

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 9 October 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor G Hampson
Councillor J Hastewell	Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor C McCarron Holmes
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor D Peggs	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor C Slater

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
V Patterson, (Press)
Member of public

51/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's B Copeland, V Cuthbert & J Newton.

52/23 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from: Councillors C McCarron Holmes & W Pegram, Item 8(8), Personal as members of Cumberland Council: & L Douglas, Item 5(2), Personal & Prejudicial.

53/23 Requests for Dispensation

A request for dispensation to offer guidance, if required, on Item 5(2), was received from L Douglas.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

54/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 4 September 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

55/23 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £800 be awarded to Flimby Social FC towards new kits & equipment.
- 2) Grants of £1,000 be awarded to each of Lilly Douglas, Charley Robinson & Brooke Cartwright, Maryport residents & members of Cheer Force Knights Cheerleading Group towards the costs of training kits, bags, insurance, gym hire, accommodation, food & travel for their teams' taking part in the Worlds cheerleading competition in Florida in 2024, to be funded from the Council's International Sports Reserve, recognising the prestige they bring to the area.
- 3) A grant of £200 be awarded to Friends of Fleming Square towards Christmas decorations to be displayed at Fleming Square.
- 4) A grant of £550 be awarded to Ellenborough Rangers ARLFC towards the provision of a scoreboard.
- 5) No response be offered to the National Association of Local Councils in its Call for Evidence concerning the Jo Cox Civility Commission.
- 6) The provision of a Christmas tree at the site of the display boat on Senhouse be not agreed, but that resident Mr George Miller be thanked for his suggestion.
- 7) Further to a request for a funding contribution towards the cost of proposed tree works at Sea Brows, Maryport, Cumberland Council Parks & Open Spaces Senior Specialist Mr Julian Smith be contacted to ascertain ongoing arrangements, following a report that residents in the area had agreed to meet the cost.

56/23 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £30,526.87, be agreed.

57/23 Finance Report

Resolved that the Finance Report for the period 1 April to 31 August 2023 be agreed.

58/23 Cycle Rack, Land adjacent to Butcher's Arms, John Street

Resolved that the cycle rack be re-located & that members submit proposals to the Clerks for consideration by the committee.

59/23 Remembrance Day Arrangements & Maryport Poppy Appeal 2023

Resolved that the proposed arrangements for Remembrance Day & the Poppy Appeal be agreed, & that:

- 1) A formal Mayoral welcome be held for the crew & representatives of the Royal Navy, together with local dignitaries & representatives of local organisations, followed by an informal reception in conjunction with Maryport Sea Cadets.
- 2) Church Services be held at St Nicholas' Church, Flimby, in the morning of Remembrance Sunday, followed by a wreath laying ceremony, & St Mary's

Church, Maryport, in the afternoon, preceded by a formal march & followed by a wreath laying ceremony in Maryport Memorial Gardens.

- 3) Lunch be provided for the Council's guests from the Royal Navy, hosted by the Mayor & attended by the Council's Committee Chairmen.
- 4) Council members consider it as a part of their duties to represent the Council on Remembrance Day.
- 5) Council members support the Clerks in the operation of the Maryport Poppy Appeal 2023.

60/23 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23

Resolved that the External Audit Report to accompany the Council's Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23 be noted & the Clerks thanked for their achievements.

61/23 Meeting Extension

Resolved that it be agreed to extend the duration of the meetings for the following items of business.

62/23 Heritage Signage

Resolved that proposals to replace signage at Mote Hill, Maryport, be deferred pending advice from Cumberland Council, following a report that a nature reserve was planned for the site, & that alternative sites be considered as necessary.

63/23 Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of D Day 2024

Resolved that the Working Party's recommendations be agreed & that:

- 1) A commemorative Church Service be held on 6 June to which the community is invited, including school pupils, veterans & local service associations, together with representatives from the Duke of Lancaster Regiment, with which Maryport has a direct association.
- 2) The Council seek to involve schools in producing a wartime songs show for presentation to the area's older residents.
- 3) The Christmas lights be switched on as a celebratory measure.
- 4) Investigations be made into arranging for a searchlight display from a suitable position for viewing.

64/23 Maryport Harbour & Marina Slipway

Resolved that the Council contact the Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority to ascertain its plans for the harbour slipway, following a report that the authority planned to make the facility unavailable to fishermen.

65/23 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date