

Morecambe Town Council

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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

Minutes of the Meeting of Morecambe Town Council's Full Council Meeting held at Morecambe Town Hall at 7pm on the twenty-first day of July 2022

Present: Councillors C Matthews, T Clarke, P Anderton, V Boyd-Power, J Goodwin, J Bates, P Hart, C Pilling, J Pilling, L Stansfield, B Jackson, R Dennison, P Forster.

In attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer), one member of the press, and two members of the public.

Minute 20427

Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs A Ashworth, M Pattison, J Ashworth, G Dennison, G Blaikie, P Heath, A Balcer, M Balcer, I Clift, D Whitaker.

Minute 20428

Declarations of Interests

None.

Minute 20429

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were amended and approved.

Minute 20430

Public Participation

None.

Minute 20431

Co-Option

The Council heard representations from three candidates.

The Council resolved to co-opt Wendy Cowley to Lowlands Road Ward, and Lynda Dagdeviren to Harbour Ward.

Minute 20432

Festivals, Sponsorships and Events Committee

The Council approved a new committee, with ten members and a quorum of five members. Members included Cllrs Cary Matthews, T Clarke, V Boyd-Power, J Goodwin, M Pattison, D Whitaker, L Stansfield, P Forster, B Jackson and W Cowley.

Minute 20433

Finance

The Council approved the budget report and agreed a re-allocation of underspend totalling £52,292.64 to budgets as follows:

£20,000 - Festivals, Events, Sponsorships - expenditure delegated to committee

£10,000 - Office Equipment - expenditure delegated to the Proper Officer

£12,292.64 - Salaries - expenditure delegated to the Personnel Committee to determine any additional staffing resource required (for example, in finance)

£10,000 - General Reserves - no delegation

Minute 20434

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The Council delegated authority to the Proper Officer to consult members and submit proposals when invited for UKSPF funding that align with the Council's Action Plan and other directives of committees.

Minute 20435

Exclusion of Press

The Council resolved that, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute 20436

Frontierland

The Council agreed to allocate a budget of up to £20,000 (from general reserves) to the working party - expenditure of which would be delegated to the proper officer in consultation with members.

Minute 20437

Matter 2022-2023 (01)

The Council delegated to the Proper Officer to pursue a defence with Weightmans, requesting further advice on joining two previous members of the Council into the action.