



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 14 December 2021

GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

The Members of the **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Virtual - Remote Meeting** on **MONDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2021 at 10.30 am.**

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 9 September 2020. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener; and Councillor Crockett, the Lord Provost, Councillor Mason MSP and Colin Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

Also Present: Aileen Duncan and Robert Gilmour (Finance), Kundai Sinclair (Legal) and Martyn Orchard and Emma Robertson (Committee Services).

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 12 DECEMBER 2019

1. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 12 December 2019 for approval.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute.

GUILDRY FUNDS – 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 2019; and (2) the number of people receiving allowances for the same period; and (b) proposed that the allowances be increased by either 3.9% or 5% rounded up to the nearest £1.

Ms Aileen Duncan, Finance Development Officer, advised the Committee that she had been awaiting the Budget announcement from the Government on the increase to the Basic Rate Pension to input the options of allowance increase.

The Committee resolved:

(i) to recommend to Council that the following increases (5%) in annual allowances be approved backdated from 1 May 2020:-

Guildry Fund Allowance	Present Allowance	Proposed Allowance
Burgesses	£2,335	£2,452
Widows / Widowers of Burgesses	£2,335	£2,452
Children of Burgesses	£2,165	£2,273

; 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.

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LORD DEAN OF GUILD REPORT AND VERBAL UPDATE

3. The Committee had before it a paper from the Lord Dean which had been prepared for the meeting on 23 April 2020, which had subsequently been cancelled. The paper provided an update on recent activities and business. The Lord Dean reported that all nominations and events had been postponed due to the covid pandemic.

The Committee noted that discussions were continuing between Aberdeen City Council Legal Services and OSCR regarding the re-drafting of the Trust constitution. The Lord Dean reported that further progress had been made following a meeting with OSCR.

The Committee resolved:-

to note the updates.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

4. The Committee noted that the next scheduled meeting would be on 23 February 2021 at 10.30am.

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

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
GUILDRY FUNDS - REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES - May 2020**

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>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155	2220	2335	2452	
Widows of Burgesses	1350	1400	1470	1520	1600	1680	1765	1855	1950	2050	2155	2220	2335	2452	
Daughters of Burgesses	1250	1300	1370	1410	1480	1560	1640	1725	1815	1905	2000	2060	2165	2273	
Number of persons receiving allowances															
Burgesses	2	0	0	0	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	2	2	1
Daughters of Burgesses	0	0	0	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>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

A 2% increase in the allowances rounded

Burgesses	0	2501	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	1	2501	£2,501
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2318	£0
	<u>1</u>		<u>£2,501</u>

Widow passed away June 21. Her daughter also POA, has also since passed away

or at 5% increase rounded

Burgesses	0	2575	£0
Widows/Widowers of Burgesses	1	2575	£2,575
Daughters/Sons of Burgess	0	2387	£0
	<u>1</u>		<u>£2,575</u>

In 20/21 a 5% increase was awarded

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%
April 2020	134.25	4%	214.70	4%
April 2021	137.60	2%	220.05	2%

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