

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11 July 2022 in the Golden Lion Hotel, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth (Chairman)	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	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)

14/22 Apologies for Absence

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

15/22 Declarations of Interest

None Received

16/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

17/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 27 June 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) Further to a request from Allerdale Borough Council for the Town Council to consider meeting the cost of two pieces of play equipment at Flimby Play Area, (which Allerdale was the responsible authority for & had arranged removal of equipment due to damage & had not replaced it due to the 'amount of vandalism' the site was subjected to), & noting a report from Councillor P Kendall that he had been advised by Allerdale Parks & Open Spaces Officer Julian Smith in 2020 that the pieces would not be replaced, the Council request further information from Allerdale Borough Council officers & respective portfolio holder as follows:
 - a) Does Allerdale Borough Council have insurance provision to cover vandalism to its play equipment?

- b) Has Allerdale Borough Council provided resources in budget to replace the damaged equipment?
 - c) Has Allerdale Borough Council been requested to seek funding from underspends in budget & reserves to meet the cost of the replacement equipment?
- 2) Further to a request via Mark Jenkinson MP from the Minister for Sport, Tourism, Heritage & Civil Society on 29 June for evidence on short-term letting, the Council's concerns at the need for an effective system of control of this market to protect the area from loss of housing accommodation for local residents to both licensed & unlicensed short term let property owners be noted, & that it:
- a) Support the introduction of a Statutory National Landlord Register to ensure effective enforcement of legal requirements for such businesses as short-term lettings to protect members of the public from unregulated operators & 'rogue' landlords.
 - b) Ascertain whether Cumbria Association of Local Councils has or could collate information from Cumbrian authorities on the number of such properties in the area

19/22 Accounts for payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £32,054.15, be agreed.

20/22 Contacting Allerdale

Resolved that Allerdale Borough Council be advised that:

- a) Councillors & Town Council officers are regularly being contacted by members of the public who have been unable to access Allerdale Borough Council by telephone.
- b) There are many people in the Maryport area who are not computer literate & are unable to access Allerdale through its preferred methodology of the Allerdale App.
- c) The Town Council is concerned that effective consultation was not carried out with the public by Allerdale in it changing its arrangements for contacting the authority.

21/22 Best Kept Garden Competition

Resolved that the Council hold a Best Kept Garden & Container Competition in 2022 & that members of the public be invited to nominate gardens for consideration by the Judging Panel, to consist of Councillors S Ashworth, P Kendall, W Pegram & Ms C Slater, under the following categories:

- Best Large Garden
- Best Medium Garden
- Best Small Garden
- Best Containers

22/22 Items for Next Agenda

- 1) To consider making arrangements for Grit Bins to be checked, (Mrs C McCarron Holmes).
- 2) To review proposals, if made, to deal with footpaths requested for nomination for improvement by Cumbria County Council, (Mrs L Radcliffe).

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

Signed

Chairman

Date