

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 23 January 2023 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 Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Slater

In Attendance

L Douglas, (Clerk)
P Bramley, (Clerk)
V Patterson (Press)

86/22 Apologies for Absence

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

87/22 Declarations of Interest

None received.

88/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

89/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 12 December 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

90/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) It be noted that Councillor P Kendall, in his Mayoral capacity, had submitted a Councillor Call for Action to Allerdale Borough Council, & that the Council record how appalled it was at the response from Allerdale Borough Council Property & Estates Manager David Bryden to its requests for further information on Maryport Town Hall damp problems and that it be agreed to seek legal advice on the Borough Council's responsibilities & actions in response to the Town Council's requests.

- 2) Further to the receipt of additional information requested by the Council from the Centre for Leadership Performance in support of its funding application, the matter be deferred following the Council being advised that Cumbria County Council Internal Audit service had been asked to investigate funding provided for the project.
- 3) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Amy Dixon to support ongoing training costs & attendance at karate competitions, in recognition of the prestige brought to the community by such athletes, to be funded from the International Sports Reserve.
- 4) Further to Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Peter McCall's Council Tax Consultation 2023/24, members submit their personal responses, as the response form was not geared to organisations' submissions.

91/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved those accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £52,545.30, be agreed.

92/22 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2022 be agreed, including virements of £10,000 from Property Maintenance to Employees & £8,000 from Ground Maintenance to Postages, Stationery & General Office Expenses.

93/22 Community Champion Awards

Resolved that it be noted that nominations were being sought from the community of suitable candidates for the annual Community Champion Award & that Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs L Radcliffe & Mrs C Slater represent the Council on a Selection Panel to be established.

94/22 Creditor Payments

Resolved that the Council establish a BACS payment system for its creditor payments, with suitable controls to ensure its integrity, & that the Council obtain a business card to facilitate the Council's administrative expenses.

95/22 The Kings Coronation

Resolved that:

- 1) Members establish a Working Party, to consist of Councillors S Ashworth, P Kendall & Mrs L Radcliffe, to consider & make recommendations to the Committee for consideration at its March meeting for the Council's contribution to community events.
- 2) Schools be invited to submit a funding application for organising events for Flimby & Maryport Schools' pupils in support of the event.

3) The Council provide memorabilia for the area's school pupils.

96/22 Heritage Signs

Resolved that it be agreed:

- 1) To arrange the development of signage reflecting the importance of the promenade to Maryport, its development & some of the walks available to the public in its vicinity, geared towards both local residents & visitors.
- 2) To arrange the development of signage in support of the area's Roman heritage, reflecting on that available at the Roman Museum & in support of the Roman Emperor Scheme.

97/22 Service Contracts

Resolved that arrangements be made for the extension of contracts with the Council's current contractors for Ground Maintenance, Bus Shelter Cleaning & Statues & Memorials Cleaning, covering the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

98/22 Events Signage

Resolved that it be agreed, further to Minute 39/22(5), to progress arrangements for the establishment of an electronic sign, to be sited, subject to permissions, at Netherhall Corner, Maryport.

99/22 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date