

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 10 February 2014 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor B Campbell	Councillor Ms G Elliot
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor D King	Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Tindall (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Mr P Bramley (Clerk)
Mr J Broadhurst (Press)
6 Members of Public

42/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B Carter & Councillor A Moore.

43/13 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from Mrs L Douglas, Clerk, Item 9, Personal & Prejudicial Interest as an employee of Maryport Town Council, & late item, Campaign for New Play Area, Personal; & P Bramley, Clerk, Item 9, Personal & Prejudicial Interest as an employee of Maryport Town Council.

44/13 Requests for Dispensations

None received.

45/13 Minutes of Meeting held on 25 November 2013

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

46/13 Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13 January 2014

Resolved that the minutes of the special Council meeting held on 13 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

47/13 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor provided a report setting out the events which she had attended in December 2013 & January 2014, consisting of following events:

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| 1) | 4 December | Choir Competition |
| 2) | 7 December | Big Family Celebration |
| 3) | 9 December | Parkhill Poets |
| 4) | 10 December | Theatre Royal |
| 5) | 13 December | Lakes College |
| 6) | 15 December | St Nicholas' Carol Service |
| 7) | 22 December | Maryport Civic Carol Service |
| 8) | 24 December | Old Folks Homes & Cottage Hospital 'Santa' Visit |
| 9) | 18 January | Lunch with High Sherriff |
| 10) | 22 January | Cumbria University Meeting |
| 11) | 30 January | Lakes College Governors' Dinner |
| 12) | 31 January | Maryport Sea Cadets Presentation |

Resolved that the Mayor's announcements be noted.

48/13 Allerdale Borough Council World War 1 Commemorative Event

Resolved that Council members who wish to attend Allerdale Borough Council World War 1 Commemorative Event to be held on Saturday 10 May notify the Clerks by 21 February 2014.

49/13 Campaign for new Play Area

Resolved that the Council note the extent of local support for the introduction of a new Play Area, including water play equipment, on Maryport Promenade or Harbour side, & that:

- 1) The Council seek guidance from Maryport Harbour Authority & Allerdale Borough Council on the availability of land for the siting of a new Play Area.
- 2) Representatives of the Campaign Group be invited to the next meeting of the Council to explain their proposals in more detail.
- 3) The Council contact Silloth Town Council to ascertain how it developed & maintains the Splash Area on Silloth Green.

50/13 Council Vacancies

Resolved that the basis for the incidence of two vacancies on the Town Council be noted & that consideration be given to applications for co-option to the Council from interested parties in accordance with the Council's policy, (Minute 43/12 refers).

51/13 Applications for Council Vacancies

Resolved that written applications to fill a vacant position on the Town Council in the Netherhall Ward received from Mr L Williamson of 4 Fleming Square, Maryport & a vacant position on the Town Council in the Flimby ward received from Mr S Ashworth of 5 Victory Crescent, Maryport, supported by Councillor P Kendall, be agreed, & the applicants advised of the success of their applications.

52/13 Review of Standing Orders

Resolved that revised Standing Orders be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting, pending clarification being sought on the potential impact of the Local Accountability & Audit Act concerning recording & videoing during meetings & also regarding the ability of councillors to vote on budgets if over two months in arrears with Council Tax.

53/13 Risk Assessment & Management Review 2013/14

Resolved that the Risk Assessment & Management Review 2013/14 be accepted & the proposals for the management of identified risks & supporting actions be agreed.

54/13 Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2013/14

Resolved that, taking into account the evidence available & the size of the Council & its range of operations, the Council's arrangements complied with the Accounts & Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006, & that the Internal Audit Plan be agreed, & that both Clerks be commended & a vote of thanks be recorded.

55/12 Calendar of Meetings 2014/15

Resolved that the Calendar of Meetings for 2014/15 be agreed as follows:

Monday 14 April	Committees
Thursday 24 April	Annual Town Assembly
Monday 19 May	Mayor Making
Monday 2 June	Full Council, (Committee Chair Selection), & Committees
Monday 7 July	Full Council and Planning & Economic Development
Monday 28 July	Committees
Monday 1 September	Committees
Monday 29 September	Full Council and Planning & Economic Development
Thursday 16 October	Budget
Monday 27 October	Committees
Monday 24 November	Full Council and Planning & Economic Development
Monday 8 December	Committees
Monday 12 January	Committees
Monday 9 February	Full Council and Planning & Economic Development
Monday 9 March	Committees

56/13 Presentation from Representatives of Furness Road Residents

A presentation was received from members of the public in attendance at the meeting, acting as representatives of Furnace Road, Maryport, residents. The residents had considerable concerns with the extent of problems being caused by youths in the Furness Road area, & reported many instances of anti-social behaviour which had occurred over a long period of time. Residents considered that they were not receiving adequate & effective support from either Derwent & Solway Housing Association, as their landlords, or Cumbria Police.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council arrange a meeting to be held with representatives from Derwent & Solway Housing Association, Cumbria Police & Furness Road residents.
- 2) The Council inform Allerdale Borough Council of the problem, & seek guidance on the possibility of improved lighting.

57/13

Resolved that the public & press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, by reason of its confidential nature.

58/13 Council Staff Appraisal

Note that Mrs L Douglas & Mr P Bramley left the room whilst this item was discussed.

Resolved that:

- 1) The continued progress made in Council administrative operations & improvements made in specified areas be noted.
- 2) The Clerks' salaries be increased by one increment with effect from 1 April 2014 to National Joint Council for Local Government Services Spinal Column Point 30, pro rata.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, a meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee commenced.

Signed

Chairman

Date