

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
(Convened following consultation with the Town Mayor)**

**16 JUNE 2014**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Blissett (Town Mayor) (in the Chair); Councillors Cooke, Hinchcliffe, Kinch, Marshall, Mrs Moorhouse and Robinson and Yarker.

**Officers:** Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Deputy Clerk).

**32. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Deacon, Harrison, Peat and Yarker.

**Resolved** – That Councillors Deacon, Harrison, Peat and Yarker's apologies be accepted.

**33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal, pecuniary or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. There were no declarations of interest at this juncture.

**34. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

Submitted – A report confirming that this Council's accounts for the financial year 2013/14 had been examined and approved by this Council's Internal Auditor and consequently approval was sought to Section 1 (Accounting statement) and Section 2 (Annual governance statement) of the 2013/14 Annual Return. The report also outlined the remaining stages of the process, leading to the final submission of the Annual Return to the External Auditor by 30 June 2014. The accounts had to be approved by the External Auditor by 30 September 2014. A copy of the Internal Auditor's report was also circulated for Members' information. It was noted that the report referred to the town council having 4 full time employees as opposed to 4 permanent employees (2 full time, 2 part-time).

**Resolved** – (a) That the content of the Internal Auditor's report be noted.

(b) That Sections 1 and 2 of the 2013/14 Annual Return, as now submitted, be approved