

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Amble Town Council held on Thursday 8th May 2013 at 6.00pm in The Council meeting room, The Quayside, Amble.

PRESENT: Cllrs C Weir(Chairman), R Arckless, J Dargue, H Lewis, K Morrison, J Watson, with the Clerk Miss E Brown.

Also in attendance were Gazette Reporter James Willoughby and 2 Members of the Public.

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR and CHAIRMAN FOR 2012-13 :

To elect a Chairman/Mayor – Cllr Arckless proposed Cllr Weir for Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Dargue. There were no other nominations, so it was AGREED unanimously that Cllr Weir would be Chair for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman/Mayor's Acceptance of Declaration of Office was signed and witnessed by the Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR and VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2012-13:

To elect a Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman – The Chairman invited proposals for Deputy Mayor/Vice Chairman.

Cllr Dargue was proposed by Cllr Weir and seconded by Cllr Watson. This was AGREED unanimously.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr I Hinson – Illness, Cllr K Bennett - Holiday. The apologies were accepted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

5. FINANCIAL SIGNATORIES

Barclays Community Account: Signatories- Cllrs Dargue, Hinson, Lewis and Weir.

It was agreed that signatories remain the same, although as Cllr Hinson was not present the Clerk would ask if he wished to remain as a signatory. If he wished to be removed Cllr Morrison would replace him as signatory.

Barclays Business Premium Account: Signatories – As above

Santander Community Instant Reserve: Cllrs Arckless, Lewis and Weir were happy to remain as signatories,

Santander 30 Day Notice: Signatories – As above

For administrative and management purposes only, the Clerk may countersign cheques to creditors although this is not for authorisation purposes.

6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

a. Amenities Management

Frequency of meetings The last Thursday of the month- bi-monthly commencing from May. Three meetings will be preceded by an inspection of the Cemeteries/Allotments normally May, July, September and March as per the schedule. An Environmental Operative may on occasion be required to accompany the Committee on a site inspection.

Committee Members: It was agreed that all Cllrs would be Members apart from Cllr Arckless due to his current commitments as Members of Northumberland County Council.

Chairman: Cllr Dargue was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Weir and agreed.

Vice – Chairman: Cllr Lewis was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Morrison and agreed.

6.2 Planning Committee

Committee Members: It was agreed that all Cllrs would be Members apart from Cllr Watson due to his commitments as Member of Northumberland County Council.

Chairman: Cllr Morrison was proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Weir and agreed.

Vice – Chairman: Cllr Lewis was proposed by Cllr Dargue, seconded by Cllr Morrison and agreed.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTNERSHIPS/OUTSIDE BODIES:

Organisation	Councillor for 2014-15
Amble Business Club	Cllr Watson
Amble Development Trust	Cllr Weir
Amble Youth Project x2	Cllrs Morrison & Weir
Amble 2020	Cllr Dargue with the Clerk
LMAPS	Cllr Dargue
Northumbria Police Community Forum	Cllr Dargue
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Cllr Weir
Pride in Amble	Cllr Lewis
Community Action Northumberland	Cllr Weir

8. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR:

The appointment of Peter Basnett as Internal Auditor was agreed retrospectively.

9. APPOINTMENT OF INSURER:

The appointment of Zurich as Insurer was noted for information.

10. AGREEMENT TO PAY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The following subscriptions were agreed.

- 10.1:** Northumberland Association of Local Councils
- 10.2:** Society of Local Council Clerks
- 10.3:** Local Councils Update
- 10.4:** The Institute of Crematorium and Cemetery Management
- 10.5:** RoSPA – Playground Inspection
- 10.6:** Local Council Review
- 10.7:** Marine Conservation Society

11. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FROM MAY 2014 TO MAY 2015:

A timetable is attached.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm