

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 1 September 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Campbell
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Ms D Charlton
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)
Councillor D King	Councillor G McAlpine
Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes	Councillor A Moore
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Tindall	Councillor L Williamson
Councillor Mrs J Wood	

In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)
Member of public

30/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms G Elliot, G Mitchell & M Wood.

31/14 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Ms C Tindall, Additional Item 6(1), Personal.

Resolved that the declaration be noted.

32/14 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

33/14 Minutes of Meeting held on 28 July 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 28 July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

34/14 Police Report

In the absence of an available officer, the Council received a report from Inspector G Hunter, who provided updates on crime figures since the previous meeting & in comparison to the previous year. The Police were continuing to investigate a racial issue on Ellenfoot involving the Polish community, & to work with residents on Festival Crescent & The Arches to tackle anti-social behaviour issues. It was reported that the Co-op continued to be targeted by shoplifters, with six incidents in both July & August.

Violence appeared to be the main problem in the area, in common with the rest of Cumbria, which originated from many sources. A lot of work was being done to reduce incidents connected to the night time economy. Several arrests were made during Maryport Carnival & a male was due to be sentenced following a number of assaults on people in the town. There were no major incidents during the Maryport Blues Festival.

A number of known offenders had completed their prison sentences in recent weeks & were living back in the Maryport community. August saw an increase in opportunist thefts, from unsecure cars, & Police were investigating a number of suspects

Resolved that the report be noted & that members contact Inspector Hunter with any questions.

35/14 Correspondence

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

- 1) That, following the responses received from Cumbria Partnership NHS Trust Estates & Facilities Manager Mr S Prince to Council concerns regarding Maryport Cottage Hospital Meal Service, concern be expressed that the proposed service would not provide patients recovering from operations & suffering from terminal illness with sufficient nourishment to help them recover their health.
- 2) That, further to a request for details of the costs of the current service, in the areas in which changes were proposed, together with the proposed costs under the new service arrangements, supported by any assumptions which had been made in arriving at those figures, concern be expressed at how a decision could be taken on the matter, given that Mr Prince had advised Council members in a meeting held on 16 July 2014 that the changes proposed to the Cottage Hospital meal service were a cost-cutting measure, that Mr Prince had stated in his response of 29 August that he did not have the figures requested.
- 3) That the response from Cumbria County Council Scrutiny Officer, Corporate Governance, Ms L Graham to the Council's request for CCC Health Scrutiny Committee to review proposals for Maryport Cottage Hospital Meal Service, be noted.
- 4) That the Council contact the Senhouse Museum Trust seeking clarification on its operational proposals involving the business of the former Hadrian's Wall Trust.
- 5) That the Council contact Sir Tony Cunningham & Jamie Read MP, as Shadow Minister for Health, advising them of the Council's concerns at the proposals for the Maryport Cottage Hospital Meals Service, & asking that they contact the Cumbria NHS Trust regarding both those & the community's concerns at the proposals.

- 6) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport Parish Church Music Department towards the purchase of training materials from the Royal School of Church Music as a part of the establishment of a chorister scheme at Maryport Parish Church.
- 7) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Cumbria Alcohol & Drug Advisory Service towards the cost of training volunteers.

36/14 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £14,258.91, be agreed.

37/14 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 July 2014 be agreed.

38/14 Allerdale Borough Council Funding Allocation

Resolved that Allerdale Borough Council be notified of the following proposals, in priority order, for the application of £10,000 funding made available to support the town:

- 1) Match funding for the refurbishment of cast iron lamps in Fleming Square & replacement of iron benches, subject to the Fleming Square Residents' Association obtaining FLAG or other funding to meet part of the costs.
- 2) The installation of a handrail next to the pavement on the north side of Shipping Brow.
- 3) Funding towards the Freedom of the Town event for the Duke of Lancaster's regiment.
- 4) Funding of the costs of a joint road closure licence for Maryport events in 2014 & 2015.
- 5) Provision of Cycle Racks.
- 6) The introduction of a no-interest loan scheme.

39/14 Bus Shelter opposite Bounty Inn, A594

Resolved that the Council purchase a suitable pre-supplied Bus Shelter & arrange for its installation opposite the Bounty Inn on the A594, on the site of the previous shelter, the cost to be met from the Council's Property Repairs Reserve.

40/14 Northern & Trans Pennine Express

Resolved that the Council offer its support to the National Union of Rail, Maritime & Transport Workers, (RMT), in its campaign against the government's proposals for the Northern & Trans Pennine Express rail franchises, recognising, in particular, that passenger safety could be compromised by Driver Only Operations.

41/14 Seat Provision in Maryport

Resolved that members advise the Clerks of the condition of seats within their wards & Allerdale Borough Council be requested to make any necessary repairs to those for which it is the owner.

42/14 Review of Financial Regulations

Resolved that the updated Financial Regulations be agreed.

43/14 Christmas Lights Maintenance Contract

Resolved that:

- 1) The contract for the provision of Christmas Lighting Maintenance be renewed with EW & PA Nicholson, with effect from 1 October 2014.
- 2) The Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee & the Mayor be authorised to negotiate a suitable contract extension within the Council's budget.
- 3) Additional lights & a Christmas tree be provided in the harbour area, funded from the Christmas Lights Reserve.

44/14 Seating in the Bus Shelter on Ewanrigg Road outside the Health Centre

Resolved that, following support for seating received from visitors to the Doctor's Surgery on Ewanrigg Road, the Council seek costs for suitable seating for consideration at the next meeting.

45/14 Churches Together

Resolved that the matter be deferred.

46/14 Splash Park

Resolved that the Council contact the group of residents supporting the introduction of a Splash Park, seeking their progress in the matter, including funding applications.

47/14 Cumbria in Bloom

Resolved that Councillors Mrs A Kendall & Ms C Tindall review the options for Maryport entering the Cumbria in Bloom competition, meeting with such partners as is considered necessary & report back to the committee with draft proposals.

48/14 Tourist Road Signage

Resolved that the Council contact its Member of the European Parliament representative, seeking funding support for the provision of suitable motorway signage promoting the Maryport area.

49/14 Cenotaph Repairs

Resolved that, in recognition of the centenary of World War 1's outbreak, the Council support funding provided by Cumbria County Councillors Little & McCarron Holmes in restoring & updating the cenotaphs in Flimby & Maryport, respectively, with a contribution of up to £1,000, as required, from its Property Repairs Reserve.

50/14 Items for Next Agenda

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| 1) Commissioning of commemorative quilts by Town Council. | C Tindall |
| 2) Maryport Town Hall maintenance & future locational arrangements for the Town Council's operations. | P Kendall |

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

Signed

Chairman

Date