by Bands & local School Choirs. The event will incorporate the formal Council reception of the crew & students of the Royal Navy's adopted boat for its Remembrance Day commemorative events, together with invited local dignitaries & representatives of local organisations, in accordance with previous Remembrance Day arrangements. The concert will be followed by an informal reception in St Mary's Church, hosted by the Council.
- 7) To mark the centenary of the end of WW1, in support of the Council's arrangements, Maryport schools' children be presented with a WW1 ending centenary commemorative coin, incorporating a summary explanation of the background to the award.
- 8) The cost of the arrangements be met from Promoting Maryport Reserve.

#### **89/17 Christmas Lights**

**Resolved** that Christmas lighting be extended around more of the trees around Netherhall corner, subject to agreement from St Mary's Church where required, & that the cost be met from the Christmas Lighting Reserve.

#### **90/17 Maryport Public Realm Feature**

**Resolved** that, further to Minute 29/17 & in view of Cumbria County Council's decision not to permit the preferred feature to be sited beside a highway, the Council agree to locate the feature at a suitable site beside Maryport Harbour, for which permission from Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority had been received, including permission to access a suitable electric supply, subject to the Council accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the feature.

#### **91/17 Maryport Schools' Partnership**

**Resolved** that the Easter event being operated in conjunction with Maryport Schools' Partnership be supported & that the Council agree to work in conjunction with Netherhall School in the provision of an open day to celebrate the schools' successful improvement to achieve a 'good' score in its latest OFSTED Report, with a letter of congratulations sent to the headteacher in appreciation of the hard work which has gone into the achievement.

**92/17 Citizens' Advice Bureau**

**Resolved** that the matter be deferred.

**93/17 Acquisition of Maryport Town Hall for £1**

**Resolved** that the Council accept Councillor McCarron Holmes offer to seek details of reports on the building condition of Maryport Town Hall through Allerdale Borough Council Health & Safety Officer, following which consideration be given to obtaining quotes for building condition & structural surveys.

**94/17 Disability Access**

**Resolved** that the matter be deferred.

**95/17 Silent Soldier Campaign**

**Resolved** that the Council seek to acquire six silent soldier silhouettes in support of the Royal British Legion Silent Soldier Campaign, funded from the Environmental Improvements Reserve, & that suitable sites be agreed following their acquisition.

**96/17 Risk Management Review of Access to Work**

Note that Councillor Ms N Shaw left the room for the duration of this item.

**Resolved** that the Council advertise locally for a suitably qualified person to employ to assist in accompanying disabled persons to meetings of the Council, including reading of papers & personal assistance where necessary.

**97/17 Items for Next Agenda**

None requested.

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....