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To Members of Culture Committee

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(Copy for information only to other members of Workington Town Council)

You are summoned to a meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 6.00pm at the Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington.

Yours faithfully



Chris Bagshaw

Town Clerk

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest relating to matters which appear on this agenda, but which have not been previously declared on members’ declarations of pecuniary interest and other interests.

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

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 22 January 2019 and affirm them as a true record.

**5. Twinning**

To receive a report from a member of the Twinning Committee on the Association’s activities.

**6. Festival of Running 2019**

To receive an update on the plans to facilitate the Workington Festival of Running in 2019.

**7. Christmas Lighting**

To receive an update on the Christmas lighting display for in 2019-20.

**8. Helena Thompson Museum Funding**

To consider whether the conditions set for the release of funding for the Helena Thompson Museum have been met.

**Background**

The Committee earmarked £5,000 in the 2017-18 budget for funding the Helena Thompson Museum. Following Committee debate, this money was further restricted to the trustees of the Helena Thompson Museum. Allerdale Borough Council is the sole trustee of the Helena Thompson Museum charity, but until fairly recently there has been considerable confusion about how it meets this responsibility and what the relationship is between the Borough Council and the Museum. At its meeting in July 2017, the Culture Committee agreed to retain the funding as earmarked until it was satisfied that the governance arrangements for the Trustees had stabilised. The Trustees have now published three years of annual returns to the Charity Commission, which could be deemed to be sufficient evidence of clarity of purpose. The Committee though may consider placing further restrictions on the funding, if it is concerned about it being spent on items for which it was not intended. It can also place a time restriction on the expenditure, requiring its repayment if it is not spent correctly and on time.

**Decision Required**

The Committee needs to decide whether it is confident to release the funding to the Trustees of the Helena Thompson Museum, and that it can targeted at the type of expenditure the Council had in mind when the budget line was first identified and the money earmarked.

**9. Sporting Links**

To receive an update on the development of ‘Sporting Links’, a local sport support and development initiative which followed from the Committee’s decision to earmark £10,000 of expenditure for ‘Sport’ in 2018-19. A report from the initial meeting of a group of stakeholders is appended to this agenda as Appendix A.

**10. Family Arts Standards**

To consider the Events Officer’s suggestion that the Council adopts the Family Arts Standard guidelines for the running and promotion of family-oriented events.

**Background**

The Family Arts Standards are an Arts Council backed initiative to share best practice in the organisation of family-oriented events. It is a checklist of family-friendly features, which joining organisations should adhere to. In return they are allowed to use the Family Arts Standards publicity material for their events and can be listed in the Fantastic for Families literature and website.

There is no additional cost from signing up to the Standards. Officers use the checklist to ensure any event fits the criteria, and are then able to use the publicity material to further publicise the event.

**Decision Required**

The Committee should decide whether to adopt the Family Arts Standards for appropriate events.

**11. Workington Painting Competition**

To consider the proposed arrangements for a Workington Painting Competition.

**Background**

At its last meeting the Committee considered a proposal to hold a painting competition to celebrate views of Workington. Appendix B sets out the proposed mechanism for its organisation.

**Decision required**

The Committee should decide whether the proposal matches their expectation and whether there is a budget which can be attached to it.

**12. Jane Pit Miners' Memorial**

To receive a brief verbal update on the Heritage Lottery Funded project to establish a memorial to the Mineworkers of Workington at Jane Pit.