

## **GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE**

ABERDEEN, 29 August 2017. Minute of Meeting of the GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Reynolds, Master of Mortifications, Convener; Councillor Barney Crockett, the Lord Provost; Councillor Wheeler (as substitute for Councillor Mason) and Mr Colin G Taylor, Lord Dean of Guild.

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### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND VALEDICTORY**

1. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 1 March 2017.

The Convener expressed his thanks to former Councillor Finlayson, Master of Mortifications for his time and effort as Chairperson.

**The Committee resolved:**

to approve the minute and concur with the remarks of the Convener.

### **LORD DEAN OF GUILD REPORT**

2. The Committee had before it a paper by the Lord Dean which (1) updated the Committee on progress with the Guildry Awards; (2) provided an update on progress with the proposed submission to OSCR; and (3) contained a request to fund Burgess regalia in line with previous practice.

**The Committee resolved:**

to note the updates provided and approve in principle the request for funding for Burgess regalia.

### **REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES**

3. The Committee had before it a paper by the Head of 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 2016; and (2) the number of people receiving allowances for the same period;

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and (b) proposed that the allowances be increased by either 3% or 5% rounded up to the nearest £5, backdated for 2017/18.

**The Committee resolved:**

to recommend to Council that the following increases (5%) in annual allowances be approved backdated from 1 May 2017:-

Guildry Fund Allowance	Present Allowance	Proposed Allowance
Burgesses	£2,050	£2,155
Widows / Widowers of Burgesses	£2,050	£2,155
Children of Burgesses	£1,905	£2,000

**LANDS OF SKENE, SURPLUS HOUSES**

4. The Committee had before it, for information, a draft report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which was due to be considered at the meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee of 20 September 2017.

**The Committee resolved:**

to note the content of the report.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. The Committee were advised that following changes to the Council diary, the next meeting of the Committee could revert to 1 March 2018 if preferred.

**The Committee resolved:**

to concur with the proposed meeting date of 1 March 2018 at 11.00am.

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

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