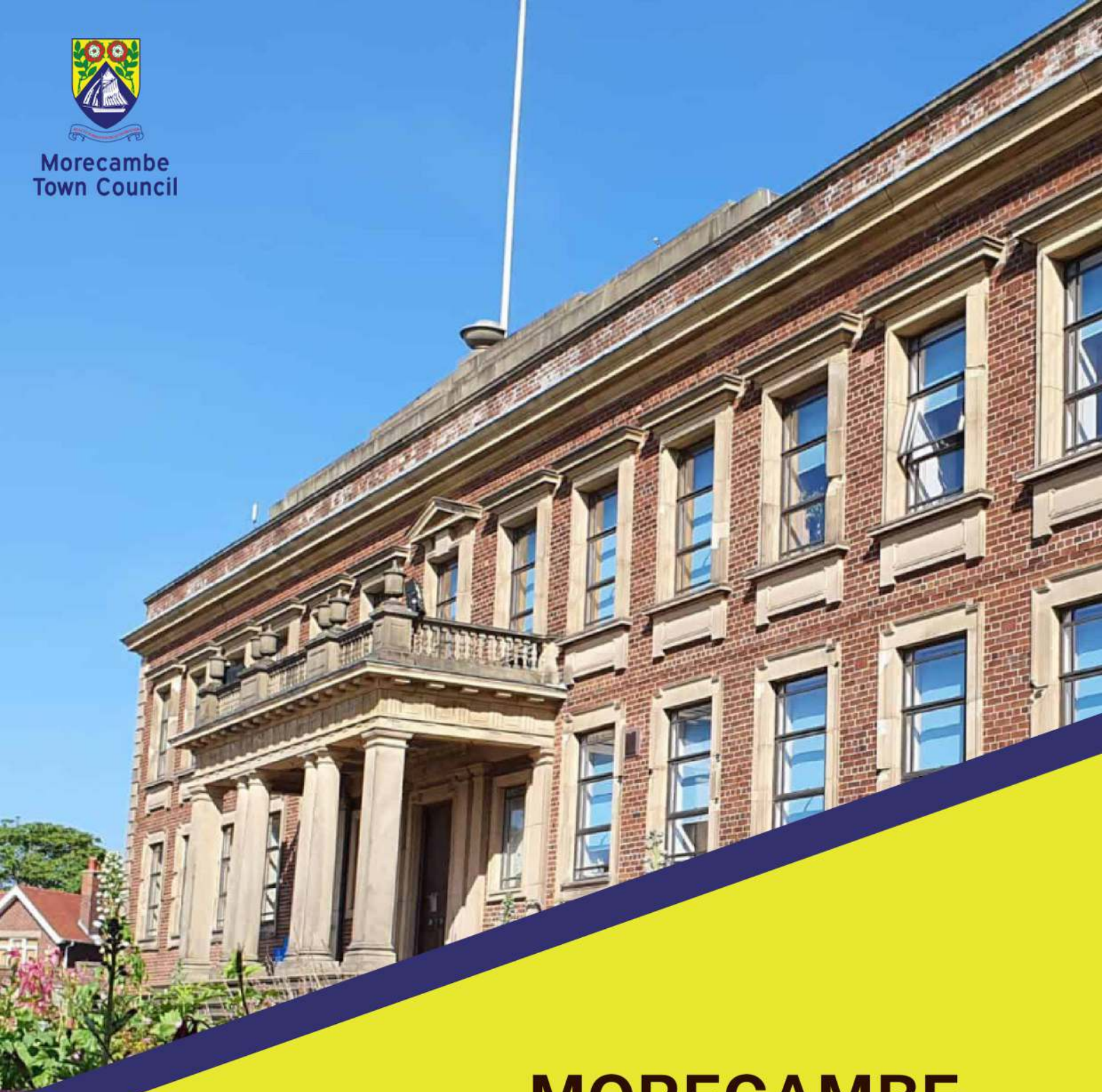




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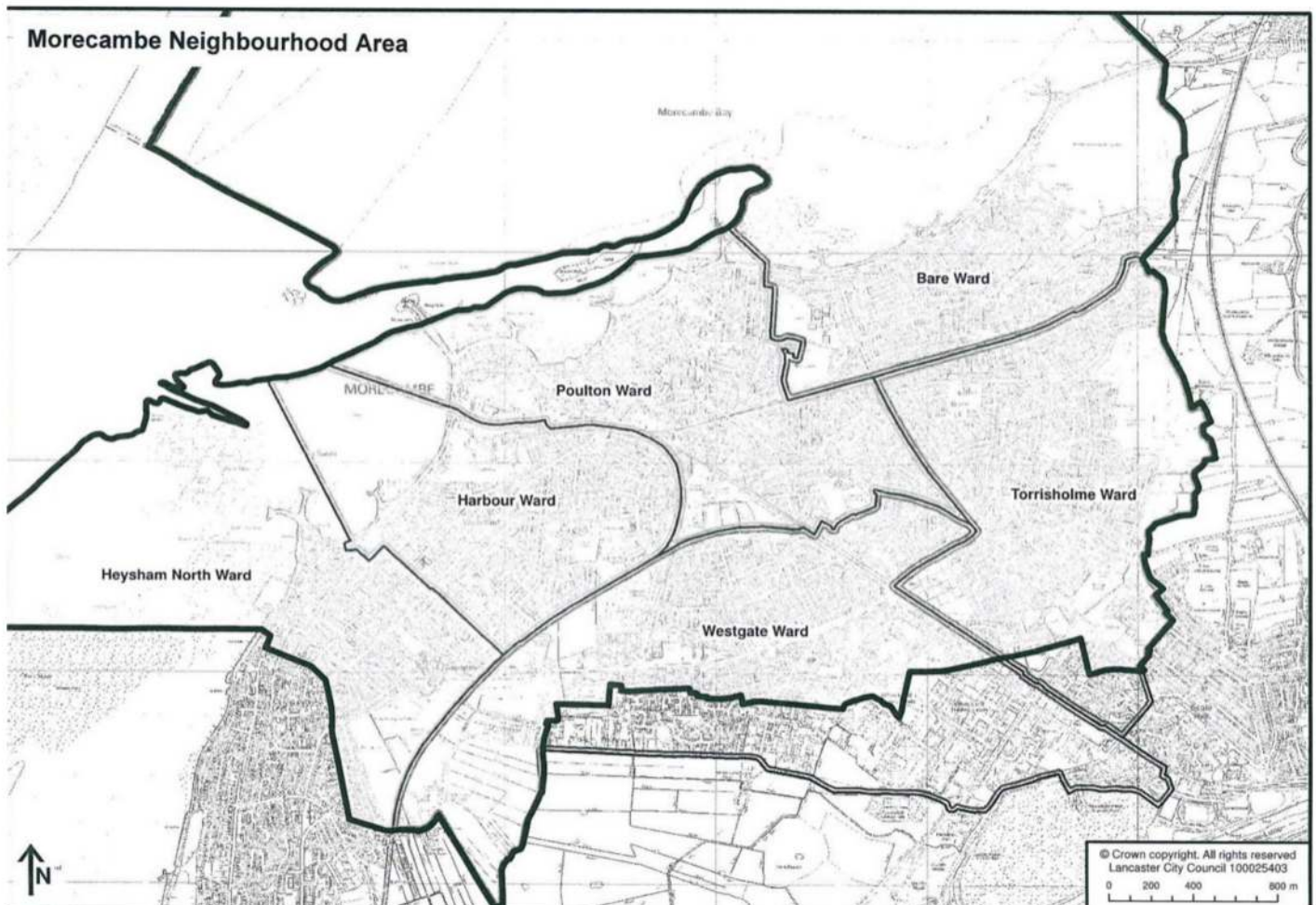
MORECAMBE TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022

About Morecambe Town Council

Morecambe is a welcoming community, proud of its history, and is currently governed by three tiers of Local Government:

Morecambe Town Council
Lancaster City Council
Lancashire County Council

Morecambe Town Council was formed in May 2009, following a successful local campaign. Twenty-six seats were created, with each member elected for a term of four years. The town is divided into eleven wards, as you can see below.



Update from Chairman

"As I reflect on the past year, I am incredibly honoured to have been the Chair of Morecambe Town Council.

I would like to thank all councillors, partners and officers for the commitment and support they have given.

The Council has published its three-year Community Action Plan which is now well on its way to being realised. I am also particularly proud to have been involved in the Council's climate emergency declaration this year. I know from many conversations that I've had with business leaders and community groups that their perception of Morecambe Town Council has changed - they can see the changes we've made and, more importantly, the impact we are having on the town.

