

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 9th March 2015 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Ms G Elliot	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor D King
Councillor G McAlpine	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Ms C Tindall
Councillor Mrs J Wood	

In Attendance

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

105/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C McCarron-Holmes, Mrs L Radcliffe, M Wood & A Moore. Councillor G Mitchell submitted an apology for lateness & attended from Item 9(8).

106/14 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of Interest were received from Councillors Mrs A Kendall & W Pegram, Item 6(3), Personal, due to being Directors of Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd.

107/14 Requests for Dispensations

Dispensation to speak on Item 6(3), a request concerning Shiver Me Timber Play Area from Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd, was requested by Councillors Mrs A Kendall & W Pegram.

Resolved that the dispensations be granted.

108/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 12th January 2015

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 12th January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

109/14 Police Report

None received.

110/14 Correspondence

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

- 1) That it be noted that Allerdale Borough Council had no current plans for the Maryport office of the Allerdale Credit Union to be relocated, & that, as it was understood that Allerdale was examining how the Credit Union delivered its services, the Town Council contact Allerdale & suggest Maryport Town Hall as a suitable location for the Credit Union.
- 2) That the response from the Department for Work & Pensions concerning poverty be noted & disappointment expressed at the apparent failure to understand the adverse impact which some of the government's policies were having on those suffering from poverty in the community.
- 3) That Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd's request for the lease of the land on which Shiver Me Timbers Play Area was situated to be extended for a further twelve months until 31 March 2016, & that the Council welcome the thanks received for continued support, noting that it was the only council which continued to offer financial support to the company.
- 4) That Tidal Lagoon Power be invited to meet with the Council to discuss its plans for a Tidal Lagoon development in West Cumbria, & that Seaton Parish Council members be invited to attend.
- 5) That no comments be offered on Allerdale Borough Council's Leisure Strategy consultation.
- 6) That members note the invitation from Sir Tony Cunningham MP to a meeting on Coastal Protection to be held on Friday 27 March at 1.30pm at The Wave Centre, Maryport.

111/14 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £23,205.06 be agreed.

112/14 Finance Report

Resolved that:

- 1) The Finance Report for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 January 2015 be agreed.
- 2) The cost of the development of new allotment plots at Flimby & Sandy Lonning Allotment Sites, & works to the pond & surrounding area at Sandy Lonning be met from the Allotment Improvements Reserve.
- 3) The cost of the removal of the bus shelter from Grasmere Terrace & its division & re-erection at two new sites be met from the Building & Maintenance Reserve.

113/14 Recommended Allotment Rents

Resolved that the recommendation from the Allotments Committee of an increase in allotment rents of £5 to £45 per standard plot, with associated adjustments for non-standard plots, be agreed, with effect from 1 April 2016.

114/14 Council Asset Register Review 2014/15

Resolved that the Council Asset Register 2014/15 be agreed.

115/14 Maryport Attributes

Resolved that progress be noted & that the recommendations from the Maryport Attributes Working Party that signs summarising Maryport's Roman history & Maritime history be developed & displayed on the railings on Shipping Brow, together with proposals, subject to funding, for the development of a sign summarising Maryport's Industrial history, be agreed.

116/14 Banner Sites

Resolved that, further to correspondence & a report received from Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport, it be agreed that members submit proposals to the Clerks of suitable sites for appropriate banners to be displayed.

117/14 Management & Operation of Markets in Allerdale

Resolved that further to correspondence & a report received from Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport, it be agreed that members submit proposals to the Clerks for suitable arrangements for the provision of a market service in Maryport.

118/14 Freedom of the Town

Resolved that progress on arrangements for the Freedom of the Town event to be held on 20 May 2015 be supported & the report from the Mayor agreed.

119/14 Cumbria in Bloom

Resolved that the Council not enter Cumbria in Bloom, & that it make arrangements for a longer & more sustainable period of planting in flower beds as agreed with the Council's ground maintenance contractor.

120/14 Trawler Race

Resolved that the Council seek support from the Allerdale Borough Council Town Centre Manager for Maryport in providing suitable support events for the Trawler Race, due to take place on 6 June 2015, designed to attract the public, such as a continental market or similar.

121/14 Withdrawal of Government Funding: Impact on Maryport Health Centre

Resolved that the Council write to the Local Health Organisation, Health England, Monitor, the Secretary of State for Health & the opposition spokesman for Health, expressing disappointment & concerns at the seemingly reckless act of the withdrawal of health funding & its impact on Maryport Health Centre, noting the likely resultant impact on other hospital services & GP services, utilising information

contained in a letter dated 9 March 2015 from Jamie Reed, MP for Copeland, to the Chairman of the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee.

122/14 Relocation of Bus Shelter

Resolved that members submit ideas to the Clerks for the potential siting of the unrequired half of the bus shelter removed from the Grasmere Terrace site, (Minute 103/14 refers).

123/14 Items for Next Agenda

None identified.

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

Signed
Chairman
Date