

# MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

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

## **Present**

<b>Councillor S Ashworth</b>	<b>Councillor B Campbell</b>
<b>Councillor B Carter</b>	<b>Councillor Ms D Charlton</b>
<b>Councillor Ms G Elliot</b>	<b>Councillor Mrs A Kendall</b>
<b>Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)</b>	<b>Councillor G McAlpine</b>
<b>Councillor Mrs C McCarron-Holmes</b>	<b>Councillor L Williamson</b>

## **In Attendance**

**Mr P Bramley (Clerk)**  
**Mrs V Patterson (Press)**

### **59/13 Election of Chairman**

**Resolved** that in the absence of the Mayor & Deputy Mayor, Councillor P Kendall be elected Chairman of the meeting.

### **60/13 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Moore, W Pegram, Mrs L Radcliffe, Ms C Tindall, Mrs J Wood & M Wood.

### **61/13 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

### **62/13 Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

### **63/13 Review of Standing Orders**

**Resolved** that:

- 1) Following deferral at the previous meeting pending further information 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, (Minute 52/13 refers), it be noted that advice received from CALC on those issues was as follows:

- a) The Government was consulting on regulations regarding the filming etc of meetings. When the regulations were made, some changes may be needed to Standing Orders if the regulations applied to local councils, but not at the moment.
  - b) Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act disbars members of a local authority from voting on the setting of the budget if they are in arrears with council tax but in this case the definition of a “local authority” did not extend to local councils.
- 2) Given the advice received in (1) above, the updated Standing Orders be agreed.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....