

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 24 June 2013 at 6 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	I Hunter (Town Mayor)	G Hill
	J Beresford	G Jones
	H Bettison	J Robertson
	I Dixon	G Roughead
	P Elliott	C Seymour
	T Forrester	F Simpson
	A Gibson	J Stephenson

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

R Leetham, Finance Officer

Forbes Grant, Mayor's Consort

Michael Richardson, Sheriff

Kate Stephenson, Sheriff's Lady

J Benton, Sergeant-at-Mace

6 members of the public

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

CO17/13 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CO18/13 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council meeting held on 13 May 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

CO19/13 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

CO20/13 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public present.

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6. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2013

RESOLVED: In accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations, to approve the accounting statement and annual governance statement for the year ending 31 March 2013.

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7. CO-OPTION OF MEMBERS

Members were advised that one seat on Grove Ward remained vacant following the election on 2 May; and as a result of one seat not having been taken up following the election there was a casual vacancy on Magdalene Ward. Following publication of a public notice four candidates had applied to be appointed to the vacancies.

RESOLVED: To exclude the press and public during the following discussion, which included issues of a personal and confidential nature.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That there should be a ballot to appoint the two co-optees.

RESOLVED: (i) Alan Turnbull to be appointed to Magdalene Ward; and (ii) Joe Lang to be appointed to Grove Ward.

Councillors Turnbull and Lang signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Town Mayor congratulated Mr Turnbull and Mr Lang and welcomed them as members of the Town Council. The unsuccessful applicants were thanked for their interest in the Council and for standing for co-option.

RESOLVED: To re-open the meeting to the press and public for the remainder of the meeting.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 29 July 2013 at 6 pm in the Town Hall.