This year we began to organise a series of events with a two-day Dino-Shore-Us event and a Spring into Morecambe artisan market. Our next event is a celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June with fireworks, pyrotechnics, entertainment, food stalls, followed by a record-breaking attempt on 5th June to hold the longest street party, with 500 tables spanning 2500ft of Morecambe's promenade. I hope you've booked your table, because they are going fast!

These events are creating a revived sense of civic pride in Morecambe - an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate our town. But this is only the start, and as our credibility grows, and we gain expertise and experience, I believe we can deliver an even greater level of enhancement and value for our town, our residents, and the local economy.

Thank you for your continued support as we all work for our town, our Morecambe, our home."



Chairman
Councillor Cary Matthews
Heysham Central Ward

Welcome Back Fund

The Government's Welcome Back Fund allowed us to put on some fantastic free events for local residents to enjoy, providing some much needed fun after what has been a difficult two years for everyone.

Dino-Shore-Us

Morecambe Town Council delivered its first free event of the year on the 12th and 13th February at the Town Hall, Euston Road, and Regent Park in the West End. The weekend event was sponsored by the Government's Welcome Back Fund and, despite the heavy rain, was a great success, attracting over 3000 people.



Spring into Morecambe

Our Spring into Morecambe event, held on 26th March, was a huge success - we hope you got to enjoy it! There was an Artisan Street Market on Euston Road from 10am to 5pm, as well as live entertainment from the talented one-man-band Captain Cabaret and Northern Heights Aerial Stilt Walkers. The market showcased lots of the wonderful food, drinks and gifts created by local businesses.

Later in the evening, more than 10,000 people gathered on Morecambe promenade to watch the spectacular firework and light show. With local DJ Gaz Shepherd hosting, there was a fantastic party atmosphere. The event provided a great boost to the local economy, with many people visiting local cafes, bars and restaurants throughout the day.





Climate emergency

This year, Morecambe Town Council declared a climate emergency and recognised the effects of global warming, resolving to tackle the climate emergency by:

- 1) Forming a working group involving councillors, residents, business owners, and experts from local education institutions to establish a plan to identify how Morecambe can be net-zero carbon by 2030.
- 2) Introducing climate change impact assessments, including carbon emission appraisals to all council activities.

Why do we need to take action?

Carbon emissions have a damaging impact on the planet, causing global warming, leading to climate change.

The increase in severe weather events around the world? **Climate change.**

Rising sea levels? **Climate change.**

Melting of the polar ice caps? **Climate change.**

We are already seeing the devastating effect climate change is having on the habitats of animals around the world, as well as the harrowing impact severe weather events have had on communities in many countries. If we don't act now, it will only get worse, and we will start to see more extreme weather events, like flooding, in Morecambe.



What can I do?

Small steps can make a big difference when taken collectively, and there are lots of small steps you can take to reduce your carbon footprint and take care of both Morecambe and the planet as a whole. A lot of these steps will not only help the planet, but they'll save you money too. Win-win.

-  Walk or cycle shorter journeys if/when possible.
-  For longer journeys, look into using public transport, or car sharing.
-  Buying locally made/sourced products reduces your carbon footprint, and it supports the local economy too.
-  Take care of your clothes and buy second hand where possible.
-  Turning your heating down by as little as 1°C can make a difference.
-  Turn appliances off at the wall when you're not using them.



Climate emergency

Walk2Cop26 Climate Crisis Conference

Morecambe Town Council attended the Walk2Cop26 Climate Crisis Conference on Friday 22nd October at Morecambe Winter Gardens. We welcomed a group walking all the way from London to the COP 26 conference in Glasgow.

The event encouraged those attending to look hard at what climate change means to them and what can be done to tackle carbon emissions. The conference was free to attend and was open to all businesses, individuals, and community groups to take a collaborative approach to help tackle the climate emergency and look at what we can do, both individually and together.

Speakers and panellists included Sam Baker, organiser of WalktoCop26; Lancaster City Council Leader, Caroline Jackson; Millie Prosser, founding member of LYFE (Lancaster Youth For The Environment), a social movement which unites and empowers young people to engage in environmental and political issues locally; Tom Narey from Eden Project North; and Daniel Dixon, Performance Improvement Manager of Heysham 1 Power Station from EDF, which supported the event.



