

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 15 April 2013 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor D King	Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

Mrs V Patterson (Press)

122/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms G Elliot, J Gardener, A Long & A Moore.

123/12 Declarations of Interest

None received.

124/12 Requests for Dispensations

Dispensation Requests for Setting the Council Tax or Precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992, where the Council member or their spouse/partner held property interests within the Maryport area, were received from Councillors B Carter & G McAlpine.

125/12 Minutes of Meeting held on 25 March 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

126/12 Police Report

None received.

127/12 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £250 be awarded to the Maryport Army Cadet Force to update & maintain the first aid & training equipment.
- 2) A grant of £250 be awarded to the Macmillan Cancer Support in support of the charity cycle ride from Land's End to John O' Groats on 22 to 31 May 2013 organised by Garry Mounsey of Maryport.
- 3) The Council forward letters received requesting improvements to the Shiver Me Timbers Play Area from Mia Grimley & Lauren Wild of Maryport to Mark Vollers of the Lake District Coast Aquarium, & thank & advise the correspondents accordingly.
- 4) A grant of £250 be awarded to the Maryport Model Club to assist in funding the Maryport Annual Model Club Exhibition.
- 5) The Council record its concerns at the changes in Benefits, based on a reclassification of need, being introduced by the Government, in particular, the £500 Weekly Benefit cap, following the response from the Department for Work & Pensions to Council concerns regarding reforms to Benefits, (Bedroom Tax).

128/12 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £5,556.84, be agreed.

129/12 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 be agreed.

130/12 Maryport Christmas Lights Festival 2013

Resolved that proposals under development for the Maryport Christmas Festival 2013 be endorsed, with preference expressed for entertainment arrangements organised through the Council, rather than an externally based operation.

131/12 Unitary Local Government in Cumbria

Resolved that the previously circulated Cumbria County Council Scrutiny Management Board Unitary Authority Task Group Review be circulated again, in order to assist members in considering the request from CALC for a general opinion of proposals for unitary local government in Cumbria.

132/12 Netherhall Corner Flower Beds

Resolved that proposals to share a licence for the maintenance of the Netherhall Corner, Maryport, flower beds with the Solway Trust in 2013, for which the Council will provide two large ship display features, be agreed.

133/12 Best Kept Garden Competition

Resolved that, further to Minute 52/12, arrangements be made for the Council Best Kept Garden Competition to take place in August 2013, & that the judging panel be made up of the following members:

- 1) The Mayor
- 2) W Pegram
- 3) Mrs J Wood
- 4) M Wood
- 5) Mrs L Radcliffe

134/12 Flimby Train Station Platform

Resolved that, further to Minute 84/12, the Council contact the responsible rail authorities to express concerns at the continued lack of action regarding the Council's requests for the litter problem on Rail Authority land in the Flimby area & the problems experienced by embarking & disembarking passengers, caused by the lack of height of the platform at Flimby Railway Station, compared to the height of the train carriages, to be addressed

135/12 Council Surgery 2 March 2013 Update

Resolved that the matters raised, actions taken & responses received, in respect of the Council Surgery held on 2 March 2013, be noted & that details of Council Surgeries be reported, as appropriate, to future Council meetings.

136/12 Items for the Next Agenda

None identified.

The meeting finished at 8.20 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date