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Members of Morecambe Town Council:

Cllr C Cozler - Chairman

Cllr P Hart - Vice Chairman

Cllr C Ainscough, Cllr J Ainscough, Cllr D Blacow, Cllr D Bottoms, Cllr L Bradbury, Cllr T Clarke, Cllr B Cooper, Cllr F Cooper, Cllr R Dennison, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr K Gee, Cllr J Goodrich, Cllr J Hanson, Cllr C Kent, Cllr D Knight, Cllr G Knight, Cllr J Livermore, Cllr M Pattison, Cllr J Pilling, Cllr J Rogerson, Cllr J Slater, Cllr M Stenneken, Cllr R Walsh, Cllr D Whitaker.

MINUTES - 29 JUNE 2023

Minutes of Morecambe Town Council's Full Council Meeting
held at 7pm on the twenty-ninth day of June 2023 at
Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road, Morecambe, LA4 5AF.

Record of Attendance:

Councillors: Cllr C Cozler, Cllr P Hart, Cllr C Ainscough, Cllr J Ainscough, Cllr D Blacow, Cllr D Bottoms, Cllr L Bradbury, Cllr T Clarke, Cllr B Cooper, Cllr F Cooper, Cllr R Dennison, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr J Goodrich, Cllr J Hanson, Cllr C Kent, Cllr D Knight, Cllr G Knight, Cllr J Livermore, Cllr M Pattison, Cllr J Pilling, Cllr J Rogerson, Cllr J Slater, Cllr M Stenneken, Cllr R Walsh, Cllr D Whitaker.

Officers: Luke Trevaskis (Chief Officer).

Press: One member of the press - Beyond Radio.

Public: Two members of the public.

Mr Luke Trevaskis, CiLCA, PSLCC.
Chief Executive

Minute 2023/24-018 - Apologies

Apologies for non attendance received from Cllr Keri Gee.

Minute 2023/24-019 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jason Slater declared an interest in Daylight / Morecambe Sparkle CIC.

The following members declared membership of Lancaster City Council:

Cllr Margaret Pattison
Cllr John Hanson
Cllr John Livermore
Cllr Paul Hart
Cllr David Whitaker
Cllr Joanne Ainscough (Cabinet Member)
Cllr F Cooper
Cllr R Dennison
Cllr D Bottoms
Cllr C Cozler

The following members declared membership of Lancashire County Council:

Cllr Margaret Pattison

Minute 2023/24-020 - Minutes

The minutes of the full council meeting held on 25 May 2023 were approved. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Plan had also been mentioned during the meeting and assurances were provided by the PO that the Steering Group would be moving forward in July.

Minute 2023/24-021 - Public Participation

No requests to speak.

Minute 2023/24-022 - Policies

The Council considered the Standing Orders.

Amends were proposed by Cllr G Knight, seconded by Cllr R Dennison as follows:

Standing Order 1(e)

“Subject to Standing Order 1(d) above, members of the public who are registered local government electors and/or business-rate payers may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda, provided that their primary residence is within the administrative boundary of Morecambe Town Council. Members of the public who would like to make representations at a meeting must contact the Proper Officer no later than 10:00 am on the day of the meeting to advise both of their wish to speak and the full content (providing a transcript if available). Other issues could be raised if written notice of the question/matter is submitted to the Proper Officer ten working days prior to the meeting and the matter is considered appropriate for the agenda.”

The Council approved the amend to 1(e).

Cllr G Knight proposed approval of full Standing Orders subject to deletion of 10 (j) “arising from an item on the agenda for the meeting” and inclusion of 10 (k) “to dissolve a committee or sub committee”. Seconded by Cllr J Ainscough. Approved.

Minute 2023/24-023 - Finance

The Council received and approved the end of year accounts, and bank reconciliation, for 2022-2023.

The Council reviewed and accepted the additions to the asset register as an accurate summary of all council property. The addition totalled a value of £80,518.65. The Council noted that officers must investigate where some playground equipment may currently be stored following the replacement of equipment by the higher tier authority. The Council unanimously approved to set a de minimis value of £100 for each asset on the register (excluding land assets or gifted assets estimated to be valued above this amount). The Council approved for any assets below the £100 de minimis value be removed from the register.

The Council approved the end of year Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022-2023 Section 1 - asserting that it had met assertions 1-8, and asserting that assertion 9 was not applicable. A recorded vote was requested. Members in favour: Cllr P Hart, Cllr J Pilling, Cllr M Stenneken. No members were against.

The Council approved the end of year Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022-2023 Section 2.

The Council unanimously approved the Notice of Elector’s Rights to view the 2022-2023 accounts.

The Council unanimously approved the Financial Risk Assessment.

Minute 2023/24-024 - Meetings

The Council resolved that full council meetings be held on the third Thursday of each month (excluding August and December).

20 July 2023
21 September 2023
19 October 2023
16 November 2023
18 January 2024
15 February 2024
21 March 2024
18 April 2024

The Council agreed to meet on 11 July 2023 to consider outstanding festival applications.