

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.

GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

6 September 2018

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 900th anniversary celebrations.

The Committee resolved:

to note the update provided.

AOCB

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.**

GILDREY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE
6 September 2018