MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 6 November 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 Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms N Shaw
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor I Tyson	Councillor L Williamson

In Attendance

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

51/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors W Pegram, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

52/17 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 5(4), Personal.

53/17 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

54/17 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 September 2017

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 11 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

55/17 Correspondence

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

- The Council's priority to secure the provision, through Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, of sufficient & effective CCTV camera coverage in Maryport, noting the extent of allocation of CCTV coverage to other areas of the county & requesting the basis of the existing distribution, be reported to Cumbria Police Sergeant Lorraine Murphy & the Police & Crime Commissioner as appropriate.
- 2) A grant of £150 be awarded to All Souls Church, Netherton, to fund its Nativity Festival.

56/17 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £30,263.76, be agreed.

57/17 Police Report

None received.

58/17 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2017 be agreed.

59/17 Improving Engagement with Local Bodies

Resolved that a Working Party, consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms N Shaw, be established on a trial basis for a period of three months to develop proposals for means by which the Council might improve upon engagement with the local community & its organisations, as set out in the Council's Business Strategy, for consideration by the Council.

60/17 Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant

Resolved that it be noted, for those who were unaware, that funding provided by Allerdale Borough Council through its Community Grant, was grant funding & assets acquired through such funding were the Town Council's responsibility.

61/17 Bus Shelter, Ewanrigg

Resolved that the Council investigate the feasibility of installing a suitable bus shelter on the site of a previous shelter in the vicinity of Mitchell's shop, Ewanrigg, & if suitable, arrange for its installation, the cost to be met from the Environmental Improvements Reserve.

62/17 Remembrance Day Arrangements 2017

Resolved that the arrangements for Remembrance Day, as set out in the report, be agreed, & that Councillor Ms C Tindall lay wreaths on behalf of the Town Council & Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, supported by the Clerks, represent the Council in the provision of a ceremony for Maryport schools' representatives organised through Maryport Schools' partnership.

63/17 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the Council's Internal Auditor, Mrs Jean Airey, be thanked for the production of a clear & informative report & that the Clerks be thanked for their continued efforts to ensure the effective financial reporting & governance of the Council's business.

64/17 Christmas Lights Switch-on 2017

Resolved that the Council express its disappointment at the advice received from Allerdale Borough Council less than two weeks prior to the switch-on & after publicity arrangements had been completed that, despite a guarantee that Maryport would receive, as a part of Allerdale Borough Council's contract for the provision of Markets, two continental markets per annum, no continental market would be provided at the Christmas Lights Switch-on, & that an explanation for the seeming failings of the contract be sought.

65/17 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed	
Chairman	
Date	