

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Special Planning & Economic Development Committee held on Monday 19 March 2024 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport, at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor V Cuthbert
Councillor J Cuthell	Councillor I Greaney
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor C McCarron Holmes
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor C Slater, (Chairman)

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
Kevin Kerrigan, (Cumberland Council Officer)

85/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hastewell & G Mitchell.

86/23 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor W Pegram, Personal, as a member of Maryport Harbour & Marina Association Board.

87/23 Requests for Dispensation

A request for dispensation to speak on the matters under consideration was received from Councillor W Pegram.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

88/23 Public Participation

No questions received.

89/23 Entertainment Space & Play Area, Maryport Marina

Further to Minutes 19/23 & 73/23, members considered information received from Cumberland Council in support of its request that the Town Council agree to operate the Entertainment Area, Play Area & Splash Park planned for development at Maryport Marina, including the lease of the land on which the facilities were to be developed from Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority. It was noted that the full information on which a decision was to be based had not been provided, so making the decision a difficult one, which was impacted by the grant funding deadlines & Cumberland Council’s pressure for the lease agreement to be signed. It was noted that there would be a financial impact on the Council’s budget of some £20,000.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council agree to lease the land on which the Play Area & Splash Park would be developed, at an annual cost of £100, & operate the new facilities once developed by the Cumberland Council, the site to be operated on the Council’s behalf by the Lake District Coast Aquarium under the terms of a management agreement.
- 2) The Council agree to lease the land on which the Entertainment Space would be developed, at an annual cost of £1,000, & operate the new facilities once developed by Cumberland Council.
- 3) It be agreed that the lease arrangements be reviewed after three years.

The meeting finished at 7.40pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date