

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 30 October 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, 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 G Hampson	Councillor C McCarron Holmes
Councillor G Mitchell	Councillor D Peggs
Councillor W Pegram	Councillor L Radcliffe
Councillor C Slater	

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
Member of public

66/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's J Hastewell, P Hetherington G Kemp, J Newton & S Merrin.

67/23 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from: Councillors G Hampson, Personal as a member of the Carnival Committee, Maryport Rescue & Trawler Race; I Greaney, Personal as a member of the Carnival Committee; & W Pegram, Personal as a member of Harbour & Marina

68/23 Requests for Dispensation

None received.

69/23 Public Participation

Mr Jonathon Woodman reported his concerns with street sanitation in Maryport. He was advised that Cumberland Council was responsible for street cleansing. Mr Woodman was asked to submit details of his concerns to the Clerks.

Resolved that the report be noted & that the matter be discussed at a future meeting.

70/23 Budget 2024/2025

Members considered a report setting out the basis of development of the draft Budget 2024/25, the detailed draft Budget figures & the estimated level of Reserves & Balances at 31 March 2023.

It was agreed to recommend a budget entailing no increase in council tax over 2023/24. The draft budget took into account the Council's agreed priorities in its Council Strategy & provided for an expenditure budget in 2024/25 of £395,500. **Resolved** that the Budget 2024/25, as detailed in the report & providing for a budget entailing no increase in council tax over 2023/24, be agreed in principle, & that it be recommended to form the basis of the Council precept for 2024/25.

The Budget 2024/25 is attached.

The meeting finished at 7.35pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date

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Budget 2024/25

	Actual 2022/23 £	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Budget after Virements 2022/23 £	Budget After Virements 2023/24 £	Budget 2024/25 £
EXPENDITURE					
Employees	62,546.62	54,500	55,500	61,913	61,900
Premises	4,048.65	9,900	9,900	10,400	10,400
Property Maintenance	56,820.76	32,500	32,500	36,240	36,200
Ground Maintenance	107,085.45	122,900	122,900	111,911	112,500
Insurance	7,464.28	3,800	3,800	4,400	4,400
Postages, Stationery & General Office Expenses	19,643.40	14,200	18,200	16,850	16,900
Audit Fees: External Auditor	800.00	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Audit Fees: Internal Auditor	329.80	400	400	400	400
Payroll Administration	625.00	700	700	700	700
Legal Services	175.00	500	500		500
Bank Charges	295.98	300	300	300	300
Election Expenses	-	10,000	-	500	-
Festival Promotion	37,823.06	42,100	52,100	41,880	41,900
Grants & Donations	68,570.00	110,200	115,200	102,550	102,600
Mayor's Allowance	2,000.00	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Deputy Mayor's Allowance	500.00	500	500	500	500
Members' Development	-	400	400	400	400
Members' Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Civic Fund					
General	124.73	800	800	500	500
Remembrance Day	808.85	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Miscellaneous Expenses	261.06				
VAT	37,942.24				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	407,864.88	408,600	418,600	394,344	395,000
Contributions to Reserves	58,000.00	500	500		500
	465,864.88	409,100	419,100	394,844	395,500
INCOME					
Precept: Allerdale Borough Council	375,400.00	379,700	379,700	379,683	379,700
Grants & Contributions	15,773.80	-	-	-	-
Interest	488.49	200	200	700	700
Rents & Wayleaves	18,384.00	14,200	14,200	15,100	15,100
Recovery of Costs	3,946.57				
Miscellaneous Income	1,441.21				
VAT	46,634.24				
TOTAL INCOME	462,068.31	394,100	394,100	394,100	395,500
Contribution from Reserves	13,000.00	15,000	25,000	25,000	
TOTAL INCOME AFTER RESERVES	475,068.31	409,100	419,100	419,100	395,500