

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9 June 2025 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 I Greaney
Councillor J Hastewell	Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor J Newton
Councillor D Peggs	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe, (Chairman)	Councillor C Slater

In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Sue Clarke (Cumbria Tourism)

12/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Kemp, C McCarron Holmes & G Mitchell.

13/25 Declarations of Interest

None Received.

14/25 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

15/25 Minutes from Meeting held on 24 February 2025

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

16/25 Minutes from Meeting held on 12 May 2025

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2025 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

17/25 Cumberland Councillors Reports

1) Councillor McCarron Holmes, Maryport North

A written report was received from Councillors McCarron Holmes, who reported that, as the new municipal year commenced, there were a plethora of issues throughout Cumberland to be discussed.

Scrutiny Committees were very busy. Place Scrutiny, which she chairs, had looked in depth at the proposed Housing strategy which showed a defined need for any new built RSL dwellings to be totally disabled adapted. Many of Maryport area RSL dwellings were 1950/60 built with poor adaptations scope. Disabled residents found it difficult to live a fulfilled life without housing which was adapted for their disability. Sadly, the wait for a DFG assessment was very long due to the numbers on the list.

The closure of Udale ward at WCH, and which she advised she had criticised vocally, had now reached the ears of the area's MP, who was requesting another look at the decision to ask patients to travel to the North East for a bed facility; Councillor McCarron Holmes considered treatment unacceptable from every aspect.

Potholes were never ending. The structure of many roads needed massive work done on them after fifteen years of decay.

Councillor McCarron Holmes reported that had instigated a youth initiative in Crosby which needed volunteer adult input to be successful. The rural areas on the periphery of the town for young people needed to be addressed.

The Boundary Review still hadn't been published; Councillor McCarron Holmes hoped it thought kindly of better ward make-ups than currently, as she considered them too big.

2) Councillor W Pegram, Maryport South

No report received.

Resolved that Councillor McCarron Holmes' report be noted and that Councillor Pegram provide a report to future meetings.

18/25 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2024/25 – Annual Internal Audit Report & Annual Governance Statement

Members received & noted the Annual Internal Audit Report & considered the Annual Governance Statement 2024/25. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, 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.

19/25 Annual Governance & Accountability Return – Statement of Accounts 2024/25

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts 2024/25 be agreed and signed by Chairman.

20/25 Standing Orders Update 2025/26

Resolved that the updated Standing Orders be agreed.

21/25 Financial Regulations

Resolved that the updated Financial Regulations be agreed.

22/25 Mayor's Announcements

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

- Ewanrigg Junior School Phunky Food demonstration
- Flimby Primary School Garden opening
- Grasslot School Meet the Mayor

Resolved that the report be noted.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date