



## Morecambe Town Council

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### **Minutes of Annual Town Assembly**

**held at Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road East, Morecambe, LA4 5AF**

**on Thursday 27 May 2021 at 6 p.m.**

*Held in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Part III.*

#### Advice for members of the Public was noted:

*Electors of the Morecambe Town Council area may attend and ask questions or raise issues which they would like the Council to consider at an appropriate future meeting.*

*Any matter, as decided by a majority of those present and voting, is not legally binding on the Council, however must be considered by the Council at a future date.*

*Each local government elector present has one vote on any issue which is put to a poll.*

#### **Meeting commenced at 6:01pm**

Cllr Cary Matthews, Chairman of Morecambe Town Council, presided.

**Upon advice from the Lancashire County Association of Local Councils, only electors on the Electoral Register are included in polls, the details of which are held as a separate record and not published in line with the GDPR.**

- 1. Apologies for absence received from Cllr Goodwin and Cllr Burns.**
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Town Assembly held on 23 May 2019 were discussed.**

Cllr Roger Cleet made comment regarding the accuracy of a statement that suggested the Council did not contribute to the payment of planters (Item 6 - Morecambe in Bloom).

It was noted that the Council did indeed pay a contribution for the planters, and it was noted that as the minutes reflected the statement made at the time, the minutes were indeed an accurate record of the meeting.

A motion was put to the meeting from an attendee who could not be located on the electoral register - the motion was void.

**The meeting was advised that there is no legislative facility for a recording of votes at a meeting of electors. The meeting was also advised there is no power that the Council holds to compel attendees to permit their name to be recorded in a recording of votes.**

The meeting approved the statement was inaccurate and approved the minutes as an accurate record.

**3. Annual Report was delivered by Chairman of Morecambe Town Council.**

**4. Representations were received from electors and community organisations who wished to address the assembly.**

A resident spoke of wanting to hear what was planned in Morecambe for the forthcoming year and how the Council planned to move Morecambe forward.

Two representatives from a local art organisation provided an update to the meeting of the activities planned by their organisation and the difficulties they have experienced due to Covid-19.

A question was asked regarding the email addresses of councillors and whether or not councillors were acting as, or had access to officer emails. The meeting was advised any councillors cc'd into email from residents retained their own right to reply and councillors do not have access to officer emails, or act in the capacity of an officer.

**5. Morecambe Neighbourhood Plan update was delivered by Cllr John Bates.**