

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 14 September 2020 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport & virtually, as permitted by The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”), at 7.00pm.

## Present

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| Councillor S Ashworth    | Councillor B Carter                |
| Councillor Mrs A Kendall | Councillor P Kendall               |
| Councillor P Mallyon     | Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes   |
| Councillor J Newton      | Councillor W Pegram                |
| Councillor D Porthouse   | Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe         |
| Councillor Ms S Stamper  | Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman) |

## In Attendance

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

### 32/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, Ms C Slater, Ms K Thompson, Mrs J Wood & M Wood. Councillors Mrs J Wood & M Wood were reported to be suffering with their health & their ongoing absence was agreed for the remainder of the Council year.

### 33/20 Declarations of Interest

None received.

### 34/20 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

### 35/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 August 2020

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24 August 2020 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **36/20 Correspondence**

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

- 1) Annual grant funding of £1,000 for the Senhouse Museum Trust be agreed for 2020/21, following receipt of information outlining usage of grant funding in previous years.
- 2) The possibility of a new digitised Town Council logo based on the current logo be investigated & the result reported back to the committee for consideration alongside alternative proposals developed & produced by Firpress Ltd.
- 3) Funding of £2,000 towards the Peascod Festival be agreed, consisting of £1,500 towards ten visits to local primary schools by a local artist to initiate an arts project around mining, mountain climbing & art, to reflect the legacy of Bill Peascod, together with £500 towards the cost of providing a heritage plaque to be displayed at Shaps Yard, the Fold, Ellenborough, former residence of Bill Peascod.
- 4) No grant be awarded to COSC, following the receipt of further information, as a result of concerns that the funding could not be guaranteed to benefit residents in the Maryport area.

### **37/20 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £43,545.76, be agreed.

### **38/20 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 August 2020 be agreed.

### **39/20 Christmas Lights Switch-on 2020**

**Resolved** that, after consideration of proposals submitted by members for the Christmas Lights Switch-on 2020, taking into account social distancing guidance, the following be agreed:

- 1) Schools' Christmas Card Competition to design a card for the Mayor to send.
- 2) Schools' Christmas Poem Competition for inclusion in the Mayor's Christmas Card.
- 3) Adults' Photo Competition to submit pictures of the Maryport Area for inclusion in a Calendar to be printed & sold.
- 4) Lights Switch-on Ceremony without public participation, filmed & photographed for distribution.
- 5) Christmas Goody Bag for Maryport & Flimby Nursery, Play Group & Primary Schools Children.
- 6) Online Switch-on Event, involving possibilities including Activities, Performances & Storytelling, with a virtual message from Santa.
- 7) Reserve unused Christmas Lights budget for 2021 event.

#### **40/20 Defibrillators in Maryport**

**Resolved** that, following consideration of the current locations of defibrillators in Maryport & Flimby, Council members notify the Clerks of proposed additional sites where they were considered to be required for consideration at the following meeting.

#### **41/20 School Opening Arrangements**

**Resolved** that, further to information received from Maryport & Flimby Schools in respect of schools re-opening in September, given the coronavirus pandemic impact on arrangements, clarification be sought from Cumbria County Council & M Jenkinson MP on the availability & distribution of funding for schools to meet the necessary additional costs incurred in providing a covid-safe school environment.

#### **42/20 Remembrance Day Arrangements**

**Resolved** that a decision on organised arrangements be deferred pending guidance anticipated from the Royal British Legion, & that a provisional arrangement for individuals & organisations to lay wreaths in their own time, observing socially distancing guidelines, be supported, together with the distribution to Maryport & Flimby Primary School pupils of VE75 Day commemorative mugs & the organisation of the 2020 Poppy Appeal collection in accordance with guidelines.

#### **43/20 Great British September Clean**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Council to take part in the Great British September Clean & support 'Keep Maryport Tidy' encouraging residents to organise clean-ups, observing social distancing guidelines, in their areas of residence, as well as litter 'hot spots', to be identified by Council members, between 11 & 29 September, & working with schools to the same arrangements.
- 2) Appropriate publicity be arranged to support the arrangements & participants encouraged to provide photos for display on the Council's social media site & website.
- 3) The Council arrange for the provision of support materials including litter pickers, hand sanitiser, bin bags, etc.

#### **44/20 Items for the Next Agenda**

None requested.

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....