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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

Minutes of the Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 7pm on the thirteenth day of September 2021

Present: Councillors Cary Matthews (Chairman); Paul Anderton; June Ashworth; Roger Dennison; Patricia Heath; Jake Goodwin, Janice Hanson, Jason Firth, Paul Hart, Jim Pilling, Catherine Pilling, Margaret Pattison, David Whittaker, V Boyd-Power, Cllr Gerald Blaikie.

In attendance: Mr Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer) and one member of the public.

Minute 20344

Apologies

Apologies for absence received from M Evans, T Anderson, G Dennison, S Burns, T Clarke, A Ashworth.

Minute 20345

Declarations of Interests

Cllr Pattison noted membership of Lancashire County Council. Cllr Heath declared a non-pecuniary interest Item 7. Cllr V Boyd-Power declared membership of Morecambe BID.

Minute 20346

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Minute 20347

Elections

The Council noted that Cllr Gerald Blaikie had been duly elected to Bare South East Ward.

The Council noted that Cllr Catherine Pilling had been duly elected to Harbour Ward.

A casual vacancy was declared for Heysham North Ward.

Minute 20348

Public Participation

None.

Minute 20349

Finance

The Council received and accepted the schedule of transactions for Month 4 and Month 5.

Minute 20350

Welcome Back Fund

Members discussed the funding available through the Welcome Back Fund and agreed to broaden out the choice of the market stall offering, to investigate Christmas lights, a Christmas market/festival, and an event for Halloween. The Council requested a follow up ideation session via Zoom.

Minute 20351

Morecambe Town Hall

In the name of the people of Morecambe and Heysham, it was resolved that Morecambe Town Council submits an expression of interest to Lancaster City Council in the future running and ownership of Morecambe Town Hall (to include building and land up to the boundary).

It was resolved to procure the services of Wellers Hedleys at a cost of £225ph to facilitate a Community Asset Transfer bid and work with the Proper Officer to draw up an EOI to enable the drafting of a Proposal of Feasibility to be considered by Morecambe Town Council and Lancaster City Council at a future date.

It was resolved Morecambe Town Council requests that Lancaster City Council commits to keeping a customer service desk open in Morecambe for the benefit of local residents.

It was resolved to form a working group consisting of all members to explore working towards taking over services currently provided by Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council, namely highway weeding, public gardens, street cleaning as and when an appropriate business case can be proven for feasibility.

Minute 20352

CCTV

It was reported a further explanation for the invoice is yet to be received from Lancaster City Council.

Minute 20353

Morecambe Vision

It was resolved for the Proper Officer to sit on the Morecambe Vision steering group.

Minute 20354***Morecambe BID***

It was resolved for the Community and Engagement Officer to sit on the illuminations steering group.

Minute 20355***Future Meetings***

The Council approved a meeting date of 24 February 2022, owing to a prior booking on the first Thursday of March 2022.