

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 11 December 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor J Cuthell
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor J Hastewell
Councillor C McCarron Holmes	Councillor S Merrin
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe

In Attendance

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

80/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V Cuthbert, I Greaney, G Kemp & C Slater.

81/23 Declarations of Interest

None received

82/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

83/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 30 October 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

84/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 6 November 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2023 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

85/23 Correspondence

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

- 1) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Great North Air Ambulance towards operational costs.
- 2) Further to the response received to the Council's request for further information in support of Shipping Brow Art Gallery Funding Request, the information received be taken into account when consideration is given to the funding application in 2024/25.
- 3) Further to the response from Cumberland Council Senior Specialist, Parks & Open Spaces and details confirmed, £500 be awarded to support the cutting back of trees behind the Solway House Care Home on the The Promenade.

86/23 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £37,429.03, be agreed.

87/23 Finance Report

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

88/23 Cycle Rack

Resolved that the Council contact the Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority to ask for a suitable place to site the rack on their land.

89/23 Christmas Lights Report

Resolved that it be noted that the Christmas Festival was generally successful, being well received by the majority of those attending on 18 December, as reported by members, through comments received from attendees & comments made on social media. There were a small number of matters which were considered to warrant review & the following proposals agreed:

- 1) An evening &/or weekend session(s) be held to enable those members unavailable to help with the preparation of gift bags in the day time to take part.
- 2) To facilitate grotto ticket sales, an evening ticket sale session be scheduled, the number of gift bags be increased from 300 to 400 & the number of tickets per person be limited to eight. Tickets should continue to be made available on a first come-first served basis & made available to all children up to age 12.
- 3) Santa's Grotto sessions commence in future at 10.30, & the number of tickets per session be increased to forty, thereby providing for an extra 100 gift bags.
- 4) The Council seek continued support from Maryport Round Table representatives in future years, that volunteers attend when scheduled or notify the Clerks of their changed intentions in good time, & that suitable festive &/or identifiable clothing be worn by volunteers.

- 5) The Grotto continue to be located in the Labour Club & that, subject to its suitability & availability, other entertainment be considered for location at the Carlton in future years.

90/23 Remembrance Day Arrangements

Resolved that a Task & Finish Group be established, consisting of Councillors B Copeland, J Cuthell, G Hampson, S Merrin & C McCarron Homles, together with representatives from other organisations in Maryport who take part in the organisation and running of the day, which are Sea Cadets, Maryport Inshore Rescue and Clergy, to establish a plan for arrangements for Remembrance Day 2024, the first meeting to be held in January 2024, with a further meeting to be held in September 2024.

91/23 Items for the next agenda

None Received

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

Signed

Chairman

Date