

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 4 April 2016 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor S Barcock
Councillor B Carter	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor T Todd	Councillor I Tyson
Councillor L Williamson	

In Attendance

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

96/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

97/15 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillors S Barcock, Item 5(1), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee; Mrs A Kendall, Item 8(11), Personal, Board Member of Maryport Harbour & Marine Authority; Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Item 8(13), Personal, Member of Cumbria County Council; W Pegram, Item 5(1), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee, Item 8(11), Personal, Board Member of Maryport Harbour & Marine Authority, & Item 8(11), Personal, member of Citizens Advice Bureau; Mrs L Radcliffe, Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee; Ms Sharon Stamper, Item 5(1), Personal, member of Citizens Advice Bureau; Ms C Tindall, Item 8(11), Personal, Flimby Community Hall; T Todd, Item 5(1), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee.& L Williamson, Item 5(1), Personal, member of Maryport Community Carnival Committee.

98/15 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

99/15 Minutes of Meeting held on 25 January 2016

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 25 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

100/15 Correspondence

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

- 1) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport Community Carnival Committee to support the operation of a stationery carnival event to be held in July 2016. (Note that Councillors S Barcock, W Pegram, Mrs L Radcliffe, T Todd & L Williamson left the room for this item).
- 2) That the Council support the formation of a Member & Parish Community Transport Group, as suggested by Cumbria County Council Scheduled Bus Services Officer Mark Hodgkiss, in respect of the notice of closure from 26 March 2016 of Bus Service Route 60 by Reays, which operated between Skinburness & Workington via Maryport.
- 3) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Ellenborough Rangers ARLFC, in support of Mr Andrew Ostle, who has been selected for the Barla Under 23 Tour to Jamaica, in recognition of the prestige of such a selection to Maryport.
- 4) That, further to a request received from Sue Hayman MP for the Council to employ a lengths man, the Council advise that it would not be pursuing such a course of action, given the significant cost implications.
- 5) That a letter from Maryport Bowling Club concerning developments in connection with Maryport Railway Transport Hub be referred to the Planning & Economic Development Committee for consideration.
- 6) That an increase in the contract value for the ground maintenance of Ellenborough Play Area to £1,942.19, effective from April 2016, be agreed.
- 7) That a grant of £250 be awarded to Maryport Chess Club towards the cost of renting rooms at Ewanrigg & Netherton Community Centre.

101/15 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £44,763.65, be agreed.

102/15 Police Report

A written report was received from Sergeant David MacDonald.

Resolved that the report be noted, that members advise the Clerks of any matters to be raised with the Police & that a Working Party, consisting of Councillors S Ashworth, Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs C McCarron Holmes, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms S Stamper, be established to review the Maryport night time economy.

103/15 Finance Report

Resolved that:

- 1) The Finance Report for the period 1 April 2015 to 29 February 2016 be agreed.
- 2) The following budget virements be agreed:
 - a) £2,500 from Election Expenses to Office Expenses.
 - b) £200 from Election Expenses to Payroll Administration.
 - c) £500 from Election Expenses to Legal Services.
 - d) £500 from Election Expenses to Civic Fund, General.
 - e) £700 from Election Expenses to Miscellaneous Expenses.

104/15 Allotment Rents

Resolved that an increase in allotment rents of £5 per annum, to £50 per standard plot, with associated adjustments for non-standard plots, be agreed for introduction from 1 April 2017.

105/15 Review of Council Business Strategy

Resolved that a Working Party, consisting of Councillors Mrs A Kendall, P Kendall, Mrs C McCarron Holmes, B Pegram, Mrs L Radcliffe & Ms C Tindall, be established to review the strategy.

106/15 Partnership Working

Resolved that the Partnership Working Policy, as recommended by the Partnership Working Party, be agreed, noting that it was understood that 'Management Arrangements (2)', did not encompass the power to commit the Council to unbudgeted expenditure.

107/15 Cumbria in Bloom

Resolved that:

- 1) Maryport Town Council submit an entry to the appropriate entry category in the Cumbria in Bloom competition, based on a theme, 'Maryport Maritime in Bloom'.
- 2) The Council's entry be organised by Councillor T Todd, supported by Councillors S Barcock, B Carter & W Williamson, with support from partners as required.

108/15 Maryport Festivals Group Fun day

Resolved that the Council not take part in the Maryport Festivals Group Fun Day in May 2016.

