

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 22 April 2024 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 I Greaney	Councillor J Hastewell
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe
Councillor C Slater	

## In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)

### 138/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V Cuthbert, G Hampson, G Kemp, C McCarron Holmes, G Mitchell & J Newton.

### 139/23 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Councillor J Hastewell, Item 10(3), Personal as Citizens' Advice Bureau, (CAB), representative; Councillor D Peggs, Item 10(3), Personal as Netherhall School Governor; & Councillor W Pegram, Item 10(3), Personal as member of Maryport Harbour Board & CAB.

### 140/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

### 141/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 25 March 2024

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2024 be agreed & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 142/23 Public Participation

No questions received.

### **143/23 Correspondence**

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

- 1) Second Maryport Scout Group be awarded a grant of £965.90 towards camping equipment.
- 2) Maryport Education Group be awarded £5,000 towards a project on pollution in the oceans & on the beaches.

### **144/23 Accounts for Payment**

**Resolved** that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £30,061.29, be agreed.

### **145/23 Finance Report**

**Resolved** that the report for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 be agreed, including:

- A transfer of £2,300 from the Building Maintenance Reserve to Property Maintenance
- A transfer of £12,000 from the Christmas Lights Reserve to Property Maintenance
- A transfer of £16,000 from the Allotments Improvements Reserve to Ground Maintenance
- A transfer of £3,000 from the International Sports Reserve to Grants & Donations
- A virement of £4,800 from Grants & Donations to: Employees, (£3,500); Insurance, (£800); & Legal Services, (£500).

### **146/23 Dog Fouling Issues in Maryport**

**Resolved** that the item be deferred.

### **147/23 Grant Funding 2024/25**

**Resolved** that the following amounts be agreed:

#### **Annual Grants**

Maryport Harbour Authority: £7,500

Maryport Inshore Rescue: £500

Maryport Maritime Museum: £500

Netherhall School Annual Prizes: £500

#### **Sundry Grants**

Flimby Pensioners' Committee: £1,000 towards Annual functions

Maryport Church of England Primary School: £3,700 towards a sound system to complement stage & lighting facilities

Flimby Allotment Society: £970 towards annual activities & shows

Maryport Athletic Football Club: £2,900 towards a storage container

Flimby Girls' Brigade: £1,000 towards insurance

Maryport Amateur Operatic & Drama Society: £5,000 towards show production & costume costs

Cheer Force Knights: £3,000 towards heating & equipment costs

Owl Blue Charity: £2,200 towards Wood Street office costs

Maryport Maritime Heritage: £5,000 towards the restoration of a William Mitchell painting of old Maryport from 1834

Maryport Army Cadets: £1,400 towards wet weather clothing

### **Promoting Maryport**

Flimby Carnival: £2,000

Firework Display Maryport Rugby Club: £1,750

Queen of the Solway Dance Festival: £1,000

Glassonbury Music Festival: £2,000

Maryport Inshore Rescue Fun Day: £2,000

Feel The Blues Music Festival: £1,000

In considering grant applications, members agreed that:

- 1) Further information be sought on an application for funding from Netherhall School towards a Dance Studio, including what the facility is, how it will operate, & details of specification, layout & technical arrangements.
- 2) Further information be sought on an application from Maryport Inshore Rescue for funding for employment of two people at Maryport Lifeboat Station, detailing a breakdown of the indicated £18,000 cost of the proposal.
- 3) Further information be sought on an application for funding from Shipping Brow Gallery, detailing a breakdown of what the requested £10,000 was proposed to be used for.

### **148/23 Town Centre Flower Towers**

**Resolved** that members notify the Clerks of proposed sites for the four flower towers which have been removed from their previous locations in connection with the revised road layout on Senhouse Street.

### **149/23 Town Centre Logo**

**Resolved** that Option 1 of the proposed logo's be agreed & that alternative supporting wording options be sought.

### **150/23 Email Etiquette**

**Resolved** that the item be deferred.

### **151/23 Items for the next agenda**

None Received.

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

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....