

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9 October 2023 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor G Hampson
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)
One member of public

33/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Copeland, V Cuthbert & J Newton.

34/23 Declarations of Interest

None received.

35/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

36/23 Meeting Agenda Content

Resolved that a standard item, 'Public Participation' be included at an appropriate place on future committee agendas to facilitate public involvement in meetings, to operate in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Standing Orders.

37/23 Town Council Operations

Consideration was given to some suggestions from Mr Sean Parnaby of the Maryport Business Group as to how the Council should operate. Members disagreed with comments made & it was noted that matters raised were not necessarily issues which the Town Council was responsible for dealing with directly, that Cumberland Council was responsible in many instances, & that the Council's Clerks carried out their role diligently in accordance with the Council's & legal requirements. Mr Parnaby advised that the comments were designed to provoke discussion & were not intended to be critical. It was seen as important that Town Council members became involved more directly in groups dealing with improvement to the area. Mr Parnaby agreed to keep the Council informed on matters he became aware of to which he believed it should give consideration.

Resolved that members become more involved in groups operating to make improvements to the area & that such groups communicate with the Council on a more effective basis.

38/23 Co-option to Council & Co-option Process

Resolved that:

- 1) Mr John Cuthell be co-opted to the Council to represent the Ellenborough Ward.
- 2) The make-up of the Co-option Panel be considered when the Council next had a vacancy which could be filled by co-option.
- 3) It be noted that the practice agreed by the Council, (Minute 32/23 refers), had been followed in the current co-option process & would be in future.
- 4) It be agreed that the Council had acted in good faith in dealing with applicants for co-option that were considered at the Council meeting held on 7 August, (Minute 26/23 refers), & that no apology was due to applicants involved in that process.

39/23 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor presented a report setting out events she had attended since the last meeting:

- Maryport Inshore Rescue Fun Day
- Taste of the Sea Festival Launch
- Maryport Trawler Race
- Aspatria Mayor's Civic Service
- Wigton Mayor's Civic Service
- Workington Mayor's Civic Service
- Workington Mayor Quiz Night
- MAODS Black Tie Gala Night
- Rainbow Headquarters Opening
- Hospice at Home Annual General Meeting

The Mayor reported her enjoyment in judging & awarding prizes to the Council's Best Kept Garden & Container winners 2023, & advised on the success of the event unveiling the Maryport Promenade Information Boards, thanking those members who had taken the time to support the event.

Resolved that the report be noted.

40/23 Items for Next Agenda

None requested.

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

Signed
Chairman
Date