

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on 11 November 2024
in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.**

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor G V Cuthbert
Councillor J Cuthell	Councillor J Hastewell
Councillor P Hetherington	Councillor G Kemp
Councillor C McCarron Holmes	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor D Peggs	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor C Slater

In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)

65/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Greaney, G Hampson, S Merrin & J Newton.

66/24 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor J Hastewell, Item 7(4), Personal as a member of Friends of Fleming Square; & Councillor G Mitchell, Item 7(1), Personal as a contractor to Netherton Infant School.

67/24 Requests for Dispensation

A request was received from Councillor G Mitchell to speak on Item 7(1).

Resolved that the request be agreed.

68/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 14 October 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2024 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

69/24 Minutes of Meeting held on 28 October 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2024 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

70/24 Public Participation

No questions received.

71/24 Correspondence

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

- 1) Further to a funding request from Netherton Infant School towards the cost of Winter waterproofs for children to visit the beach as a part of their learning, a grant of £1,000 be agreed.
- 2) Further to the receipt of additional information from the Derwent Valley Federation in support of its funding request towards the cost of a vehicle to transport pigeons, a grant of £500 be agreed.
- 3) An application for funding from Maryport Horizons Community Interest Company was withdrawn.
- 4) A grant of £400 be awarded to the Friends of Fleming Square towards a Christmas tree & decorations for Fleming Square.

72/24 Accounts for Payment

Resolved those accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £24,516.65, be agreed.

73/24 Police Report

Note that Councillor McCarron Holmes left the meeting following the Police Report. PC Sam Steele & a PCSO colleague reported that crime & anti-social behaviour incidents had fallen, but that there were problems in dealing with drug users at the moment, with evictions proving difficult to enforce. Further to questions from Council members on the use of CCTV in the town, PC Steele reported that it was proving very effective & that CCTV recordings had facilitated a number of crime prosecutions. ANPR cameras had been installed on the A596 & were also playing an important role in securing convictions, & a mobile ANPR vehicle was now available which had proved successful recently in securing a drug driving offence. There had been several deaths in the Maryport area in recent months as a result of drug misuse; Cumbria Police were working in partnership with other organisations to deal with what had become a lifestyle choice for some, with drugs of preference being heroin & crack cocaine. Theft from shops was being used as a means to fund drug habits & PC Steele was working with shops offering advice on which goods should not be displayed near shop entrances. Cumbria Police have introduced foot patrols on housing estates, with Police presence having an impact for a day or two on crime in those areas.

Resolved that the report be noted & the Police officers thanked for their attendance.

74/24 Finance Report

Resolved that the report for the period 1 April to 31 October 2024 be agreed.

75/24 Maryport Town Council Logo

Resolved that Option 1 of the logos circulated to members be agreed.

76/24 Young People's Forum Group

Resolved that, following receipt of a report on proposals for the establishment of a Young People's Forum by Mrs Anna Todd, the Council agree to support the group & report matters to the Council through the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

77/24 Defibrillators in the Maryport Area

Resolved that the report be noted.

78/24 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the Internal Audit Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2024 be noted & the Clerks thanked for their continuing successful management of the Council's finance & governance arrangements.

79/24 Items for the next agenda

- 1) Impact of reported closure of Allerdale Disability Association on Maryport area, (L Radcliffe).

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

Signed

Chairman

Date