

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 30 September 2013 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

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

In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)
Ms H Conway (Cumbria CVS)
Mr R Key (Maryport Harbour Authority)
Mr T Magean (Cumbria in Bloom)

24/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D King, Councillor G Mitchell & Councillor A Moore.

25/13 Declarations of Interest

None received.

26/13 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

27/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 1 July 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

28/13 Presentation from Helen Conway, Business Development Officer, Cumbria CVS

A presentation was given by Helen Conway, who advised that the principal roles of Cumbria CVS were:

- 1) To provide governance advice to community groups.
- 2) To provide training for community groups & volunteers.
- 3) To assist with funding applications.
- 4) To identify volunteers.

Funding to support Cumbria CVS used to be largely provided by Cumbria County Council, but that had reduced significantly & the County Council also directed resources towards certain areas now. Charging for services supported funding.

Cumbria CVS was a countywide organisation, with its administrative headquarters in Penrith. The Maryport office was still open with a much-reduced availability of staff on site. The building occupied by the service was shared with various other users.

Ms Conway responded to a number of questions raised by members:

- Whilst it was recognised that the Maryport office had been funded with SRB resources, the amalgamation of West Cumbria CVS with the rest of Cumbria had included a restructure of the service, including siting the administrative support centrally in Penrith.
- It was noted that Allerdale Borough Council had set up a commissioning Board, which covered similar services to those provided by CVS.
- CVS staff still provided some 60 hours of service from the West Cumbria base.

Resolved that Ms Conway be thanked for her presentation & the content noted.

29/13 Presentation from Richard Key, Maryport Harbour Authority

A presentation was given by Harbourmaster Richard Key from Maryport Harbour Authority, following the Council's request for information concerning the operational arrangements of the Authority, following its merger with Maryport Developments Ltd, to assist with its consideration of continued annual financial support for the authority. Mr Key advised that the financial support received from the Council was used to support the infrastructure of the harbour. He listed the members of the Harbour Authority Board, which had recently been reconstituted, as being:

- Mrs A Kendall, (Allerdale Borough Council nominee), Chairman
- W Pegram, (Maryport Town Council nominee)
- K Little, (Cumbria County Council nominee)
- T Ashworth
- M Cowan
- M Hodgson, (Cumbria County Council Property Services)
- M Martin
- S Swift, General Manager

Mr Key advised that, following the amalgamation with Maryport Developments Ltd, the latter had been renamed Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd, & was a subsidiary of the Harbour Authority. He advised that the newly constituted Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd was a self-supporting organisation, & whilst in the past it had operated as a development company, attracting significant external resources for investment in the area, it now functioned only as a marina operating company.

Resolved that:

- 1) Mr Key be thanked for his presentation, his commitment to the authority & his contribution to the operation reaching the current stage, noting that it was some seven years since the revision order had been brought into effect.
- 2) Further consideration be given to the award of the 2013/14 grant to Maryport Harbour Authority at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting to be held on 28 October, members having had the opportunity to ascertain such information, as they considered necessary to make that decision.

30/13 Presentation from Toni Magean, Cumbria in Bloom

Mr T Magean, on behalf of Cumbria in Bloom, who acknowledged that Maryport's award of a silver medal in the Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community scheme had not been recognised at the Cumbria in Bloom award ceremony held recently, gave a presentation. Mr Magean advised that a number of groups & organisations had contributed to the successful result, as follows:

- Maryport Settlement
- Fleming Square Group
- Maryport Town Council
- Ewanrigg Junior School
- Maryport Infant School

Mr Magean presented the silver medal certificate to Mayor Councillor Mrs C Tindall.

Resolved that the award be received & that special thanks be given to Councillor P Kendall for his contribution through the obtaining of the Netherhall Corner Boats, to Councillor Ms G Elliot for her efforts in maintaining hanging baskets & the Clerks for their organisation of the displays.

31/13 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor provided a report setting out the events, which she had attended since the previous Council meeting, & offered apologies to the Solway Trust & the Mayor of Allerdale for being unable, due to an accident, to attend events held in July. The Mayor had attended the following events:

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| 1) 2 July | St Gregory's School Sports Day |
| 2) 4 July | Grasslot Infant School Sports Day |
| 3) 4 July | St Joseph's School Prize Giving |
| 4) 6 July | Dearham Carnival |
| 5) 10 July | It's Your Neighbourhood Panel |
| 6) 18 July | Cockrock |
| 7) 21 July | Cockermouth Civic Service |
| 8) 26 to 28 July | Maryport Blues Festival |
| 9) 28 July | Workington Civic Service |
| 10) 30 July | Rathbones |
| 11) 4 August | Aspatria Civic Service |
| 12) 5 August | Entra Baking Competition |
| 13) 9 August | Dunthwaire Barn Exhibitions |
| 14) 11 August | Maryport Civic Service |
| 15) 12 to 13 August | Maryport Best Kept Garden & Container Competition |

16) 5 September	Cumbria in Bloom Awards Ceremony
17) 13 September	Maryport Schools Council
18) 14 September	Maryport Lions Charter Dinner
19) 15 September	Wigton Civic Service
20) 15 September	West Coast Terrier & Lurcher Dog Show judge
21) 17 September	Flimby School Visit the Mayor
22) 17 September	Maryport Roman Settlement Excavations Tour
23) 17 September	Flimby Carnival Queen Selection
24) 20 September	Inspira Project
25) 22 September	Flimby Beach Clean-up
26) 24 September	Cumbria High Sheriff Visit
27) 25 September	Ewanrigg Junior School Visit the Mayor
28) 28 September	Flimby Craft Fair
29) 28 September	Cumbria Youth Alliance AGM
30) 28 September	Allerdale Borough Council Mayor's Music Extravaganza
31) 29 September	Flimby Harvest Festival

Resolved that the Mayor's announcements be noted.

32/12 Review of Standing Orders

Resolved that consideration to arrangements for public participation in council meetings be given consideration at the annual review of the Council's Standing Orders.

33/12 Annual Return Year Ended 31 March 2013

Resolved that the Annual Return 2012/13 be approved & accepted, that it be noted that no further action is required by the Council, & that the Clerks be commended for their efforts leading to a most successful report.

34/12 Flimby Wind Farm Community Fund

Resolved that the proposals for the administration of community grants receivable from Flimby Wind Farm operators be noted & that it be agreed that the Council's Clerks could provide support for the administration of the fund.

34/12 Maryport Christmas Lights Switch-on

Resolved that the proposed arrangements & funding for the Maryport Christmas Lights Switch-on 2013 be agreed.

35/12 Council Vacancy

Resolved that it be noted that Councillor J Gardener's Council membership had lapsed following his failure to attend any Council meetings over the previous six months, & that arrangements be effected to address the vacancy.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date