

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Meeting held on Monday 8 June 2026 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth, (Chairman)	Councillor C Bell
Councillor B Copeland	Councillor J Cuthell
Councillor J Hastewell	Councillor G Kemp
Councillor J Newton	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe

In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Gareth Cavanagh (Press)

1/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors I Greaney, P Hetherington, C McCarron Holmes, S Merrin & G Mitchell.

2/26 Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor L Radcliffe, Item 6(4), Personal.

3/26 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

4/26 Minutes of Meeting held on 27 April 2026

Resolved that the minutes from the meeting held on Monday 27 April 2026 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

5/26 Public Participation

No questions received.

6/26 Correspondence

Councillor L Radcliffe left the room for consideration of Item 6(4).

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

- 1) A Blue Plaque be placed on the wall of Redby Café on Senhouse Street to be dedicated to Johnny Rafferty, subject to permission from the building owner.
- 2) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Our Lady & St Patricks School towards a sensory room.
- 3) A grant of £380.89 be awarded to Ellenborough Club towards a defibrillator.
- 4) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to Warm Spaces for the coming winter period.
- 5) A grant of £500 be awarded to the Cumbria Ox to help with competition & travels costs, recognising the prestige that his participation brings to the area.
- 6) A grant of £700 be awarded to the La'al Collective for up-keep of the Fairy Path with an art project and school involvement.
- 7) A grant of £1,000 be awarded to the Maryport Sea Cadets towards an event to celebrate the Lakeland District Trafalgar Day Parade on 18th October 2026.

7/26 Accounts for Payment

Resolved that accounts for payment, in accordance with the schedule, totalling £120,259.75 be agreed.

8/26 Finance Report

Resolved that the report for the period 1 April to 30 April 2026 be agreed.

9/26 Financial Reserves 2025/26

Resolved that the position of the Council's Financial Reserves at 31 March 2026 be noted & that variations to reserves at 31 March 2026 be agreed as follows:

- 1) A contribution of £3,065 to General Reserves.
- 2) A contribution of £500 towards office equipment replacement.
- 3) A contribution of £2,700 towards the cost of defibrillator equipment in 2025/26.
- 4) A contribution of £10,000 to the Allotments Improvement reserve.
- 5) A transfer of £25,000 from the Environmental Improvements Reserve to the Allotment Improvements Reserve.

10/26 Internal Audit Report

Resolved that the Council's Internal Auditor's report for the financial year ending 31 March 2026 report be agreed.

11/26 Financial Regulations Review 2026/27

Resolved that the Financial Regulations be agreed.

12/26 Best Kept Garden & Container Competition

Resolved that the Council hold a Best Kept Garden & Container Competition in 2026 & that members be invited to volunteer to be on the judging panel.

13/26 Items for Next Agenda

None received.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date