

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 27 June 2022 in Grasslot Club, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor B Carter
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe	Councillor Ms C Slater
Councillor Mrs J Wood	Councillor M Wood

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
Mrs V Patterson (Press)
3 Members of the public

9/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson, P Mallyon, J Newton & Ms C Tindall.

10/22 Declaration of Interests

None received.

11/22 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

12/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 28 February 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

13/22 Minutes of Meeting held on 9 May 2022

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

14/22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2021/22 – Annual Internal Audit Report & Annual Governance Statement

Members received & noted the Annual Internal Audit Report & considered the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, 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 agreed and signed by Chairman.

15/22 Annual Governance & Accountability Return – Statement of Accounts 2021/22

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 be agreed and signed by Chairman.

16/22 Council Vacancy

Resolved that it be noted that the Council may co-opt a councillor to a position on the Ellenborough Ward following notification from Allerdale Borough Council, & that the position be not advertised given that only some ten months remained of the Council term.

17/22 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor presented a report setting out actions he had carried out since his last report:

- Ewanrigg Junior School Jubilee Fun Day
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree 'unveilings'
- Our Lady & St Patrick's Jubilee Show
- Queen of the Solway Dance Festival
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Church & Civic Service
- Flimby Primary School Sports Day
- Ewanrigg Junior School Sports Day
- Maryport Amateur Operatic & Drama Society production of 'Young Frankenstein'
- Armed Forces Day
- Taste of the Sea Festival meetings

The Mayor reported his disappointment at the lack of attendance by Town Council members at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Church & Civic Service on 6 June, with only three members present. He gave thanks to Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe for her contribution to the event.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date