



To: Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications; Councillor Crockett, the Lord Provost; Councillor Mason; and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

Town House,
ABERDEEN 29 August 2018

GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

The Members of the **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Committee Room 4 - Town House** on **THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 11.00 am.**

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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Members are requested to consider Friday, 1 March 2019 for the next scheduled meeting.

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GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 1 March 2018. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener; Councillor Crockett, the Lord Provost; Councillor Donnelly, the Depute Provost (as substitute for Councillor Mason) and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

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MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 29 August 2017 for approval.

The Committee resolved:
to approve the minute.

UPDATE ON GUILDRY STATUS WITH OSCR

2. The Committee received a verbal update from Ms Kundai Phute, Solicitor, with regards to the status of the Guildry's application to change its constitution with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR).

Ms Phute advised that work was ongoing with regards to changing the charitable purposes to allow for the advancement of heritage, however work could proceed with other changes contained within the proposed constitution and grants awarded for educational purposes could be extended.

The Committee resolved:
to note the update.

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1 March 2018

VALEDICTORY

3. The Convener advised the Committee that Mr James Hashmi, Reporting and Monitoring Officer would shortly be leaving the Council. He thanked Mr Hashmi for his work on the Committee and wished him well for the future.

The Committee concurred with the remarks of the Convener.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would be 6 September 2018 at 11.00am.

- **John Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener.**

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
GUILDRY FUNDS - REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES - May 2018**

History of Allowances

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>MAY</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
					<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>					
Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155
Widows of Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155
Daughters of Burgesses	1250	1300	1370	1410	1480	1560	1640	1725	1815	1905	2000
Number of persons receiving allowances											
Burgesses	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Widows of Burgesses	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Daughters of Burgesses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<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>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Assuming a 3% increase in the allowances rounded

Burgesses	0	2180	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2180	£4,360
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2060	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,360</u>

or continue at 5% increase rounded

Burgesses	0	2265	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2265	£4,530
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2100	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,530</u>

Basic Retirement Pension

Rates From -	<u>Single Person</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Married Couple</u>	<u>Increase</u>
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%
April 2017	122.30	3%	195.60	3%

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Report to Guildry & Mortifications Funds Committee 06/09/20

We continue to receive nominations of local citizens who are contributing to our city and it is wonderful to have all admitted at full Council. Burgesses must now number close to 1,100, I will arrange a count. There are eleven Guildries in Scotland (including Berwick-upon-Tweed) and we seem to be admitting many more than others. I make the point that we do not actively recruit, nominations are proposed and seconded by individual Burgesses and reviewed by a Committee of Assessors before the candidates are proposed to ACC.

Our programme of lunches has been well supported, as have been our social events and visits. Many suggestions come from within the ranks and we are always seeking to hear someone or see something with a connection with or for our city.

Following on from the successful 'This Is Our City' dinner last February when we launched the 'We're For Aberdeen' initiative we are now working with ACC, Aberdeen Inspired and AGCC, also the 'Evening Express', to develop this.

On the business front, we are currently in discussion with ACC Officers on a few matters including OSCR status, Guildry Award, and employment contract for our Clerk. Further information could be available for the meeting.

Finally, we have been approached by ACC to discuss what may be done for the 900 years' celebration next year, perhaps we can incorporate my desire to have the role of the Burgesses in our city recognised in Marischal Square ?

Colin G. Taylor

Lord Dean of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen

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