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Minutes of a Meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Monday 11 November 2013 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

J Wright chair	Present
N Schofield vice chair	Absent
C Armstrong	Present
P Bales	Present
M Jones	Present
Mrs H Harrington	Present
Mr M Heaslip	Present
Mr G Humes	Present
A Lawson	Present
M Rae	Present
M Rollo	Present
K Hansen (Mayor)	Apologies
M Bainbridge (Deputy Mayor)	Not present

C13.41 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Hansen

C13.42 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

C13.43 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

There were no issues from which the press and the public should be excluded.

C13.44 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 16 September 2013 were confirmed as a true record.

C13.45 Christmas Lights 2013 and Winter Festival

The clerk described the state of play of the current arrangements. Communications had been a problem between the Town Council, Allerdale Council and the contractors - CN Events.

However the event did seem to be going ahead ok. It was requested that the timetable for the event be more widely known and that communication issues be sorted out for next year.

Resolved: To note the update.

C13.46 Schools Festival 2013

The chair reported that five schools would be taking part this year and the event would be run on 22 November and hosted by David McNeill of StagedRight Productions.

Resolved: To note the update.

C13.47 Bandstand in Vulcan's Park

The committee considered whether a new bandstand should be constructed in Vulcan's Park. The history of the previous bandstand was considered and the likelihood that any new structure could be made vandal-proof. There was some discussion over the best site. It was noted that the old site was not the most effective, because it was overlooked by houses. A possible new site might be where the Beacon is placed currently. A view was expressed that one of the local colleges might assist in the design and that apprentices might be involved in its construction.

Resolved: To investigate the legal aspects, the planning implications and the possible costs after partners in the construction had been approached.

C13.48 Rugby League World Cup

The committee reviewed the council's activities relating to the Rugby League World Cup. It was noted that the overall impression had been very good, and that traders reported increased activity. The reception at the Helena Thompson Museum seemed to go down well, but the theatre performance of 'Trying for the World', which the council had helped to fund, was perhaps less successful. It was suggested that the Rugby League may have been impressed enough to bring an international to the town.

Resolved: To note the review and to request to Allerdale Borough Council that the Town Council receives some of the banners it paid for as mementoes of the event.

C13.49 Remembrance

The committee reviewed the council's activities relating to Remembrance in 2013. It was noted that there was a good turn out in Harrington, and that the Workington memorial was also well attended. The lack of a band was discussed, and it was suggested that the council attempts to secure one for 2014. Workington Town Band may be ready by then, though insurance may be an issue.

Resolved: To book the Workington Town Band for 2014 and to discuss with them how the cost of delivering a marching band might be met.

Resolved: To invite organisations in the wider community (schools etc) to take part, so the parade is not just uniformed personnel.

C13.50. Twinning 20th Anniversary Festival

The committee received an update from the chair of the Twinning Association on the celebration of 20 years of Twinning with Selm in September 2014.

There would be a festival on 5 September 2014 and the relevant permissions and participants have been mapped out. The team will be seeking advice from more experienced members of the community who have demonstrated expertise in the past. Unfortunately the deputy chair is having to back out, so there is a need for volunteers to get involved. Anthony McGuckin was put forward as a possible source of help with the planning. It was noted that there would have to be more work engaging with schools and others to give the civic aspects of the celebration more prominence.

Resolved: To note the report

C13.51 Music in the Hub

The committee received an update from the clerk on the proposal to employ more live music in the Hub. It was noted that the Borough Council were enthusiastic and that it was just a matter of putting forward plans to go alongside the existing activities. It was observed that the various entertainment venues in the town may like to use this and opportunity to promote their live acts.

Resolved: To pursue the proposals with the relevant partners

C13.52 Workington Festival 2014

The committee considered whether another festival could be held in Workington in 2014. It was suggested that the Twinning Festival could be the basis of this.

Resolved: To work with the Twinning Association to develop the 2014 festival.

C13.53 Youth Inclusion in Sport

The committee consider the council's activities in the current year for furthering youth participation in sport. It was noted that there had been different types of activity depending on the sport, but that future work could perhaps be focussed though Workington Sports Council.

Resolved: To approach Marnie Jackson at Workington Town RLFC initially and then develop proposals to bring back to the committee.

C13.54 Review of Culture Service Plan

The committee considered a draft service plan for the Culture element of the council's activities, which including the three year forward plan. It was noted that Reg Ayre's model of Workington Hall still required a home, and there was still some confusion over the extent of the council's assets held by the Helena Thompson Museum.

It was noted that both war memorials require ongoing cleaning and maintenance. It was suggested that a fence around the cenotaph may discourage dogs.

Resolved: To adopt the service plan and budget.

C13.55 Events Officer

The Town Clerk explained that he had not completed the Job Description for an Events Officer because he was consulting with other parties and didn't want the council to commit itself yet.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm