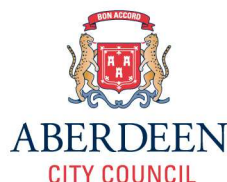


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To: Councillor Finlayson, Master of Mortifications; Councillor George Adam, the Lord Provost; Councillor Noble; and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 9 November, 2015

## **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE**

The Members of the **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in Committee Room 4 - Town House on **MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2015 at 10.00 am.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### **B U S I N E S S**

- 1 Determination of Exempt Business
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# Agenda Item 2

## GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 21 January 2015. - Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Finlayson, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson; Councillor Noble; and Mr Colin G. Taylor, Dean of Guild.

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### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 14 April 2014.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

### REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

2. The Sub Committee had before it a paper by the Head of Finance which (a) provided information concerning (1) the amount of allowances paid from the Guildry funds to Burgesses of Guild, widows and widowers of Burgesses and children of Burgesses from 1995 to 2013; and (2) the number of people receiving allowances for the same period; and (b) proposed that the allowances be increased by either 3% or 5% rounded up to the nearest £10, backdated, for 2014/15.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

to recommend to Council that the following increases (5%) in annual allowances be approved backdated from 1 May 2014:-

<b>Guildry Fund Allowance</b>	<b>Present Allowance</b>	<b>Proposed Allowance</b>
Burgesses	£1,765	£1,855
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	£1,765	£1,855
Children of Burgesses	£1,640	£1,725

### HAMILTON MONUMENT REPAIR - CG/15/02

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Acting Director of Corporate Governance which advised of a request from Aberdeen City Heritage Trust for funding towards the cost of repairing the Hamilton Monument within St Nicholas Kirkyard, and confirmed the balance of funds within the Graveyards Mortification Fund.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Sub Committee consider the request from Aberdeen City Heritage Trust and agree to provide £2,000 towards the repair cost of the Hamilton Monument.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to request officers to report back on the future use of the Graveyards Mortification Fund.

**REPORT BY DEAN OF GUILD**

4. With reference to Article 4 of the minute of its meeting of 14 April 2014, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Dean of Guild which provided an update on possible uses of the Guildry funds.

The report put forward the following requests for funding for consideration:-

- (1) approximately £2,000 towards the cost of an anniversary dinner on 27 February 2015 to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of a Royal Charter to the Burgesses of Aberdeen;
- (2) up to £4,000 for the commissioning of a coat of arms for the Burgesses of Guild, and approximately £10,000 towards an event marking the formal presentation of the coat of arms;
- (3) approximately £2,000 towards the production costs of leaflet on the history of the march stones;
- (4) up to £5,000 towards the cost of developing a new website for the Burgesses of Guild, reproducing a booklet on the 800 year history, and the replacement of four missing assessors' medals; and
- (5) between £10,000 and £20,000 to create a permanent feature in Aberdeen to recognise the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the long-standing connection between the Burgesses and the city.

The Dean of Guild spoke in furtherance of the report, advising that he had since met with officers in Finance and Legal and Democratic Services in relation to the appropriateness of the various requests for funding in terms of the qualifying criteria. He added that the anniversary dinner on 27 February 2015 was fully subscribed and would be self financing; therefore the request for £2,000 was withdrawn. Furthermore, the proposed event marking the formal presentation of the coat of arms was not considered to be an appropriate use of the Guildry funds, and it could also be self financing, and therefore the request for £10,000 was also withdrawn. Lastly, he explained that the final request for funding towards a permanent feature in the city was at a very early stage, and therefore a further report would be submitted at a later date.

The Sub Committee discussed the various requests for funding and emphasised the need for the Burgesses of Guild to have a formal constitution. The Sub Committee also discussed the Burgess Awards and noted that discussions were ongoing with various organisations vis-à-vis the establishment of a form of scholarship.

**The Sub Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the following requests for funding:-
  - up to £5,000 for the commissioning of a coat of arms; and

- up to £5,000 towards the cost of developing a new website, reproducing a booklet on the 800 year history, and the replacement of four missing assessors' medals;
- (ii) to not approve the request for funding in respect of the march stones, noting that this was the responsibility of the relevant service;
- (iii) to note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting regarding the establishment of a permanent feature in terms of (5) above;
- (iv) to note that the remaining requests for funding had been withdrawn;
- (v) to request the Dean of Guild to report back on progress with the establishment of a constitution for the Burgesses of Guild;
- (vi) to request the Dean of Guild to arrange a meeting with officers and the relevant partners in terms of the Burgess Awards and other possible initiatives; and
- (vii) otherwise to note the report.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. The Chairperson intimated that a further meeting was likely to be required within three to four months.

### **The Sub Committee resolved:-**

to agree that the date of the next meeting be fixed in consultation with the Chairperson.

- **ANDREW FINLAYSON, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson.**

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL  
GUILDRY FUNDS - REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES - May 2015

History of Allowances

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Burgesses	820.00	850.00	900.00	950.00	1000.00	1050.00	1100.00	1150.00	1,180	1220	1260	1300	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855
Widows of Burgesses	820.00	850.00	900.00	950.00	1000.00	1050.00	1100.00	1150.00	1,180	1220	1260	1300	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855
Daughters of Burgesses	720.00	750.00	800.00	850.00	900.00	950.00	1000.00	1050.00	1,080	1120	1160	1200	1250	1300	1370	1410	1480	1560	1640	1725
Number of persons receiving allowances																				
Burgesses	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Widows of Burgesses	11	12	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
Daughters of Burgesses	10	8	8	7	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	22	22	17	17	14	13	12	12	11	10	8	6	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	2

Assuming a 3% increase in the allowances rounded

Burgesses	0	1910	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	1910	£3,820
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	1780	£0
	2		£3,820

or continue at 5% increase rounded

Burgesses	0	1950	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	1950	£3,900
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	1815	£0
	2		£3,900

Basic Retirement Pension

Rates From -

	Single Person	Increase	Married Couple	Increase
April 1994	57.60		92.10	
April 1995	58.85	2%	94.10	2%
April 1996	61.15	4%	97.75	4%
April 1997	62.45	2%	99.80	2%
April 1998	64.70	4%	103.40	4%
April 1999	66.75	3%	106.70	3%
April 2000	67.50	1%	107.90	1%
April 2001	72.50	7%	115.90	7%
April 2002	75.50	4%	120.70	4%
April 2003	77.45	3%	123.80	3%
April 2004	79.65	3%	127.25	3%
April 2005	82.05	3%	131.20	3%
April 2006	84.25	3%	134.75	3%
April 2007	87.30	4%	139.60	4%
April 2008	90.7	4%	145.05	4%
April 2009	95.25	5%	152.30	5%
April 2010	97.65	3%	156.15	3%
April 2011	102.15	5%	163.35	5%
April 2012	107.45	5%	171.85	5%
April 2013	110.15	3%	176.15	3%
April 2014	113.10	3%	180.90	3%
April 2015	115.95	3%	185.45	3%

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