

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 5 September 2022 in the Grasslot Welfare Club, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth (Chairman)	Councillor G Hampson
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	

In Attendance

L Douglas, (Clerk)
P Bramley, (Clerk)
Member of public
Mary Bradley, (Allerdale GDF Partnership)

35/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Carter, P Mallyon, J Newton, W Pegram, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

36/22 Declarations of Interest

None received

37/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

38/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 August 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

39/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) Following submission of his resignation, Mr Brandon Copeland be thanked for his work whilst he was part of the Council, & best wishes given for his future.
- 2) A Working Party, consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, G Hampson, P Kendall & Mrs L Radcliffe be set up to organise an event in recognition of Maryport athlete Simon Lawson's achievements at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, working in conjunction with Netherhall School & Maryport Inshore Lifeboat.
- 3) Further to explanatory information sent in support of an application for funding for the Maryport Arts Heritage Project, further to members' desire for further

information in some areas, Ms Karen Thompson be invited to the next meeting, and members to submit questions to the Clerk's office no later than Monday 26th September 2022.

- 4) Further to a request from John Connell, Senior Caseworker in Mark Jenkinson MP's office, it be suggested that he seek guidance from Allerdale Borough Council Maryport Regeneration Director Graeme Wilson on findings from the Future High Street Fund consultation & subsequent amendments to proposals following consultation with local residents & businesses concerning the possible impacts of introducing seating & other street furniture on Senhouse Street.
- 5) Further to proposals submitted by Mr Paul Williamson concerning advertising arrangements, information be sought from Workington Town Council on an electronic sign and it be agreed to support three areas for a static advertising site.
- 6) Consideration of a matter concerning Council operational arrangements be deferred pending further advice.

40/22 Accounts for payment

Resolved those accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £13,387.16, be agreed.

41/22 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 July 2022 be agreed.

42/22 Short Term Holiday Lets

Resolved that the following responses to NALC's Short Term Holiday Lets consultation be agreed:

- 1) Do you consider the increase in short term & holiday letting in England to have had adverse consequences in the housing market?
Yes, this is a minor problem.
- 2) Do you consider noise, anti-social or other nuisance behaviour in other short term or holiday lets in England to be a problem?
No.
- 3) Aside from the impacts on housing & incidents of anti-social/nuisance behaviour, do you consider the increase in short-term & holiday letting in England to have had other adverse impacts on local communities & residents?
Yes, it impacts on local house prices & removes house from the market for local people.
- 4) Which of the following do you consider to be the most appropriate form of response in the short-term letting market?
Develop a licensing scheme with physical checks of the premises, (a light touch system would not suffice).
- 5) What do you consider to be the costs & associated burdens of these options, who would bear the costs & how might they be mitigated?
Landlord responsibility.

43/22 Remembrance Day Arrangements & Maryport Poppy Appeal

Resolved that:

- 1) The proposed arrangements for Remembrance Day & the organisation of the Poppy Appeal be agreed.
- 2) A Working Party consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, G Hampson, P Kendall & Mrs L Radcliffe be established to determine further detailed arrangements.
- 3) It be agreed that the Town Council would manage the Poppy Appeal arrangements in future, following receipt of Councillor Ms C Tindall's intention to stand down from her role as administrator following the 2022 appeal.

44/22 Funding for Accessible Play Equipment

Resolved that the Council consider the potential for improvements to Ellenborough Play Area following assessment of the latest safety report at the next meeting, given the possibility of external funding from the Robin Rigg Community Fund & Allerdale GDF Partnership.

45/22 Items for Next Agenda

- 1) Potential Improvements at Ellenborough Play Area.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date