

## GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 20 December 2021. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener; Councillor Mason; and Colin Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

Also Present: Aileen Duncan (Finance) and Gogo Okafor and Emma Robertson (Committee Services).

### APOLOGIES

1. Apologies were intimated on behalf of Councillor Crockett, the Lord Provost.

### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

2. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 9 September 2020.

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

to approve the minute.

### GUILDRY FUNDS – REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES

3. 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 2020; and (2) the number of people receiving allowances for the same period; and (b) proposed that the allowances be increased by either 2% or 5% rounded up to the nearest £1.

Ms Aileen Duncan, Finance Development Officer, advised the Committee that one of the Widows had passed away in June 2021 but Ms Duncan was still waiting to establish who was the Executor of the will.

#### **The Committee resolved:**

- (i) to recommend to Council that the following increases (5%) in annual allowances be approved backdated from 1 May 2021:-

Guildry Fund Allowance	Present Allowance	Proposed Allowance
Burgesses	£2,452	£2,575
Widows / Widowers of Burgesses	£2,452	£2,575
Children of Burgesses	£2,273	£2,387

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(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 AND VERBAL UPDATE**

4. The Committee heard from the Lord Dean that there had been no Burgesses appointed during the past 12 months due to the covid-19 pandemic but that a series of lunches and evening events were being planned for when regulations allowed. The Lord Dean advised that he would be standing down in May 2022 after eight years in post

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

to note the update.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

4. The Committee noted that the Clerk would identify a date in October 2022 for the next meeting and would advise Members accordingly.

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