

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on 26 January 2026
in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.**

Present

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

In Attendance

Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)

83/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Hetherington, S Merrin & G Mitchell.

84/25 Declarations of Interest

Declarations on interest were received from: Councillor J Cuthell, Item 9(2), Personal as a member of Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority; & Councillor W Pegram, Item 9(2), Personal as a member of Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority.

85/25 Requests for Dispensation

Dispensation requests to speak were received from Councillors J Cuthell & W Pegram, Item 9(2), Elizabeth Dock Footbridge.

Resolved that the requests be agreed.

86/25 Minutes of Meeting held on 8 December 2025

Resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 8 December 2025 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

87/25 Public Participation

No questions received.

88/25 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £47,447.62 be agreed.

89/25 Finance Report

Resolved that the report for the period 1 April to 31 December 2025, including a transfer of £35,000 from the Allotment Repairs Reserve to Ground Maintenance, & a virement of £25,000 from the Ground Maintenance Budget to Property Maintenance, be agreed.

90/25 Correspondence

Resolved that the schedule of correspondence be received & noted, & that:

- 1) It be noted that, further to an enquiry from Cumberland Council Assistant Director (Corporate Assets, Fleet & Safety) Paul Green as to whether the Town Council was interested in acquiring Maryport Town Hall, Councillor C McCarron Holmes had escorted Mr Green & a colleague around the Town Hall, where problems with the lack of repair to the building were identified. Councillor McCarron Holmes advised that she had been informed that work required to make the building water tight & all other repairs including concerns with the neighbouring property would commence in April. It was agreed that the Council would consider his enquiry further once the building was considered to be in a suitable condition of repair.
- 2) It be agreed to provide funding of £1,000 to Ellenborough Rangers ARLFC towards training equipment for open age & youth teams, & notify the club of available funding from Cumberland Council's Lakes to the Sea pot.

91/25 Elizabeth Dock Bridge

Councillor C Bell requested information on the state of repair of the Elizabeth Dock Bridge following the provision of funding by the Council to Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd, (MHML), towards its repair. Council members who sat on the Maryport Harbour & Marina Ltd Board reported that the current position was that a further £60,000 was required to enable the bridge to be completely repaired. MHML was currently looking for funding.

Resolved that a request for financial statements from MHML for both sides of the business be made.

92/25 Community Champion Awards

Resolved that it be noted that nominations were being sought from the community for suitable candidates for the annual Community Champion Award & that Councillors C Bell, J Hastewell & C Slater represent the Council on a Selection Panel to be established.

93/25 Allotment Rents

Resolved that, further to Allotment Committee Minute 37/16, the annual rent for an allotment plot be increased by £5 per annum to £100 with effect from 1 April 2027.

94/25 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

Following the meeting, a meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee took place.

Signed

Chairman

Date