

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 24 April 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, 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 J Newton
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms C Slater	

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)

123/22 Apologies for Absence

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

124/22 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from: Councillor G Hampson, Item 8(2), Member of Maryport Inshore Rescue; Councillor C McCarron Holmes, Item 8(3), Member of Cumberland Council; Councillor W Pegram, Item 8(2), representative on Citizens' Advice Bureau & Maryport Harbour Committee & member of Maryport Carnival Committee, & Item 8(3), Member of Cumberland Council; Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, Item 8(2), Member of Maryport Carnival Committee; & Councillor Ms C Slater, Item 8(2), Trustee of Castle Hill Trust.

125/22 Requests for Dispensation

A request for dispensation to speak on Item 8(2) was received from Councillor G Hampson.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

126/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 27 March 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

127/22 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Queen of the Solway Dance Festival.
- 2) It be agreed to instal benches with a memorial plaque to those who fought in the far east in World War II at Maryport Memorial Gardens & Flimby Cemetery, subject to the agreement of Cumberland Council.

128/22 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £13,163.58, be agreed.

129/22 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 be agreed.

130/22 Grant Funding

Resolved that the following amounts be agreed:

Annual Grants

Maryport Harbour Authority: £7,500
Citizen's Advice Bureau: £1,000
Maryport Inshore Rescue: £500
Maryport Maritime Museum: £500
Netherhall School Annual Prizes: £500

Sundry Grants

Flimby Pensioners' Committee: £1,000 towards Annual functions
Maryport Sea Cadets: £1,500 towards storage facilities & paddle sport equipment
Maryport Athletic Football Club: £2,600 towards wheeled goal posts
Maryport Amateur Football Club: £8,500 towards storage equipment & team kits
Flimby Girls' Brigade: £1,000 towards insurance
Maryport Education Group: £5,000 towards a William Mitchell joint schools project
Maryport Amateur Operatic & Drama Society: £2,500 towards show production costs
Cheer Force Knights: £3,000 towards a sprung floor for the training facility
Owl Blue Charity: £2,200 towards Wood Street office costs
Maryport Inshore Rescue: £6,000 towards Lifeboat Station visitor opening
Independent Community Autism Activity Network: £2,500 towards family support
Maryport Arts & Heritage Partnership: £15,000 towards Made in Maryport

Promoting Maryport

Maryport Trawler Race: £2,000
Flimby Carnival: £2,000
Maryport Carnival: £2,000
L'aal Music Festival: £1,500
Firework Display Maryport Rugby Club: £1,750
Glassonbury Music Festival: £2,000
Maryport Inshore Rescue: £2,000 towards a Fun Day
Feel The Blues Music Festival: £1,000
In considering grant applications, members agreed the following:

- 1) That an application for funding towards two saunas from Netherhall School be refused given its commercial orientation.
- 2) That Owl Blue Charity be asked to supply information on other sources of income in any future applications.
- 3) That an application from Maryport Bowling Club for funding towards music acts for Maryport Live be refused, given its commercial orientation, & that it was part of a larger event across the town self-funded by other participants.
- 4) That funding awarded to the Maryport Arts & Heritage Partnership be conditional upon it being promoted as being sponsored by the Town Council & that the Mayor was invited to open any associated events.

131/22 Cumberland Council Customer Services at Maryport Town Hall

A report was received citing concerns with Cumberland Council’s arrangements for dealing with customers at Maryport Town Hall. It was noted that there were inconsistencies in the way in which customers were serviced across the area, that preference was given to some sites over others, that certain groups of the public were prospectively being discriminated against by the appointments only system operated in the former Allerdale area & that the public attending the Town Hall without an appointment were becoming antagonistic towards Town Council staff when attended to by them. It was also noted that the newly designed ground floor of the Town Hall had no safe front facing reception area & an intercom system which failed to provide effective co-ordination with the ground floor staff locations.

Resolved that the Council, as main tenant, request the relevant Cumberland Council Scrutiny Committee to review the provision of customer services across its area, & ensure that a customer service arrangement that effectively served the Maryport community be introduced.

132/22 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date