Cleaning up Morecambe

Our Public Realm Operatives have been busy clearing Morecambe of litter and weeding public spaces to help keep Morecambe beautiful. We've also held litter picking days, inviting locals along to get involved, so we can all work together to make Morecambe a litter-free zone. We'll be continuing to hold litter picking days throughout the year, and you can nominate a public area that you feel needs a bit of litter-picking love by emailing clerk@morecambe.gov.uk

Grants

We are proud to say we have awarded the following grants this year, helping some fantastic causes as well as funding some brilliant events for the community.

£650 to Morecambe Winter Gardens Preservation Trust.

£10,000 to Cancer Care.

£3,000 to the Armed Forces Day committee.

£2,435.36 to support 'Morecambe on Film'.

£9,000 to Out in the Bay for Morecambe Pride.

£9,000 to the revised schedule of events for Vintage by the Sea.

£5,000 to Bay Fringe Festival organised by West End Players as seed funding for an annual series of events.

£700 to the Lancaster Military Heritage Group for Armed Forces Day.

£2,590 to the Promenade Concert Orchestra.
£2,000 to More Music to fund the Catch the Wind Kite Festival.



Budget

We are happy to say we came under budget in many areas this year, which we have carried forward to next year's budget, allowing us to fund many great initiatives and events.

You can find our full budget report at Morecambe.gov.uk

Item	Actual spend
Salaries + Staff Expenses	£27,646.89
Office Equipment / Consumables / Administration	£2,215.74
Professional Services	£7,293.41
Office Rent	£2,853.56
Insurance	£838.23
Audits	£1,008.00
Lengthsman / Town Ranger	£5,520.77
Communications	£2,134.80
Grant Fund	£39,335.36
Asset Purchase / Maintenance	£7,142.13
Festivals, Events, Sponsorships	£4,250.18
Morecambe in Bloom	£71.71

It's all about YOU

The Council is here to serve the people of Morecambe, so it's really important to us that your voices are heard so we can base our decisions on the opinions of residents. After all, who knows Morecambe better? There are lots of ways that we keep you updated on council business, as well as opportunities for you to have your say:

Social media

Did you know we are on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter? Follow us for regular updates.

Public meetings

Our Town Council meetings are open to members of the public, as long as you let us know in advance by emailing clerk@morecambe.gov.uk

Councillor Surgeries

Each month we hold a Councillor Surgery in a different ward with one or more councillors from that ward. These are held in public places and you don't need to let us know you're coming - simply turn up and speak to your councillor about any ideas or concerns you might have. You will find details of these surgeries in our monthly newsletters, on our website and on social media.

Public surveys

We take regular surveys to help us make informed decisions that meet the needs of as many residents as possible.

Newsletter

You can pick up a copy from Morecambe Town Hall, view on our website, or click the links on our social media.

How you can take part in the democratic process

As we've said, the Council is here to serve you, so it only makes sense that you have a say in who represents you. Local elections take place every four years, and as long as you're registered to vote, you can vote for the local councillor of your choice for your ward. Sometimes councillor vacancies occur in between. When this happens, the Proper Officer will announce the vacancy, and the residents of that ward have 14 days to gather 10 signatures and addresses (from people in that ward only) to call for a by-election. If this doesn't happen, it goes to a co-option, where other members of the council vote the new councillor in.

Looking forward

Eden Project North

It's official, Eden Project is coming to Morecambe! The plans were approved earlier this year, with the aim for the project to be completed in 2024. This is very exciting for Morecambe, as it will boost tourism, the local economy, and will create a lot of job opportunities for locals. And, of course, the advantage of having such a unique experience to enjoy on our own doorstep. We're sure you're as excited as we are!



Frontierland site

Following a purchase by Lancaster City Council, Morecambe Town Council has set up a steering group to liaise with the local community and key stakeholders to research the opportunities available for the former Frontierland site so we can make good use of the land to positively serve the community. If you have any ideas for the site, please send an email to clerk@morecambe.gov.uk



Looking forward

Events

Our new Community Events Officer, Gavin, has been busy organising lots of exciting events for locals in the coming year. You'll find details on all of the events closer to the time in our newsletters, on posters around town and on social media. To keep up to date on all upcoming events, email events@morecambe.gov.uk to sign up for regular updates.

Morecambe in Bloom

Applications for Morecambe in Bloom 2022 are now open, so if you're a green fingered gardener, pick up your application form from Morecambe Town Hall, or download a copy from our website, and enter by 30th June.



More Artisan Markets

Our Artisan Market was such a success that we've decided to run more throughout the next year. It's a great way to showcase the best of local produce, boost local economy, and bring the town together.



