MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the special meeting of the Council held on Monday 1 June 2015 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 9.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor S Barcock
Councillor Mrs A Kendall	Councillor P Kendall
Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe (Chairman)
Councillor Ms S Stamper	Councillor T Todd

In Attendance

Mr P Bramley (Clerk) Mrs L Douglas (Clerk) Mrs V Patterson (Press)

10/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Kemp, G McAlpine, W Pegram, Ms C Tindall & L Williamson.

11/15 Declarations of Interest

None received.

12/15 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

13/15 Annual Return - Statement of Accounts 2014/15

Resolved that the statement be agreed and signed by Chairman.

14/15 Annual Return – Annual Governance Statement 2014/15

Members considered the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, that they had:

- 1) Approved the accounting statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts & Audit Regulations & proper practices.
- 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 & codes of practice 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 statement be agreed and signed by Chairman.

Following the conclusion of the Special Full Council Meeting, a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee took place.

Signed	
Chairman	
Date	