

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 September 2023 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor V Cuthbert
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor J Hastewell
Councillor P Hetherington	Councillor G Kemp
Councillor C McCarron Holmes	Councillor S Merrin
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe, (Chairman)
Councillor C Slater	

In Attendance

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

29/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Hampson & J Newton.

30/23 Declarations of Interest

None received.

31/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

32/23 The Council Co-option Process

A discussion took place to consider how the process for co-option of councillors to vacancies on the Council had led to an ineligible candidate being co-opted to the Ellenborough Ward. Members asked a series of questions on the detailed process operated & determined that an improved process was required. The Clerks submitted a co-option application form for consideration, which required applicants to declare their eligibility qualification & provided a means for them to explain their background & suitability for the position.

Resolved that the new co-option application form be adopted for future applications & that confirmation be made that applicants are on the closed electoral register.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date