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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 25 August 2016

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 Thursday, 1 September 2016 at 11.00 am.

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ABERDEEN, 21 April 2016. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Finlayson, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson; and Councillor George Adam, the Lord Provost and Councillor Noble; and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord 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 1 March 2016.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to note the correction to Mr Hashmi's job title of Reporting and Monitoring Manager; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the minute.

MATTERS ARISING

2. The Sub Committee received a verbal update on progress with regard to the Rickart's Tomb renovations which advised that listed planning consent for the works had been granted and that the tendering process would now commence.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to note the update.

TRUST BALANCES - CG/16/065

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Corporate Governance which provided a breakdown of Trust balances as at 31 March 2015.

The report recommended:

that the Sub Committee note the content of the report.

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The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to note that a narrative would be produced for each of the Trusts as part of the governance review.

BURGESS AWARDS

4. The Sub Committee had before it a paper by the Lord Dean which sought approval of the process to award funding from the Guildry Awards.

The paper explained that the proposal was to offer two awards, one each to an undergraduate study of each of the universities, which would be £2,000 maximum in any one year.

The Sub Committee resolved:

- (i) to expand the eligibility criteria to all students wishing to study and live in Aberdeen; to remove the maximum funding limit of £2,000 to reflect an individual's particular circumstances and to note that unsuccessful candidates would be notified and provided with feedback; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the process as outlined within the paper.

RESTORATION OF THOMAS BLAKE GLOVER FAMILY MEMORIALS

5. The Sub Committee was circulated with a paper which provided background information on the history of Thomas Blake Glover and his work in helping young men from Japan to come to the West for education and highlighted the interest in the Glover Trail by international visitors, including a forthcoming visit by the Mayor of Nagasaki which would likely incorporate a visit to Glover House.

The paper outlined three memorials due to be included in the upcoming reprint of the Glover Trail and which were in need of some restoration. The paper provided a breakdown of the costs to bring the memorials back to a suitable condition, together with a request that this be funded from the Graveyards allocation of funds held by the Trust with the restoration being managed by the Council's Bereavement Service.

The Sub Committee resolved:

to approve funding of £1,518 to restore the three memorials as outlined within the paper, which was £1,821.60 minus VAT which would be claimed back.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6. The Sub Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would be held on 1 September 2016 at 11.00am.

-Andrew Finlayson, Master of Mortifications, Chairperson.

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Report from the Burgesses :

- There is yet no final agreement with OSCR regarding a Constitution
- With regard to the Burgess Awards Scheme the update is that this is to be relaunched with revised marketing material, subject of course to the final agreement of the Council; the relaunch will be targeted at local educational interests including the University of Aberdeen, Robert Gordon University, NESCOL, Saltire Foundation
- The new website is now live www.aberdeenburgesses.com
- Assessors have agreed the initial proposals for the deal with Aberdeen Harbour Board regarding the Lands of Torry
- Burgesses intend to have involvement with the Year of Heritage, History & Archaeology in 2017
- There are no expenditure requests

Finally, I am delighted to record that all parties have agreed the retention of Mr. Garry Stevens as Clerk to the Burgesses.

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**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
GUILDRY FUNDS - REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES - 2016**

History of Allowances

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
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	1950
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	1950
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	1815
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	0
Widows of Burgesses	11	12	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	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	0
	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Assuming a 3% increase in the allowances rounded

Burgesses	0	2010	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2010	£4,020
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	1870	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,020</u>

or continue at 5% increase rounded

Burgesses	0	2050	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2050	£4,100
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	1905	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,100</u>

Basic Retirement Pension

Rates From -	<u>Single Person</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>	<u>Increase</u>
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%
April 2016	119.30	3%	190.80	3%

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