

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 10 June 2024 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor V Cuthbert
Councillor J Cuthell	Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor S Merrin
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe, (Chairman)
Councillor C Slater	

In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)

10/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Greaney, G Hampson, J Hastewell, C McCarron-Holmes, G Mitchell, J Newton & D Peggs.

11/24 Declarations of Interest

None Received.

12/24 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

13/24 Minutes from Meeting held on 26 February 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 February 2024 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

14/24 Minutes from Meeting held on 13 May 2024

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 May 2024 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

15/24 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2022/23 – Annual Internal Audit Report & Annual Governance Statement

Members received & noted the Annual Internal Audit Report & considered the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2024, 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.

16/24 Annual Governance & Accountability Return – Statement of Accounts 2023/24

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts 2023/24 be agreed and signed by Chairman.

17/24 Financial Regulations

Resolved that the updated Financial Regulations be agreed.

18/24 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor reported that since the last meeting, she had attended:

- The Council's Community Champion Awards on 13th May
- Queen of the Solway Dance Festival on 28th May, which had children from age 3 up to teenagers from all over the country
- On 2nd June, the Maryport Sea Cadets King's Award event, which was an enjoyable evening; the Mayor reported that the town has many talented people
- Also on 2nd June, the Mayor attended Lifeboat Station King's Award event, where lovely crystal awards were also given

- A D Day 80 exhibition was held in the Town Hall on 3rd & 4th June, put together by Councillor P Hetherington, for which he was to be commended
- D-Day 80 commemorations were held in the town on 6th June, with a service on the harbourside and lighting of a beacon. It was very well attended, as was the Council's D Day 80 Church Service held on the 9th June in St Marys Church.

Resolved that the report be noted.

19/24 Items for Next Agenda

None requested.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date