

Workington Town Council

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Draft Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6pm on Wednesday 27 January 2016 at the Christ Central Church Hall, Central Square, Workington.

C Armstrong (ch)	Present	F Johnston	Absent
W Bacon	Apologies	A Lawson	Apologies
M Bainbridge	Present	A McGuckin	Present
L Baldry	Present	P McHarry	Present
A Bales	Apologies	B Miskelly	Present
P Bales	Present	V Morgan	Present
B Cannon	Absent	J Osborn	Apologies
D Cashman	Present	W Reville	Present
B Dixon	Present	D Robertson	Apologies
M Fryer	Absent	D Rollo	Absent
K Hansen	Absent	K Schofield	Apologies
H Harrington	Present	N Schofield	Apologies
M Heaslip	Present	S Stoddart	Present
J Holliday	Present	T Wardley	Present
C Johanssen	Apologies	J Wright	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Inspector Gary Hunter (Cumbria Police)

Mayor's Chaplain

In the absence of the Mayor's Chaplain, Cllr McGuckin led a moment's prayer.

Public Participation

A councillor returned the Mayor's Christmas Card.

Police Report

Inspector Hunter reported the latest crime statistics, which showed an overall increase across the Borough, but a more complex picture ward by ward in Workington. There had been a number of notable incidents – particularly armed interventions in Seaton and John Street related to a recent armed robbery. These had resulted in arrests. There had also been a significant drugs related arrest. The police station's custody suite would re-open in early February, following the December floods. Individuals arrested in 'Operation Rodeo' in 2015 had now been to trial and were convicted. Many have subsequently been released, having spent time on remand. A councillor was concerned about an apparent crime spree in Harrington. Inspector Hunter advised that this may have been related to one individual now in custody. Inspector Hunter was asked if the situation in Workington was 'normal' because it sounded quite bad. He responded that it was not nearly as bad as bigger urban areas and that most of the local criminals were known to the police.

15.63 Apologies

The meeting received and accepted apologies from Cllrs W Bacon, A Bales, C Johanssen, A Lawson, J Osborn, D Robertson, K Schofield and N Schofield.

15.64. Declarations of Interest

No further items were declared.

15.65. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No items were considered.

15.66. Minutes of the previous meeting

The council received the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 16 December 2015 and affirmed them as a true record.

15.67 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported her engagements, and those of her deputy as listed in the agenda. She drew councillors attention to her Civic Dinner on 20 February, for which tickets were still available, and to a social event at the Helena Thompson Museum on 20 March, organised by Cllr Wright in aid of the Mayor's Charity.

Resolved: To note the report.

15.68. Royal Garden Party

The council considered who to nominate for the draw for the Cumbria allocation of tickets to the annual Royal Garden Party for the parish council and local government sector.

Resolved: The nomination for the draw should usually go to the Mayor and Mayoress, in recognition of their service to the council, unless they were ineligible for some reason, which the council would consider on an ad hoc basis.

Reports from Committees

15.69. Allotments Committee

The council received the minutes of the Allotments Committee meeting on 14 January 2016 and considered its recommendations. It was noted that the date for the Northside tenants' meeting would now be moved to a slightly later one. Tenants and councillors would be notified as soon as possible.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

15.70. Culture Committee

The council received the minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 21 January 2016 and considered its recommendations. The chair confirmed that he also just chaired an additional

meeting to consider a small grant to an arts establishment, which they had confirmed. Details would be reported at the next meeting.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

15.71. Environment Committee

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 26 January 2016 were not yet available.

15.72. Finance, Property and Employment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 19 January 2016 and considered their recommendations.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

15.73. Planning Committee

The council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 4 January 2016.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

15.74. Policy and Resources Committee

The council received the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 January 2016 and considered their recommendations.

Resolved: To accept the minutes. Minute PR15.40 was considered as a separate item.

15.75. Budget and Precept 2016-17

The council considered the recommendation in minute PR15.40 for the council budget and to set a precept for the next financial year. There was a short discussion in which a councillor reminded the council that some members of the community may find the additional burden of the proposed council tax increase too much to pay. In a vote there were 11 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Resolved: That the council accepts the budget proposal from Policy and Resources and consequently sets the precept at £384,439. The full budget is appended to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 18.35.

