

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 27 March 2017 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

## Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor I Tyson	Councillor L Williamson
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

## In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk)  
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)

### 66/16 Apologies for Absence

None Received.

### 67/16 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors G Hampson, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Maryport Inshore Rescue, & Personal, organiser of Maryport Trawler Race; Mrs A Kendall, Item 9(7), Personal, Board member of Maryport Harbour & Marine Authority; W Pegram, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee, Personal, Board member of Maryport Harbour & Marine Authority, & Personal, member of Citizens Advice Bureau; Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Allerdale MIND, & Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee; Ms Sharon Stamper, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Citizens Advice Bureau; Ms C Tindall, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Flimby Carnival Committee; & L Williamson, Item 9(7), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee.

**Resolved** that the declarations of interest be noted.

### 68/16 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

### **69/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 23 January 2017**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 23 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

### **70/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 13 February 2017**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 13 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

### **71/16 Correspondence**

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

- 1) That a grant of £250 be awarded to the North of England Trust towards the Camp Farm development.
- 2) That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Senhouse Roman Museum in respect of the Hadrian's Cavalry exhibition.
- 3) That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Cumbria Dyslexia Project.
- 4) That the Council request the Settlement to complete a grant application form & provide a copy of the trustees' business plan for the charity, clarifying what the organisation's aims are, who can access the service the organisation proposes to provide and what the running costs of the organisation will be.
- 5) That an increase in the cost of ground maintenance provided by ISS at Ellenborough Play Area of 3% to £2,000.46, be agreed.

### **72/16 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £28,678.16, be agreed.

### **73/16 Police Report**

A written report was received from Sergeant David MacDonald.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

### **74/16 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Finance Report for the period 1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017 be agreed.
- 2) It be agreed to support the funding of banners for the Simon Lawson Parade & additional Shop Screens from the Allerdale Community Grant award, following Allerdale Borough Council's refusal to allow the Town Council to fund repairs to Maryport Town Hall Clock from the Community Grant, as requested by the Town Council, (Minute 40/16(4) refers).
- 3) The balance of the cost to the Council of the Simon Lawson Parade be met from the Festival Event's Reserve.
- 4) Virements of £100 to External Audit & £50 to Payroll Administration from the Remembrance Day budget be agreed.

### **75/16 Council Asset Register Review 2016/17**

**Resolved** that the Council Asset Register 2016/17 be agreed.

### **76/16 Allotment Rents**

**Resolved** that an increase in allotment rents of £5 per annum, to £55 per standard plot, with associated adjustments for non-standard plots, as recommended by the Allotment Committee, (Allotment Committee Minute 30/16 (3) refers), be agreed for introduction from 1 April 2018.

### **77/16 Review of Council Business Strategy**

**Resolved** that a Working Party, consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms C Tindall, be established to review the strategy.

### **78/16 Cumbria in Bloom**

**Resolved** that the Town Council does not participate in Cumbria in Bloom, & that Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport & the Love Maryport organisation be informed that, in the event of them being made aware of any proposals to enter Maryport in the competition by another organisation, the displays arranged by the Town Council be not included in such entries, it being the Council's view that it arranges such display for the enjoyment of residents & visitors, not to take part in such competitions.

### **79/16 Grant Funding**

Those members of the Council who had declared an interest, (Minute 67/16 refers), left the room during discussion of the relevant declared items.

**Resolved** that:

- 1) That the Council's Grants to External Organisations Policy Section 3(c)(xi) be amended from 'such financial information in support of the project as is considered necessary' to 'latest Balance Sheet & Bank Statement'.
- 2) The following grant awards be made following the receipt of statements of application of 2016/17 grants:
  - a) Maryport Harbour Authority, £7,500
  - b) Maryport Festivals Group, £6,000
  - c) Senhouse Museum Trust, £1,000
  - d) Citizens' Advice Bureau, £1,000
  - e) Maryport Inshore Rescue Service, £500
  - f) Maryport Maritime Museum, £500
  - g) Netherhall School, £500

3) The following grant awards be made following receipt of applications for grant funding:

- a) MIND in West Cumbria, (Flimby Community Garden), £1,000
- b) Maryport Model Club, £2,000
- c) Flimby Pensioners' Committee, £1,000
- d) Flimby Village Show, £1,000
- e) Maryport Festivals Group, Yesterday's Youth, £2,000
- f) Maryport Trawler Race, £2,000
- g) Flimby Children's Carnival, £2,000
- h) Maryport Community Carnival, £2,000
- i) Maryport ARLFC, Firework Display, £1,500
- j) MIND in West Cumbria, £1,000
- k) Glassonbury Music Festival, £1,500

4) Consideration of a grant award to Ellenborough RLFC be deferred pending the receipt of a suitably completed grant application form.

#### **80/16 Retiring General Practitioner**

**Resolved** that the Council invite retiring General Practitioner Dr Money to the next meeting to present him with a gift in recognition of his service to the community.

#### **81/16 Social Media & its impact on the Town Council**

**Resolved** that Members note that social media should not be used by members to announce what has been agreed in Council meetings & that members refer to the Council's Communications Policy for guidance.

#### **82/16 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 .....