

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 12 June 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport at 7.00pm.

## Present

<b>Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)</b>	<b>Councillor C Bell</b>
<b>Councillor I Greaney</b>	<b>Councillor Ms J Hastewell</b>
<b>Councillor G Kemp</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes</b>
<b>Councillor S Merrin</b>	<b>Councillor G Mitchell</b>
<b>Councillor W Pegram</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe</b>
<b>Councillor Ms C Slater</b>	

## In Attendance

**P Bramley, (Clerk)**  
**Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)**  
**V Patterson (Press)**  
**Member of public**

### **1/23 Apologies for Absence**

Aa apology for absence was received from Councillor J Newton.

### **2/23 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interests were received from Councillors Mrs C McCarron-Holmes & W Pegram, Item 5(6), Customer Services, Maryport Town Hall, Personal as members of Cumberland Council.

### **3/23 Requests for Dispensation**

None received.

### **4/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 April 2023**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **5/23 Correspondence**

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

- 1) A grant of £20,000 be awarded to Cumberland Council towards the Taste of the Sea Festival, the unbudgeted element to be funded from reserves, subject to publicity reflecting the Town Council as the main sponsor being put in place, improved signage directing the public to all sites used by the festival being in place & a greater proportion of stalls than in 2022 being for fish & seafood.
- 2) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Senhouse Roman Museum, following information received on the application of the 2022 grant.
- 3) Netherhall School officer Mr Dale Stephenson be advised that it was the Council's view that the Netherhall Community Sports Centre was functioning as a quasi-commercial operation & so it was not prepared for that reason to provide grant funding of £10,000 towards two saunas, which it understood to be not available for school pupils.
- 4) Following Cheerleading Group Cheer Force Knights' recent success in the United States, the Council invite the winning teams and their coaching staff to the next Full Council meeting to award them with a plaque marking their achievements and that, on the understanding that the group was taking part in the forthcoming Maryport Carnival, the community be invited to show their appreciation of their wins at that event.
- 5) A grant of £800 be awarded to FC Butchers towards kits, match day clothing & equipment, together with other playing costs.
- 6) Following advice received from Cumberland Council Policy & Scrutiny officer Mr Rowan Jones that the Town Council's request for the Maryport Town Hall Customer Services operation to be reviewed by Cumberland Council Scrutiny Committee would instead be dealt with by the Assistant Director for Customer Services, the Council write to Cumberland Council Leader Mark Fryer asking that he recognise the Town Council's concerns & ensure that the matter was given priority.
- 7) Further to a request from Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch Association Chairman Joe Murray to advise of issues in the community which concerned Anti-social behaviour, crime & disorder, problem areas & issues which had a detrimental effect on communities, members provide the Clerks with relevant information by 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **6/23 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £92,983.59, be agreed.

### **7/23 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 April 2023 be agreed.

### **8/23 Financial Reserves 2022/23**

**Resolved** that the position of the Council's Financial Reserves at 31 March 2023 be noted & that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2023 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £9,203
- 2) Environmental Improvements Reserve: £30,000
- 3) Building Maintenance Reserve: £15,000
- 4) Christmas Lights Reserve: £10,000
- 5) Defibrillators Reserve: £2,500

**9/23 Internal Audit Report**

**Resolved** that the Council's Internal Auditor's Report for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2023 be agreed and the Clerks thanked for their hard work.

**10/23 Extent of Rats on the Ewanrigg Estate,**

**Resolved** that it be noted that the problem with vermin in the area should be reported to Cumberland Council's Environmental Health Service by residents affected.

**11/23 Items for Next Agenda**

None received.

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....