15.75 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan

FPE	2014	o/t	percentage out-turn over budget	2015	Estimated out-turn	percentage out-turn over budget	2016	increase on previous year	2017	2018	2019
Accommodation	14,000	14,000	100	14,000	14,000	100%	22000	157%	22440	22888	23346
Advertising civic/employment	2,000	2724.8	136	3,000	3,000	100%	3300	110%	3366	3433	3501
Annual Meeting	2,500	2054	82	2,500	1800	72%	1800	72%	1836	1872	1910
Audit fees	1,800	1651.6	92	2,000	2000	100%	2200	110%	2244	2288	2334
Car Park	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0%	1000	100%	0	0	0
Cenotaph and war memorial	500	0	0	0	0	0%	0		0	0	0
Civic Functions	5,000	3605	72	4,000	2500	63%	3000	75%	3060	3121	3183
Election Fund	0	0		4,800	4500	94%	4500	94%	4590	4681	0
Elections	6,300	5528	88	6,300	17000	270%	0	0%	0	0	17500
Fleet	0	0		3,000	3,000	100%	4500	150%	4590	4681	4775
Insurance	4,000	3241	81	4050	4050	100%	4500	111%	4590	4681	4775
Mayoral Allowance	3,000	3000	100	3,000	3,000	100%	3000	100%	3060	3121	3183
Mayoral benches	600	0	0	600	600	100%	600	100%	612	624	636
Mayoral Travel	1,800	783	44	1,800	1000	56%	1000	56%	1020	1040	1061
Member Development	2,000	0	0	2,000	1000	50%	2000	100%	2040	2080	2122
NI and Pensions	18,000	11266	63	18,000	18000	100%	28,000	156%	28560	29131	29713
Office general	3,000	2516	84	3,000	2500	83%	3000	100%	3060	3121	3183
Parks and Play Areas Maintenance	10,000	9445	94	0	0	0%	0		0	0	0
Postage	600	1538	256	1,000	1400	140%	1500	150%	1530	1560	1591
Printing and stationery	1,500	745	50	1,500	1500	100%	1750	117%	1785	1820	1857
Repairs and renewals	1,800	958	53	10,000	3000	30%	5000	50%	5100	5202	5306
Robes	660	660	100	660	660	100%	660	100%	673.2	686	700
Salaries	93,000	77161	83	120,000	95000	79%	160000	133%	163200	166464	169793
Staff Training	1,500	1548.47	103	2,500	1500	60%	2000	80%	2040	2080	2122
Subscriptions	1,300	1221	94	1,300	1388	107%	1400	108%	1428	1457	1486
Telecoms and IT	4,000	0	0	5,000	5000	100%	5000	100%	5100	5202	5306

Town Hall Development	20,000	0	0	10,000	1000	10%	10000	100%	10200	10404	10612
Website and newsletter	3,000	2292.9	76	5,000	5000	100%	7500	150%	7650	7803	7959
Total	202,860	145,939	72	230,010	193,398	84%	279,210	121%	283,774	289,440	307,954
Environment	2014	Outturn		2015	Est Outturn		2016		2017	2018	2019
Workington in Bloom – Displays	11000	10495	95%	11000	12572	114%	15000	136%	15000	15000	15500
Workington in Bloom – Development Grants	3500	3237	92%	3000	3300	110%	3500	117%	3500	3750	3750
Play Area Development	30816	6977	23%	50000	50000	100%	25000	50%	10000	10000	10000
Workington Nature Partnership	21653	21153	98%	20000	20000	100%	20500	103%	21000	21000	21500
Nature Areas	500	0	0%	1000	1000	100%	10,000	1000%	10000	5000	5000
Back Lane Environmental Improvement	15000	15000	100%	15000	15000	100%	5000	33%	5000	5000	5000
Sub Total	82469	56862	69%	100000	101872	102%	79000	79%	64500	59750	60750
Vulcan Park Development	0	0		0	0		20000		20000	20000	20000
Harrington Marina Development	0	0		0	0		10000		0	0	5000
Additional improvements	0	0		0	0		5,000		5000	5000	5000
Sub Total							35000		25000	25000	30000
Total	82469	56862	69%	100000	101872	102%	114000	114%	89500	84750	90750
Culture				2015	eo/t		2016		2017	2018	2019
Festivals	10000	10144	101%	15000	15000	100%	20000	133%	20000	20000	20000
Schools Festival	2000	2000	100%	2000	2000	100%	0	0%	0	0	0
Youth sport	9600	7892	82%	10000	10000	100%	5000	50%	5000	5000	5000
Heritage	10000	7650	77%	12000	12000	100%	20000	167%	10000	10000	10000
Town Band	1200	1200	100%	1200	1200	100%	1200	100%	1200	1200	1200
Christmas lights	40000	38486	96%	41000	41000	100%	45000	110%	45000	45900	46818
Christmas festival	6000	32399	540%	10000	10000	100%	15000	150%	17500	20000	20400

