

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 7 August 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor J Hastewell
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor C McCarron Holmes
Councillor J Newton	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor C Slater

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
V Patterson (Press)
Two members of public

28/23 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Mitchell.

29/23 Declarations of Interest

None received.

30/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

31/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 10 July 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

32/23 Correspondence

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

- 1) Further to an application for funding, the Shipping Brow Gallery be requested to provide the Council with a business plan and, subject to that plan being considered satisfactory, consideration being given to making provision in the 2024/25 Budget at the Council's Budget Meeting.
- 2) A grant of £500 be awarded to Swan FC to provide for a full new away kit, water bottles, goal nets, flags, balls & first aid kits.
- 3) The Council arrange, subject to the owner's agreement, for a blue plaque to be placed at 85 High Street in recognition of the local artist William Mitchell, (Mitchell of Maryport), who died at that property, it being the 200th anniversary of his birth, & also in support of a Maryport Schools' project.

33/23 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £55,010.50, be agreed.

34/23 Finance Report

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

35/23 Maryport Carnival

Resolved that the Carnival Committee be advised to ask Gary & Sophie Hampson of the Butcher's Arms, Maryport, to form a committee to take on the organisation of Maryport Carnival with effect from the 2024 Carnival & that such support as necessary be provided by the Council.

36/23 Additional Christmas Tree

Resolved that the item be withdrawn.

37/23 Hanging Baskets,

Resolved that it be noted that hanging baskets are provided in Maryport town centre to improve its attractiveness generally, & that:

- 1) Businesses in the town centre be asked again, in preparation for the 2024 Summer flower season, whether they would like to continue to receive a hanging basket.
- 2) Those businesses which have not previously received a hanging basket be asked again whether they would like to host a basket and the Council's list of hanging baskets be updated.

38/23 Floral Displays

Resolved that the Council adopt a 'sea theme' colour arrangement for its floral displays for the next three years, commencing in Summer 2024, with the matter reviewed in good time for the 2027 Summer season.

39/23 Coke Ovens

Resolved that:

- 1) On-site & off-site promotional information, through signage & website, reflecting the Coke Ovens’ historical significance, be prepared.
- 2) Council nominated members on the Cumberland Council Maryport Regeneration Groups ensure support for recognition of the Coke Ovens to be given in signage developed.
- 3) Documentary records of proposals for the management of the Coke Ovens site be requested from Cumberland Council archives.
- 4) Arrangements be made for one-off works to shrubbery at the Coke Ovens site to improve its outlook.
- 5) Cumberland Council be requested to have the overgrown & untidy shrubbery & weeds around Mill Street Car Park to be attended to.
- 6) Arrangements be made for the removal of a bench owned by Cumberland Council at the Coke Ovens site to assist the Police with the management of anti-social behaviour.

40/23 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date