

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 12 July 2021 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor Mrs A Kendall
Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)	Councillor P Mallyon
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Slater
Councillor Ms S Stamper	

In Attendance

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

16/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Carter, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

Resolved that it be agreed to accept an application for on-going non-attendance at Council meetings from Councillor B Carter as a result of family complications for a period of three months.

17/21 Declaration of Interests

None received.

18/21 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

19/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 24 May 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 May 2021 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

20/21 Minutes of Meeting held on 7 June 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 June 2021 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman

21/21 Co-option

Resolved that Mr Brandan Copeland be co-opted onto the Council to represent the Ellenfoot Ward.

22/21 Office Public Availability

Resolved that:

- 1) With effect from 19 July, the main front door to the Town Hall be opened to permit public access to the Council's services.
- 2) In view of Allerdale Borough Council's decision to permit access to its services through appointment only, signage to advise the public on the services available be arranged.
- 3) Arrangements be monitored for a four week period to assess public understanding & compliance.

23/21 Pandemic Support

Resolved that:

- 1) Framed certificates recognising commendable contributions to the community be awarded to nominated individuals & organisations, the style of certificate being made appropriate to the recipient.
- 2) Members contact the Clerks' Office with nominations of those they feel are worthy of a certificate by Friday 16 July 2021.

24/21 Dental Accessibility in Maryport for NHS Patients

Resolved that:

- 1) The Council express its disappointment that the provision of an NHS dental service by the Curzon Street practice is to end on 1 September 2021.
- 2) It be noted that whilst other practices in Maryport provide an NHS service for the local community, access to that service is limited, causing patients to have to decide between paying for private practice or travelling long distances.
- 3) The Council contact the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, expressing its concerns at the insufficiency of funding for the National Health Service, with its impact on services such as Maryport Dentistry.
- 4) The Council request that a fair & consistent approach is taken towards the provision of funding across the country & that in its 'levelling up' developments, the government take account of areas such as Maryport which experience the weakest provision of health services.
- 5) The Secretary of State be requested to instigate an early review of Maryport's dental 'void'.

25/21 Allerdale Contracts

Resolved that:

- 1) Concerns be expressed at the level of ground maintenance service being provided in the area by Allerdale Borough Council, particularly public footpaths.
- 2) Allerdale Borough Council be contacted requesting details of the schedule of works for grounds maintenance for the area.
- 3) Members make arrangements to take regular walks on public footpaths in the area to enable a proactive approach to be adopted in identifying problems, in view of the apparent lack of supervision of work scheduled & carried out.

26/21 Mayors Announcements

The Mayor presented a report setting out actions he had carried out since his last report, noting that covid pandemic restrictions still affected events.

- Attendance at Maryport Church of England Primary School & Ewanrigg Junior School Sports days, where he enjoyed watching the children and some semblance of normality was felt
- Attendance at Flimby Scarecrow Festival with Councillor Mrs A Kendall to judge the event, commenting that it was fantastic to see so many in the village had taken part and congratulate all of them.

The Mayor reported his concerns at financial difficulties being experienced by the Castle Hill trust in its dealings with Allerdale Borough Council over business rates & advised that he would be meeting with representatives of the Castle Hill Trust in the coming week.

Resolved that the report be noted.

Following the meeting, a meeting of the Planning Economic Development Committee took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date

