

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 .....