

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 8 November 2021 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth (Chairman)	Councillor B Carter
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor D King
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor J Newton
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	

In Attendance

L Douglas (Clerk)
P Bramley, (Clerk)

47/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, P Mallyon, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

48/21 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor W Pegram, Item 5(4), personal as a member of the Maryport Harbour & Marina Board.

49/21 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

50/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 6 September 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2021 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

51/21 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £2,500 be awarded to the Cumbria County Council Parkplay Scheme, the application being treated as an exception from Grant Policy since the scheme was seen as of great benefit to the children in the community's health following the covid pandemic restrictions & its impact on mental health.
- 2) The Council's concerns be expressed at the apparent arrangements being operated by Allerdale Borough Council in ground maintenance in the Maryport

& Flimby areas, whereby it appeared that the contractor was failing to carry out maintenance in accordance with the requirements, the failure was not being identified by Allerdale, leading to a reliance on complaints from the Town Council & others for the identification of the shortfall, & that:

- a) The Council notify the relevant Allerdale Borough Council Portfolio Holder of its concerns.
 - b) A site meeting be sought with Allerdale Borough Council Parks & Open Spaces officer Julian Smith to clarify the responsibilities for & ownership of land in the Flimby area.
- 3) The Council notify Mark Jenkinson MP that it will give consideration to a bench 'above the marina', as requested by Mrs R Fisher of Ismay Wharf, when the provision of additional benches is next considered, subject to identification of the specific site, its ownership & appropriate safety concerns being addressed.
- 4) Further to Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd General Manager Pauline Gorley's response to Council request for joint provision of sea litter facilities & Ground Maintenance arrangements:
- a) A meeting be sought with members of the Maryport Fishing Co-operative, Pauline Gorley & Councillors B Copeland, G Hampson & J Newton.
 - b) Further details be sought of the ownership of land at south pier, north pier, tongue pier & the quay at the bottom of Shipping Brow.
- 5) Further to correspondence from Mark Jenkinson MP concerning Christmas lights, the Council contact Mr G Miller of James Street, Maryport, to ascertain his detailed concerns & notify Mr Jenkinson of this.
- 6) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Great North Air Ambulance in respect of its operations in the area.
- 7) The Council not support a request for support from Mrs Dolly Daniels for the removal of a handrail at Market Steps, noting its importance as a safety measure.
- 8) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Maryport Amateur Operatic & Drama Society for its production of 'Scrooge'.
- 9) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Maryport Army Cadets towards its Duke of Edinburgh scheme operations.

52/21 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £39,104.84, be agreed.

53/21 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2021 be agreed.

54/21 Tidy Stations

Resolved that the item be deferred until the next available meeting.

55/21 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2020/21

Resolved that:

- 1) Following the report from the External Auditor, the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2020/21 be approved & accepted.
- 2) Thanks be given to the Clerks from all members for their continued contributions to ensuring that the Council prepares accurate, open & accountable financial & governance records.

56/21 Resignation of Councillor

Resolved that the resignation of Councillor Ms S Stamper be noted & that she be thanked for her contribution to the Town Council’s work & sent the Council’s best wishes for a speedy recovery from her current health condition.

57/21 Queen’s Canopy & Fairy Dell Proposals on Green below Fairy Path, Maryport Promenade

Resolved that:

- 1) A report from Councillor Ms C Slater be received, noting Allerdale Borough Council’s refusal to permit the development of a Queen’s Canopy & Fairy Dell Proposals on Green below Fairy Path, Maryport Promenade, on the grounds that it did not fit with plans for the area.
- 2) Further consideration be given to the establishment of a contribution from the Council to a project in support of the Queen’s Green Canopy scheme by a Working Party consisting of Councillors Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Ms L Radcliffe & Ms C Slater, the Working Party to report its proposals to the committee for consideration.

58/21 Items for the Next Agenda

- 1) Tidy Stations, (C Tindall)

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

Signed

Chairman

Date