



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 09 May 2019

## **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, 16 MAY 2019** at **2.00 pm**.

FRASER BELL  
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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## GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 6 September 2018. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener; Councillor Bell (as substitute for Councillor Mason) and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 1 MARCH 2018 - FOR APPROVAL

1. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 1 March 2018 for approval.

**The Committee resolved:**  
to approve the minute.

### REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

2. The Committee had before it a paper by the Chief Officer - Finance which (a) provided information concerning (1) the amount of allowances paid from the Guildry fund to Burgesses of Guild, widows and widowers of Burgesses and children of Burgesses from 2007 to 2017; 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 £5, backdated for 2018/19.

Ms Aileen Duncan, Assistant Accountant, advised the Committee that she had been unable to update the increase in the pension rate due to information being outstanding.

**The Committee resolved:**

(i) to recommend to Council that the following increases (3%) in annual allowances be approved backdated from 1 May 2018:-

Guildry Fund Allowance	Present Allowance	Proposed Allowance
Burgesses	£2,155	£2,180
Widows / Widowers of Burgesses	£2,155	£2,180
Children of Burgesses	£2,000	£2,060

; and

(ii) to note that Ms Duncan would update members by email with details on eligibility to claim the pension, the percentage increase and the process involved.

### LORD DEAN OF GUILD REPORT

3. The Committee had before it a paper from the Lord Dean which provided an update on recent activities and business.

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The Lord Dean advised that he would be meeting with Mr Fraser Bell, Chief Officer – Governance to discuss the matters outlined in the paper and he was waiting to hear from Councillor Lumsden with regards to the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

**The Committee resolved:**

to note the update provided.

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4. The Lord Dean advised that he would be meeting shortly with officers to discuss the remuneration of the Clerk to the Burgesses and requested that any salary increase be backdated as in previous years.

**The Committee resolved:**

to note the update provided and to approve the backdating of any salary increase.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. The Committee noted the next scheduled meeting date would be 1 March 2019 at 11.00am.

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

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## Report to Guildry & Mortifications Funds Committee 16/05/2019

The Burgesses are active on several fronts ! Individuals and groups are working with others such as the Chamber of Commerce, CLAN, the Council and local charitable interests in connection with matters past, present and future connected to our city.

One of the most interesting projects is a joint plan with the Council to celebrate the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Stocket Charter' which was granted to the city by King Robert the Bruce. It is hoped this will reflect civic pride and encourage knowledge of our past.

Whilst we have yet to finalise an agreement with OSCR, it is hoped that somehow the Burgesses can make a financial contribution to the celebrations.

Our programme of lunches and evening events is well supported, wherever possible we focus on Aberdeen and Aberdonians, thus always "For Aberdeen" which is our motto.

Colin G. Taylor

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

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

**History of Allowances**

	MAY											
	<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>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155	2220
Widows of Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155	2220
Daughters of Burgesses	1250	1300	1370	1410	1480	1560	1640	1725	1815	1905	2000	2265
Number of persons receiving allowances												
Burgesses	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Widows of Burgesses	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Daughters of Burgesses	0	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>	<u>2</u>

continuing a 3% increase in the allowances rounded

Burgesses	0	2290	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2290	£4,580
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2125	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,580</u>

or at 5% increase rounded

Burgesses	0	2380	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	2	2380	£4,760
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2205	£0
	<u>2</u>		<u>£4,760</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%
April 2018	125.97	3%	201.47	3%
April 2019	129.20	3%	206.65	3%

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