

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 28 November 2016 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
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)	

In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Viv Patterson (Press)

A presentation took place for Mr Brian Mossom of Maryport, in recognition of his role over the last 15 years administering the Poppy Appeal for the British Legion in the Maryport Area. Congratulations were given & Mr Mossam thanked members for the kind gesture & outlined how he had become involved in the Appeal & his experiences over the period. He was presented with a poppy themed memorial.

35/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors G Hampson, I Tyson, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

36/16 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 9(8), Personal.

Resolved that the declaration be noted.

37/16 Requests for Dispensations

A request for dispensation to speak on Item 9(8) was received from Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe.

Resolved that dispensation be agreed.

38/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 5 September 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 5 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

39/16 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 October 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Budget Meeting held on 24 October 2016 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

40/16 Correspondence

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

- 1) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Flimby Over-60's Club to support the provision of speakers, trips & lunches provided for the Club.
- 2) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Ellenborough Rangers ARLFC to support the provision of first aid equipment & rugby balls.
- 3) That no donation be made towards the Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust & that the Trust be advised that the Council will consider support for specific cases in the area if applied for in the future.
- 4) That it be noted that Allerdale Borough Council had advised that it would support the Town Council's proposals for application of Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant in 2016/17, (Minute 25/16 refers), except the proposal to restore & repair Maryport Town Hall clock, which it advised was the responsibility of Allerdale Borough Council.
- 5) That, further to its consultation on the Electoral Review of Allerdale Borough Council, the Local Government Boundary Commission be advised that, in view of the significant increase, both real & planned, with new housing developments, in the population of Maryport from the number recorded at the previous review, the Council believes that warding arrangements in Maryport should remain as they currently are.
- 6) That the public consultation document, 'The Future of Healthcare in West, North & East Cumbria', be noted.
- 7) That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Second Maryport Scout Group to support the provision of storage facilities for records & equipment.
- 8) That a grant of £250 be awarded to the Great North Air Ambulance.
- 9) That details of the British Red Cross Open Garden Scheme be advertised by the Council on its website & through its newsletter.
- 10) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Healthy Hopes Cumbria Ltd Community Interest Company, in support of health & wellbeing workshops delivered by the group in Maryport, & that the Council request reports on the group's progress & success in attracting other funding.
- 11) That a grant of £100 be made to Workington Transport Heritage Group in support of a free bus service on Boxing Day operating every two hours between Skinburness, Silloth, Allonby & Maryport.
- 12) That the response of the National Association of Local Councils to government proposals to extend Council Tax capping arrangements to local councils be supported.

13) That, further to Allerdale Borough Council's notification of plans for dealing with leaf fall, it be advised of four areas in Maryport & Flimby which needed particular attention: the tennis courts area; the area opposite The Ghyll, Ellenborough; Church Lane, Flimby; & Flimby Cemetery area.

41/16 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £35,589.95, be agreed.

42/16 Police Report

A written report was received from PCSO Laura Tyson.

Resolved that the report be noted & that a copy of the Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner's Strategy be requested.

43/16 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 October 2016 be agreed.

44/16 Special Christmas Decorations

Resolved that a proposal to arrange a special display of Christmas Tree & Lights for Maryport Cottage Hospital, considered at the meeting held on 5 October 2016, be ratified.

45/16 Grant Application MAODS

Resolved that a proposal to award a grant of £250 to Maryport Amateur Operatic & Drama Society for its production of Elf Junior The Musical, considered at the meeting held on 5 October 2016, be ratified.

46/16 Service Contracts

Members considered a report advising that the Council's contract period for the provision of ground maintenance & bus shelter maintenance services ended on 31 March 2017 & that the Council would need to make arrangements for the provision of those services with effect from 1 April 2017.

Resolved that a suitable contract extension be negotiated with the current contractors.

47/16 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2016 be noted & the Clerks thanked for their work which had ensured that the Council had received another exemplary report.

48/16 Poppy Appeal

Members considered a report from Councillor McCarron Holmes on the theft of the boat displayed on the low road & a request that the Council meet the cost of the poppies which had been displayed there. Councillor McCarron Holmes advised that students at the Lakes College had offered to construct a replacement boat for the cost of materials. Members also received a report that an offer had been received from Mr Syd Wood of Maryport Car Centre & Mr Richard Stamper of R Stamper Services to build a replacement boat at no cost to the Council.

Resolved that:

- 1) The provision of poppies displayed on the boat at low road, at a cost of £200, be met by the Council.
- 2) A contribution of £50 be made to the Poppy Appeal in lieu of the provision of poppies for a school pupils' commemoration service arranged by the Mayor & Maryport Schools' Partnership.
- 3) The offer from Mr Syd Wood of Maryport Car Centre & Mr Richard Stamper of R Stamper Services to build a replacement boat at no cost to the Council be welcomed & the boat placed on the low road site.
- 4) The offer from Lakes College students to build another boat be accepted & a suitable site for it be determined when it has been completed.
- 5) The Council investigate a claim through its insurance for the stolen boat.

49/16 Raffle & Collection

Consideration was given to a proposal that the proceeds of a collection taken at the Christmas Lights Switch-on be donated to the Mayor's Charity for 2016/17, 'Jack's Journey'. Prior to leaving the room for the duration of the item, Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe asked that if a vote was taken, it be recorded. Councillor P Kendall reported his concerns with the licensing arrangements, tickets & methodology of collection employed at the Switch-on event, advising that he had sought guidance from Allerdale Borough Council Licences Service prior to & post the event. It was noted that the Clerks' Office had not been informed of these findings prior to the meeting.

Resolved that:

- 1) Given the above concerns, the monies collected from the raffle be retained by the Council & a donation of £250 be made to the Mayor's Charity appeal 2016/17.
- 2) Should any collections or raffles take place in the future, any associated costs be met from the Mayor's Allowance.
- 3) That an annual licence for the sale of raffle tickets be obtained as necessary.

50/16 Bus Passes

It was reported that usage of bus passes, both school bus passes & pensioners bus passes, was being prevented by bus drivers on buses operated by Reay's.

Resolved that the Council contact the appropriate Cumbria County Council portfolio holders for the cards with its concerns.

51/16 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