Remembrance	2000	1454	73%	1000	900	90%	1000	100%	1000	1000	1000
Town Centre Music	4500	3500	78%	4500	4500	100%	4500	100%	4500	4590	4681.8
Twinning	5000	5000	100%	5000	5000	100%	5000	100%	5000	5000	5000
Promoting Workington	500	0	0%	10000	1500	15%	2000	20%	10000	10000	10000
Community Grants	0	0		3000	2000	67%	3000	100%	3000	3000	3000
Fun Days	0	0		0	0		10000		10000	10200	10404
Arts promotion	0	0		0	0		10000		10000	10000	10000
Total	90,800	109,725	121%	114700	105100	92%	141700	124%	142200	145890	147503.8
Policy and Resources											
Community Planning	4,000	4,000	100%	10,000	3000	30%	0	0%	4000	4000	4000
Community Development	10,000	7,500	75%	10,000	5000	50%	20000	200%	10000	10000	10000
Community Information facilities	35,000	35,180	101%	10,000	10000	100%	10000	100%	20000	20000	20000
Community service grants	3,000	2,000	67%	0	0		0		0	0	0
Commissioned service	4,000	400	10%	7,500	5500	73%	0	0%	5500	5500	5500
Total	56,000	49,080	88%	37,500	23,500	63%	30000	80%	39500	39500	39500
Allotments											
Allotments Development	30,000	22027	73%	30,000	24000	80%	35,000	117%	30000	0	0
Allotments Running	9000	7015	78%	9000	4000	44%	7000	78%	7000	10000	10000
Allotments Water	0	0		0	2569	73%	2600		2600	2500	2500
Total	39,000	29,042	74%	39,000	30,569	78%	44,600	114%	39,600	12,500	12,500
Grand Total	471,129	390,648	83%	521,210	454,439	87%	574,510	110%	569,574	547,080	568,207
Income											
Precept	332,848	32,848		349,490	349,490	100%	384,439	110%	422,883	465,172	511,689
CTSG	47,720	47,720		33,404	33,404	100%	22,381	67%	6,714	-	-
Allotments	10,000	12,180		11,000	19,707	179%	9,000	82%	9,000	9,180	9,180
Allotments Water	-	-		-	-		2,600		2,600	2,500	2,500
ABC Parks grant	-	-		-	-		60,000		30,000	-	-
Grants		20,000		10,000	15,000	150%	5,000	50%	-	-	-

Dividends	20	20		500	5,000	1000%	5,000	1000%	5,000	5,000	5,500
Car park	500	530		-	1,875		1,000		1,000	1,050	1,050
Total	391,088	413,298		404,394	424,476	105%	489,420	121%	477,198	482,902	529,919
From reserves	80,041	-22,650		116,816	29,963	26%	85,090	73%	92,377	64,178	38,289
Council Tax Base	5978.92			6178.91			6350.52		6528.33	6711.13	6899.04
Band D	55.67			56.56			60.54		64.78	69.31	74.17
Band C	49.48			50.28			53.81		57.58	61.61	65.93
Band B	43.30			43.99			47.08		50.38	53.91	57.69
Band A	37.11			37.71			40.36		43.18	46.21	49.45
				1.60%			7.03%		7%	7%	7%