109/15 Environmental Improvements Flimby Great Wood 2016/17

Resolved that the Council agree to contribute £5,000 to Cumbria County Council towards environmental works in Flimby Great Wood in 2016/17, in accordance with proposals submitted by Cumbria County Council Countryside Access Officer Mr Bob Muscat.

110/15 Proposed NHS Service Changes

Resolved that, on the understanding that Allerdale Borough Council was considering setting up a group to lead a response from councils & other interested parties in the area, the Town Council seek to join the group & voice its concerns regarding proposals for Maryport Cottage Hospital.

111/15 Queen's Birthday Celebrations 2016

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council agree to support the provision of a special commemorative coin for each Maryport & Flimby primary school pupil, together with any other pupils who are resident in the area but attend a school outside it, notified by members to the Clerks on a timely basis.
- 2) Further to Minute 47/15, arrangements for celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday in Maryport in 2016 be organised as follows:
 - a) Members be responsible for organising celebratory events for the wards which they represent, including provision of entertainment & publicity.
 - b) Single ward members team up with other wards, pooling resources, if preferred.
 - c) Events to be open to all residents of the appropriate ward.
 - d) Events to be held at a suitable venue in the relevant ward.
 - e) Residents of Ellenfoot Ward, which is not represented on the Town Council, to be able to attend the event organised by the members of Ewanrigg Ward.
 - f) Suitable arrangements be made to advertise the events organised.
 - g) Payment for any arrangements to be made through the Clerk's office, with any invoices made out to 'Maryport Town Council' & addressed to the Council offices.
 - h) Members to note that the Council will only provide funding for each ward, or group of wards, up to the agreed amount for each ward, & that any expenditure incurred in excess of the agreed amount must be met by the relevant Council members.

112/15 Grant Funding 2016/17

Resolved that:

- 1) The following grant awards be made following the receipt of statements of application of 2015/16 grants:
 - a) Maryport Harbour Authority, £7,500
 - b) Maryport Festivals Group, £6,000
 - c) Maryport Inshore Rescue Service, £500
 - d) Maryport Maritime Museum, £500
 - e) Netherhall School, £500
- 2) Citizens Advice Bureau grant payment be deferred pending its response to a request from the Council to provide a regular drop-in session in Maryport, in addition to the service currently being provided.

- 3) Senhouse Museum grant payment be deferred pending receipt & consideration of a statement of application of its 2015/16 grant.
- 4) The following grant awards be made following receipt of applications for grant funding:
 - a) Flimby Youth Club, £1,000
 - b) Flimby Community Hall, £1,000
 - c) Maryport Educational Settlement, £1,000
 - d) Maryport Model Club, £1,000
 - e) Maryport ARLFC, Sausage & Cider Festival, £1,000
 - f) Maryport Festivals Group, Yesterday's Youth, £2,000
 - g) Maryport Trawler Race, £2,000
 - h) Flimby Children's Carnival, £2,000
 - i) Maryport Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society, £1,000
 - j) Maryport ARLFC, Firework Display, £2,000.
- 5) Further information be sought from Flimby Girls' Brigade on what risks were covered by the insurance cover for which grant funding was sought.
- 6) Further information be sought from Maryport Inshore Rescue Service on what proportion of the costs of the guide service was covered by the grant requested & what other sources of funding the service received.
- 7) No funding be made in respect of a request from Maryport Festivals Group for a 'Summertime Sensation' event.
- 8) No funding be made in respect of a request for funding from Maryport ARLFC for a Fun Day.

113/15 Town Clean-up Week

Resolved that the Council seek to organise a Clean-up Week prior to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration events to be held during the second weekend in June.

114/15 Display Boat

Resolved that:

- 1) Arrangements made for the manufacture & supply of a display boat for the display of plants be supported.
- 2) Subject to alternative funding being identified, the cost of the provision, supply & display arrangements for the boat be met from Allerdale Borough Council Community Grant Funding 2015/16.
- 3) Permission be sought from Cumbria County Council for the Display Boat to be sited on the roundabout at Low Road, Maryport, & for the Town Council to provide a suitable ground maintenance service for both the boat & the roundabout when the boat is on display.

115/15 Council Asset Register Review 2015/16

Resolved that the Council Asset Register 2015/16 be agreed, subject to the inclusion of the ship feature on Netherhall Corner, gifted to the Council, & the amendment to bus shelters to show the split & transfer of one shelter into two at two new sites.

116/15 Items for Next Agenda

- 1) It was agreed to invite a representative from Sustrans to discuss proposals for maintenance of the cycle track in the area.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date