

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 10 October 2022 at The Golden Lion, Senhouse Street, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor B Carter
Councillor G Hampson	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)
Mrs V Patterson, (Press)
J Hewitson & Ms J Spencer, (Allerdale Borough Council)
Members of Public

46/22 Apologies for Absence

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

47/22 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Ms C Slater, Item 8(2), Personal as a member of the Castle Hill Trust.

48/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

49/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 5 September 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

50/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) Following confirmation from Allerdale Borough Council that no request for a bi-election had been received for the Ellenfoot Ward & that the Council was free to co-opt, it be agreed not to seek co-option, given that elections were due in May 2023.
- 2) Further to the report from the External Auditor, the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021/22 be approved & accepted, & that thanks be given to the Clerks for their continued contributions to ensuring that the Council prepares accurate, open & accountable financial & governance records.
- 3) Further to a request for funding from the Great North Air Ambulance, a grant of £1,000 towards its operational costs be awarded.
- 4) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Grasslot School towards the provision of new reading books in support of a new phonics scheme.
- 5) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Maryport Guides, Brownies & Rainbows towards the county adventure weekend, equipment & uniforms.
- 6) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Netherhall School towards its pupil premium & disadvantaged students' uniform fund.
- 7) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Netherton Infant School towards equipment for outdoor learning.
- 8) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Maryport Army Cadets towards first aid training equipment.

51/22 Accounts for payment

Resolved those accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £29,068.61, be agreed.

52/22 Finance Report

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

53/22 Maryport Arts & Heritage Partnership Funding Application

Allerdale Borough Council officers Mr Jeremy Hewitson & Ms Joanne Spencer were in attendance to deal with a number of members' questions, which were suitably answered, together with further explanation on the funding application.

Resolved that:

- 1) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Maryport Arts & Heritage Partnership in 2022/23 in respect of the 'Made in Maryport' cultural programme.
- 2) Provision be made in budget for a grant of £15,000 to the Maryport Arts & Heritage Partnership in 2023/24, in respect of the 'Made in Maryport' cultural programme, & its award be conditional upon funding of £41,910 from other sources, as identified in the 'Amended Budget V4 July 2022 (Scenario Planning)' submitted in support of the application, being confirmed.

54/22 Potential Play Area Improvements

Resolved that a Working Party consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms C Slater be established to review options for play area improvements.

55/22 Coronation Memorabilia

Resolved that consideration be given to making provision for suitable arrangements in the 2023/24 Budget to celebrate the King's Coronation in 2023.

56/22 Recognition of Organisations dealing with Mental Health Issues

Resolved that the Council, in recognition of the range of mental health issues prevalent in society, offer its support to the various organisations which were dealing with such issues.

57/22 Marine Conservation

Resolved that the Council's concerns with the potential impact of DEFRA proposals to establish a marine conservation area on the Maryport Coast be submitted to Baroness Hayman & that members provide the Clerks, noting the short timescale available, with a list of their concerns for assimilation & submission.

58/22 Simon Lawson Parade

Resolved that the arrangements for the Simon Lawson Parade on 19 October be noted, that Allerdale Borough Council Mayor be invited & that the Council meet the costs of bus travel to enable Flimby Primary School pupils to attend the parade.

59/22 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