

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 3 June 2013 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor B Carter	Councillor Ms D Charlton
Councillor Ms G Elliot	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor D King
Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes	Councillor A Moore
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Ms C Tindall
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)
PCSO Mr S Relph (Cumbria Constabulary)

1/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Long, Councillor G Mitchell, Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe & Councillor Mrs A Kendall.

2/13 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Ms C Tindall, Item 10(2) (b, g & h), Personal.

3/13 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

4/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 15 April 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 15 April 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/13 Police Report

PCSO Steve Relph advised that Inspector Gary Hunter had taken over responsibility for the area from Inspector Craig. Crime in Maryport had spiked during the previous 6 to 8 weeks, with 27 burglaries during that time. Crime prevention days had been held in Ewanrigg and the Co-op in Maryport to encourage residents to make their

properties safe. The burglaries had taken place at night, mainly between the hours of 2am & 6am, although it was anticipated that properties had been identified during the day. Some arrests had been made but there had been no convictions, due to a lack of evidence. Electrical goods with a ready market for selling-on appeared to be being targeted.

The Police were running some bike marking sessions on 4 June, following a spate of bike thefts in the area.

PCSO Relph responded to a number of questions raised by members:

- The Police were planning another event with Eastern European residents, after similarly successful events in the past.
- A burnt out car was causing health & safety issues on Ewanrigg Road, & both PCSO Relph & the Clerks would contact Allerdale Borough Council to arrange its removal.

Thanks were given to the Police for a prompt response to a recent crime.

6/13 Correspondence

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

- 1) Cumbria County Council's version of events leading to the recovery of Christmas lighting from the roadside by their contactors be disputed, the invoice received from Cumbria County Council be not paid, & the Council write to Cumbria County Council & Cumbria Police advising them whom the Town Council's contractor was for such work.
- 2) Maryport Junior School's efforts, through the Joint School Council, to organise an event to campaign against dog fouling be fully supported, noting the Town Team's involvement.
- 3) Each member respond in their own right & the Council's response be determined at a meeting to be held on 6 June, involving Councillors Ms C Tindall & P Kendall, together with any other members with an interest.
- 4) That the Draft Markets Policy be accepted.
- 5) The Council support the retention of the existing post box on the external wall of the Post Office & contact Royal Mail to request its urgent repair & re-commissioning.

7/13 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £19,551.78, be agreed.

8/13 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 30 April 2013 be agreed.

9/13 Financial Reserves 2012/13

Resolved that additions to Reserves at 31 March 2013 be agreed as follows:

- 1) General Reserves: £3,044.30
- 2) Environmental Improvements Reserve: £10,000
- 3) Christmas Lights Reserve: £3,000
- 4) Allotment Improvements Reserve: £8,700
- 5) Festival Events Reserve: £3,000.

10/13 Maryport Christ Church closure

Resolved that the Council contact Allerdale Borough Council seeking further information on the operations of the Community Asset list, introduced through the Localism Act 2011, regarding the addition of Christ Church to the list to allow time for a community group to be formed to investigate its acquisition.

11/13 Elizabeth Street Derelict Property

Resolved that the Council notify the concerned resident, Mrs Byers, that the Council has advised Allerdale Borough Council of the problem, & that it will be kept under review.

12/13 Maryport Harbour Entrance

Resolved that the matter of fishing lines being left in the water unattended, so potentially causing damage to boats, be reported to Maryport Developments Ltd & the Harbour Authority as the pier falls under their responsibilities.

13/13 Maryport Town Team

Resolved that proposals by the Town Team to address the brick walled area on Senhouse Street with an arts project be supported, noting that the property is owned by Allerdale Borough Council & appropriate permissions would need to be arranged.

14/13 Meeting Procedures

Resolved that all members note the requirement to sign the fire register on arrival at official meetings and to turn off mobile phones, that a reminder be placed on the meeting summons & that the Council's Standing Orders be reviewed at the next appropriate meeting of the Council.

15/13 Netherhall Corner Flower Beds

Resolved that a meeting be arranged with the Solway Trust to agree arrangements for the planting of the Netherhall Corner Flower Beds, & that arrangements be made to commission the production of a second Trawler sculpture for display, subject to a maximum cost of £800.

16/13 Street Collections & Fund Raising at Christmas Lights Festival

Resolved that the Council apply to Allerdale Borough Council for a street collection licence for the Christmas Festival & a lottery licence, & clarify whether the awarding of a single licence per each event by Allerdale is a legal or a policy requirement. In the event of the former, the Council suggest that Allerdale awards the licence to the body organising the event, as first preference.

17/13 Meeting Extension

Resolved that the meeting be extended beyond 9pm to allow for the completion of business.

18/13 NHS Commissioning

Resolved that the Council express its concerns at proposals for NHS Commissioning & seek further information from Northumbria & Cumbria NHS Trust.

19/13 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the report be noted & congratulations given to the Clerks for their work leading to a successful Internal Audit Report.

20/13 Grant Applications

Resolved that, prior to consideration of a grant award, further information be sought from Maryport Harbour Authority on how they plan to operate from 2013/14, that the Grant Award statements of application of 2012/13 grants from Maryport Inshore Rescue, Citizens’ Advice Bureau, Maryport Festivals Group & Senhouse Museum Trust be accepted, & 2013/14 Annual Grant payments made, & that the following organisations be awarded the following amounts:

Maryport Fakestival	£2,000, (retrospective)
West Cumbria Rape Crisis	£1,000
West Cumbria Trades Hall	£1,000
Maryport Youth Festival Group	£2,000
Citizens’ Advice Bureau	£2,000
Maryport Youth Rugby	£250
Flimby Community Hall	£1,000
Flimby Community Garden	£1,000
Maryport Settlement	£1,000
Solway Trust	Deferred pending receipt of further information
Great North Air Ambulance	£500
Maryport Inshore Rescue	Deferred pending receipt of further information
Dearham & District First Responders	£500

21/13 Items for the Next Agenda

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| 1) Maryport Attributes | C McCarron-Holmes |
| 2) Cumbria CVS | P Kendall |
| 3) Trees & Open Spaces | P Kendall |
| 4) Lighting on posts | P Kendall |
| 5) Town Team progress report | G Elliot |

The meeting finished at 9.25pm

Signed

Chairman

Date