

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 28 March 2022 in the Meeting Room, Golden Lion, Shipping Brow, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	Councillor Ms C Tindall, (Chairman)

In Attendance

L Douglas (Clerk)
P Bramley, (Clerk)

91/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Copeland, G Hampson, J Newton, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

92/21 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Mrs L Douglas, Item 5(9), Personal.

93/21 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

94/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 January 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

95/21 Correspondence

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

- 1) Further to the position in Ukraine:
 - a) The Council express its solidarity with the Council of European Municipalities & Regions, (CEMR), in strongly condemning the multiple attacks & violations of the territorial integrity & sovereignty of Ukraine by signing up to the statement from the political leadership of the CEMR.
 - b) The Council request permission from Allerdale borough Council to fly a Ukrainian flag from Maryport Town Hall in demonstration of its support.
 - c) The Council agree in principle to provide financial support to Ukrainian refugees rehoused in the area.

- 2) The Council support the campaign by Lawyers in Local Government, (LLG), & the Association of Democratic Services Officers, (ADSO), & writes to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold remote & hybrid meetings when they deem them appropriate within agreed rules & procedures.
- 3) It be agreed to accept the balance of £6,300 from the 'Maryport International Fund', following a request from the trustees who stated that they were no longer in a position to administer the fund & confirmed that there was no constitution nor documents stipulating the fund's intended application, & that they were legally authorised to transfer the funds to the Council, & that the funds be used, so far as possible, to support the representation of residents from the area in international sports.
- 4) No grant be offered to Flimby Pension Committee, Flimby Carnival Committee, Flimby Girls Brigade & Flimby Club towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, on the understanding that a grant had been awarded for the same from the Flimby Wind Farm Community Fund.
- 5) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to the 2nd Maryport Scout Group towards the purchase of waterproof clothing for the group's varied outdoor programme of activities.
- 6) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Maryport Inshore Rescue towards the replacement of a defective solar panel inverter & the servicing of the rainwater harvesting system.
- 7) No grant be awarded to Maryport Inshore Rescue towards a Lifeboat Station Fun Day, in view of the number of other such activities planned for the area.
- 8) A grant of £10,000 be awarded to Allerdale Borough Council towards the Maryport Taste of the Sea Festival 2022, conditional upon the Town Council be reported as a major sponsor of the event in any publicity arrangements made by Allerdale.
- 9) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Cheer Force Knights Maryport Division towards the development of suitable training facilities.

96/21 Accounts for payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £31,798.39, be agreed.

97/21 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 28 February 2022 be agreed.

98/21 Council Asset Register Review 2021/22

Resolved that the Council Asset Register 2021/22 be agreed.

99/21 Allotment Rent

Resolved that, further to Allotment Committee Minute 37/16, the annual rent for an allotment plot be increased to £80 with effect from 1 April 2023.

100/21 Annual Community Champion Award

Resolved that the recommendations of the Selection Panel be supported & that:

- 1) Mr Don Heaney be presented with the Maryport Town Council Community Champion Award for 2021.
- 2) Settlement Group Dolly Daniel, Lynda Wyatt & Christine Slater be presented with the Maryport Community Champions Group Award for 2021.
- 3) The Council hold an official presentation for the awards at the Castle Hill & Settlement building, with Council members, Panel members & members of the community invited.

101/21 Fishing for Litter

Resolved that the recommendations of the Working Party be supported & that the 'Fishing for Litter' Group provide & fund the siting & collection arrangements for a suitable container for the collection & disposal of sea waste, following which such costs would be taken on by the Town Council.

102/21 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Resolved that:

- 1) Arrangements for the Family Fun Day planned to take place on 3 August 2022 be enhanced to include a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- 2) A Working Party, consisting of Councillors Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms C Tindall, be established to determine such additional entertainment as is considered appropriate for the Fun Day.
- 3) Schools be invited to submit a funding application for organising events for Flimby & Maryport Schools' pupils in support of the Jubilee.
- 4) The Council provide memorabilia for the area's school pupils.

103/21 Service Contracts

Resolved that:

- 1) Contracts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 be agreed with the Council's current contractors for Ground Maintenance contracts, Bus Shelter Cleaning contract & Statues & Memorials Cleaning contract.
- 2) The tender for the contract for the provision of Flower Displays from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027 received from Cockermouth & District Garden Services be agreed.

104/21 P & O Ferries Staff

Resolved that, in support of its employees from the Maryport area, the Council advise the Secretary of State for Transport that it views with extreme concern the reprehensible actions of P & O Ferries towards its loyal employees, who have been summarily dismissed in contravention of UK Employment Law & having been in receipt of UK Furlough Payments, & making dividend payments to shareholders.

105/21 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