



Morecambe Town Council

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To: **Members of Morecambe Town Council - 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 C Cozler, Cllr R Dennison, Cllr W Dixon, Cllr K Gee, Cllr J Goodrich, Cllr J Hanson, Cllr P Hart, 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.**

Dear Councillor,

Dated this eleventh day of April 2024, you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Morecambe Town Council to be held at 19:00 on the eighteenth day of April 2024, to transact business listed in the agenda.

The meeting will be held in Morecambe Town Hall, Marine Road East, Morecambe, LA4 5AF to transact business on the agenda.

Note to Councillors:

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please notify the Proper Officer of your apologies.

Note to Public:

Electors of the town wishing to address the Council are advised to notify the Proper Officer before 10am on the day of the meeting. Permission to speak at the meeting will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Public participation session at a meeting shall not require response or debate and shall solely consist of matters relating to items on the agenda. If the representation made is considered outside the remit of Morecambe Town Council, electors will be referred to the principal authority or other appropriate body.

Your sincerely,

Mr Luke Trevaskis, CiLCA, PSLCC.
Chief Executive

Agenda

1. **Apologies** - to receive apologies for absence and consider any reasons for acceptance.
([Local Government Act 1972, Section 85](#))
2. **Declarations** - to record any declared interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Proper Officer.
([Localism Act 2011, Section 31](#))
3. **Minutes** - to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
([Local Government Act 1972, Section 111](#))

4. **Public Participation** - to receive representations from electors that have requested to speak by 10am regarding a matter on the agenda.

(Morecambe Town Council Standing Orders - Sections 1d-1f)

Note: any electors addressing the Council must not exceed a three minute time limit.

5. **Public and Press Exclusions** - to note that some of the Council's historic exclusions of press and public have quoted principal authority legislation (Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972) as opposed to town council legislation (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960). Whilst this would not have any material impact on the outcome of resolutions, the Council is recommended to approve amendments to prior minutes for completeness. A list of minute references (between 2020-2024) to be amended are below, and the amend would be limited to correcting any incorrect legislative references. The Council is also asked to approve any additional amends to the same legislative references that may appear in minutes of committees (or any other council minutes) covering the same period.

Meeting Date	Minute for Amend
2020-2021	NB: All minutes accurate
2021-2022	Minute Ref.
10/06/2021	20331
06/01/2022	20377
26/01/2022	20469
07/02/2022	20382
24/03/2022	20400
2022-2023	Minute Ref.
05/05/2022	20416
21/07/2022	20435
08/09/2022	20455
03/11/2022	20460
23/01/2023	20461
23/02/2023	20480
09/03/2023	20489
04/04/2023	20496
2023-2024	Minute Ref.
25/05/2023	2023/24 - 012
29/06/2023	NB: All minutes accurate
11/07/2023	NB: All minutes accurate
20/07/2023	NB: All minutes accurate
21/09/2023	NB: All minutes accurate
19/10/2023	NB: All minutes accurate
18/01/2024	NB: All minutes accurate
15/02/2024	NB: All minutes accurate
18/03/2024	NB: All minutes accurate

6. **Budget and Precept Reports** - to note that all budget and precept reports for the fiscal years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 included schemes of delegation (to committees and officers). These schemes were approved concurrently with the acceptance of each budget and precept. However, some minutes do not explicitly state that all recommendations within the reports were accepted, and it is recommended for completeness that the Council ratifies or accepts this to be the case so that the External Auditor is confident that all officers and committees have the delegated power which the council intended. This will reaffirm that the Council has operated in line with its own procedures, and in accordance with its intended schemes of delegation, as outlined in each annual budget and precept report for the years stated.

7. **Internal Audit Report 2022-2023**
(Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015)

To receive and accept the Internal Audit Report for 2022-2023, along with recommendations, and the Council's responses. The report has been presented to the Finance and Government Committee at its meeting held on 9.4.24, and the documents have been recommended for approval by full Council.

8. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 - Section 1)

The Council is recommended to pass the following recommendation in relation to the following items:

"That, in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings."

9. **Nice and Sleazy Festival - End of Grant Report and Audited Accounts**

To consider the end of grant report, and the verified accounts, and consider whether the Council's criteria has been met. If the Council is minded the criteria has been satisfied, the grant will be paid to the applicant.

9. **Central Government Grant - Community Ownership Grant**

To consider the ways in which the town could benefit from the Government's Community Ownership Grant - an initiative to restore 'at risk' derelict assets into opportunities to deliver social value to communities. To note this fund is not available for principal authorities.