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Minutes of the Meeting of Morecambe Town Council's Full Council Meeting held at Morecambe Town Hall at 7pm on the ninth day of March 2023

Attendance Record

Councillors: C Matthews, J Bates, V Boyd-Power, W Cowley, I Clift, M Pattison, P Clarke, J Ashworth, J Pilling, P Forster, G Blaikie, C Pilling, B Jackson, L Dagdeviren, P Hart, T Heath, Louise Stansfield, D Whitaker

Officers: Luke Trevaskis (Chief Officer) and Michaela Smith

Press: One member of the press.

Public: No members of the public.

Minute 20483

Apologies

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Paul Anderton, Alex Ashworth, Jason Firth, Roger Dennison and Glenys Dennison.

Minute 20484

Declarations of Interests

Cllr Tricia Heath declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8, Frontierland.

Minute 20485

Minutes

The approval of the minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

Minute 20486

Public Participation

None.

Minute 20487

Civility and Respect Pledge

Members voted unanimously in favour of Morecambe Town Council signing the Civility and Respect Pledge proposed by the National Association of Local Councils.

By signing the Pledge, the council is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles and that it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council through, for example, the local Local Council Award Scheme
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

Minute 20488

Neighbourhood Plan

Members received an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and resolved to reform the Neighbourhood Plan steering group and schedule a meeting of the steering group before May 2023.

Minute 20489

Exclusion of Press and Public

The council resolved that, in accordance with Section 100A(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 20490

Frontierland

Cllr Tricia Heath left the meeting due to declaring a non-pecuniary interest.

The council was provided with an update on the progress of Frontierland. Members voted in favour of the Chief Officer continuing to lead on Frontierland plans on behalf of the council.

Minute 20491

Allotments

Members resolved to organise a meeting with the current committee members of the SLA and discuss the best way for the council to work with the committee moving forward.