

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 20 July 2020 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport & virtually, as permitted in The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”), at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor G Hampson	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor P Mallyon
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor J Newton
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor D Porthouse
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Slater
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor Ms C Tindall

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute’s silence was held for those who have lost their lives due to Covid 19 infection.

1/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ms K Thompson, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

2/20 Declaration of Interests

None received.

3/20 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

4/20 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 February 2020

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2020 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/20 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2019/20 – Annual Internal Audit Report & Annual Governance Statement

Members received & noted the Annual Internal Audit Report & considered the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that they had:

- 1) Put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year & for the preparation of the accounting statements.
- 2) Maintained an adequate system of internal control, including measures designed to prevent & detect fraud & corruption & reviewed its effectiveness.
- 3) Taken all reasonable steps to assure themselves that there were no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations & proper practices that could have had a significant financial effect on the ability of the Council to conduct its business or on its finances.
- 4) Provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts & Audit Regulations.
- 5) Carried out an assessment of the risks facing the Council & taken appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls &/or external insurance cover where required.
- 6) Maintained throughout the year an adequate & effective system of internal audit of the Council's accounting records & control systems.
- 7) Taken appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal & external audit.
- 8) Considered whether any external litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year end, had a financial impact on the Council &, where appropriate, had included them in the accounting statements.

Resolved that the Annual Internal Audit Report be noted & the Annual Governance Statement be agreed and signed by Chairman.

6/20 Annual Governance & Accountability Return – Statement of Accounts 2019/20

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts 2019/20 be agreed and signed by Chairman.

7/20 Annual Council Meeting 2020

Resolved that:

- 1) The Annual Council meeting 2020 be cancelled, as permitted by the 2020 Regulations, & the next Annual Council Meeting take place in May 2021.
- 2) Appointments made at the 13 May 2019 Annual Council Meeting be carried over into 2020/21.
- 3) To reflect the reduced attendance at meetings & events, the Mayor's & Deputy Mayor's Allowances for 2020/21 be a half of the standard payment, ie £1,000 & £250 respectively.

8/20 Allerdale Borough Council Maryport Regeneration Strategy Group

Resolved that the resignation of Councillor Mrs A Kendall from the Allerdale Borough Council Maryport Regeneration Strategy Group be noted & that Councillor Ms S Stamper be appointed as Town Council representative in her place.

9/20 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor provided a report setting out the actions that he had carried out in his role since his previous report:

- Arranged for the Town Hall Flag to be flown for VE75 Day, Armed Forces Day & as a commemoration to the late Vera Lynne.
- Laid wreaths at the Flimby & Maryport War Memorials in commemoration of Armed Forces Day
- Laid flowers at the memorial to the victims of the Aquilla trawler tragedy.

The Mayor voiced his support for essential workers & volunteers in the community during the Covid 19 pandemic

Resolved that the report be noted.

Following the meeting, a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date