

ASPATRIA TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Aspatria Town Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 6.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church Hall, Aspatria.

PRESENT: Councillor A Maxwell (Chair)

Councillors: Cllr S Maxwell, Cllr A Reay, Cllr K Thurlow, Cllr R Gregory, Cllr A Hankin, Cllr K Smith, Cllr M Rose, Cllr D McRea

Also in Attendance: Mrs K Cooper (Town Clerk), Ms S Hullock (RFO)

Minutes

Item		Action
1. Apologies: To receive and accept apologies and note the reasons for absence.	Cllr B Blackburn – on holiday	
2. Mayors Announcements/Updates:	<p>Cllr Maxwell informed the meeting of an email received from the elections officer at Cumberland Council who stated that a separate election for Aspatria Town Council would have to be carried out and that a new notice of election would have to be published and the election date would be set within 35 days of 04 May 2023. Cllr Maxwell explained if Aspatria receive more nominations than seats an election will take place, however if the number of nominations is less the nominees will be elected uncontested.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that despite all relative parties being notified of changes to the website and email address, together with the Clerks address the nomination forms had not been received. They were sent to the Clerks previous address and not forwarded by Royal Mail. The Town Clerk had spoken with the elections officer on the closing date for the nominations and explained the situation. Cllr Maxwell contacted the elections officer also and agreed the council would act to rectify the problem. The council awaited on information of the next steps, but no contact was made therefore Cllr Maxwell contacted MP Mark Jenkinson's office for help and advice. Cllr Maxwell explained following the Easter weekend the Clerk contacted CALC and the Cumberland Council, who have offered to provide a briefing meeting to address the Councillors regarding the completion of the forms.</p>	

The meeting ended at 6.30pm

