

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 12 December 2022 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, 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)

76/22 Apologies for Absence

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

77/22 Declarations of Interest

None Received

78/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received

79/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 7 November 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

80/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) The Council agree the proposals for woodland management submitted by Edwin Thompson, Chartered Surveyors, for Flimby & Buckbank Woods, subject to the arrangements taking account of the potential impact of the removal of trees on flood risk.
- 2) A meeting be requested with Edwin Thompson to discuss the impact of tree felling on past flooding in Flimby.
- 3) The Council's disappointment with the response received from Allerdale Borough Council Property & Estates Manager to its request for a meeting to

discuss long term & ongoing problems caused by damp at Maryport Town Hall be expressed. It noted that:

- a) What Mr Bryden had said was the current position was over a year old.
 - b) Mr Bryden had said, with no evidence given, that Allerdale was working towards a solution to the problem.
 - c) Mr Bryden had offered no explanation as to why Allerdale Property Services had refused to assist with the management of the recent refurbishment of the Town Hall.
 - d) Mr Bryden had stated that Allerdale had based its decision not to erect scaffolding to repair the chimney on a report from an engineering company, but refused to provide the Town Council with a copy of the report.
 - e) Mr Bryden failed to respond to a request from the Town Council for what Allerdale's arrangements for & frequency of building inspections was.
 - f) In response to the Council's enquiry as to when a solution to the problem would be available, Mr Bryden had suggested that it may not be until after the demise of Allerdale.
 - g) Mr Bryden had suggested that the Council had exaggerated issues with damp.
 - h) Mr Bryden had appeared to suggest that the Town Council could vacate the building if it wasn't satisfied with the position.
 - i) Mr Bryden had still not suggested a meeting date as requested.
- 4) The Council request Mr Bryden to explain why the provisions of the Party Wall Act 1996 had not been invoked to enable works to the chimney to be carried out, whether Allerdale had considered insuring against any potential damage caused to the adjoining property by such works, & how damage apparently due to damp in areas of the building not directly related to the chimney wall were to be addressed.
- 5) Further to an application for a grant from the Centre for Leadership Performance towards a community art project, it be noted that Cumbria County Council had provided funding towards such projects in Maryport, & the applicants be requested to provide further information, including a breakdown of what direct costs the funding was to be applied to.

81/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, Totalling £30,881.10, be agreed.

82/22 Finance Report

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

83/22 Emergency Town Plan

Resolved that, with a view to an Emergency Town Plan being developed, Cumbria County Council officer Mr Johnathon Burgess be requested to give a presentation to the Council.

84/22 Internal Audit Review

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2022 be accepted and the Clerks thanked for their hard work.

85/22 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, a meeting of the Allotment Committee took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date