Young Musician of the Year competition

This will be a great opportunity for young solo singers and musicians to perform in front of a live audience and receive constructive feedback from a panel of 3 professional musicians - not to mention the chance to be crowned Morecambe's first Young Musician of the Year!



There are lots more events to be announced for the coming year too, so keep your eyes peeled!

Looking forward

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

To mark this momentous occasion, we've organised a weekend of activity for everyone to enjoy. On Thursday 2nd June, there's our Lighting of the Beacon ceremony, with live music and fireworks. And on Sunday 5th June, we have our Jubilee Big Lunch, where we'll be attempting to break the UK record for the longest street party. There'll be live entertainment throughout the day, and all proceeds from table sales will go to charity.



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Come along to celebrate The Queen's

PLATINUM JUBILEE

2nd June

Beacon Lighting Ceremony
Stone Jetty, 6-10pm
with live music, fireworks, DJ, and food stalls.
Morecambe's Beacon to be lit at 9.45pm prompt.
No booking required for this event.

5th June

Morecambe's Jubilee Lunch
Record Breaking Picnic Attempt
Morecambe Promenade, 1-4pm
£10 charity donation per table - booking required at
ticketsource.co.uk/morecambe-town-council
Bring your own picnic & chairs!

Officers

We have welcomed lots of new officers to the team this year to help manage the Town Council's service delivery. Our officers undertake a wide range of duties to support the council, from ensuring Morecambe is kept clean and safe for residents and tourists, to organising events, keeping residents up-to-date with Council business, administrative duties and supporting the legal functions of Morecambe Town Council.

Chief Executive - Luke Trevaskis - luke.trevaskis@morecambe.gov.uk

Community and Events Officer - Gavin Dring - gavin.dring@morecambe.gov.uk

Administration and Projects Officer - Michaela Smith - michaela.smith@morecambe.gov.uk

Public Realm Supervisor - Scott Harris - scott.harris@morecambe.gov.uk

Town Rangers:

Owen O'Neill

Steven Doran

For general enquiries, you can email clerk@morecambe.gov.uk or call 01524 56026.



Your councillors

Please contact the councillor(s) for your ward if you have any issues you would like to raise. A map of each ward can be found by visiting:

www.lancaster.gov.uk/the-council-and-democracy/voting-and-elections/ward-maps

Councillor	Ward	Email
Cllr Cary Matthews (Chairman)	Poulton Ward	cary.matthews@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Paul Anderton (Vice Chairman)	Torrisholme Ward	paul.anderton@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr June Ashworth	Bare North Ward	june.ashworth@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Alex Ashworth	Bare North Ward	alex.ashworth@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr John Bates	Torrisholme Ward	john.bates@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Mariusz Balcer	Harbour Ward	marius.balcer@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Ava Balcer	Harbour Ward	ava.balcer@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Vicky Boyd-Power	Heysham North Ward	vicky.boyd-power@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Catherine Pilling	Harbour Ward	catherine.pilling@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Patricia Clarke	Heysham North Ward	patricia.clarke@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Ian Clift	Westgate Ward	ian.clift@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Glenys Dennison	Bare North Ward	glenys.dennison@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Roger Dennison	Torrisholme Ward	roger.dennison@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Jason Firth	Westgate Ward	jason.firth@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Jake Goodwin	Westgate Ward	jake.goodwin@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Lynda Dagdeviren	Harbour Ward	lynda.dagdeviren@morecambe.gov.uk
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Cllr Jim Pilling	Lune Drive Ward	jim.pilling@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Margaret Pattison	Out Moss Lane Ward	margaret.pattison@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr David Whitaker	Harbour Ward	david.whitaker@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Paul Hart	Poulton Ward	paul.hart@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Gerald Blaikie	Bare South East Ward	gerald.blaikie@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Louise Stansfield	Heysham North Ward	louise.stansfield@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Bill Jackson	Westgate Ward	bill.jackson@morecambe.gov.uk
Cllr Wendy Cowley	Lowlands Road Ward	wendy.cowley@morecambe.gov.uk

We were deeply saddened by the deaths of Councillor Shirley Burns and Councillor Janice Hanson this year. They were both valued and committed members of Morecambe Town Council and they will be keenly missed by the community.



Thank you

Morecambe Town Council would like to say a big thank you to all of the wonderful organisations, individuals and volunteers who have helped us, and the community, over the last year. We've achieved a lot this year, and we couldn't have done it without you!



eden project

Eden Project North