

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12 June 2023 in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Maryport at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor Ms J Hastewell
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor Mrs C McCarron Holmes
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor Mrs L Radcliffe, (Chairman)
Councillor Ms C Slater	

In Attendance

P Bramley (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas (Clerk)
Ms V Patterson (Press)
Mr J Hewitson (Cumberland Council)
Member of public

10/23 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Newton.

11/23 Declaration of Interests

None received.

12/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

13/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 22 May 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 May 2023 be confirmed as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

14/23 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 2022/23. In doing so, members confirmed, to the best of their knowledge & belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, 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.

15/23 Annual Governance & Accountability Return – Statement of Accounts 2022/23

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts 2022/23 be agreed and signed by Chairman.

16/23 Council Vacancies

Resolved that a Co-option Panel be appointed, consisting of the Mayor & the three Committee Chairmen, to consider written applications, interview applicants in further detail & make recommendations for consideration to by the Council.

17/23 Future Annual Council Meetings

Resolved that arrangements for the future operation of Annual Council Meetings include local community groups being invited and a small reception being held following the meeting & agreement of new Mayor.

18/23 Cumberland Council Maryport Advisory Group Appointment of Representative

Resolved that Councillors S Ashworth & I Greaney & S be appointed to the Cumberland Council Maryport Regeneration Advisory Group.

19/23 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor presented a report setting out events she had attended to date following her election:

- Queen of the Solway Dance Festival
- MOADS performance of "Making your Mind Up" at the Carnegie.

Deputy Mayor Mrs C McCarron Holmes had attended the "Feel the Rival Blues" event on the Mayor's behalf.

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

Signed

Chairman

Date