

# WORKINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Environment Committee of Workington Town Council

**25 March 2014 in the Town Hall, Workington**

C Armstrong	Present
W Bacon (Vice Chair)	Absent
J Bracken	Apologies
M Fryer	Absent
N Hardy	Absent
E Johnsen	Absent
A Lawson	Apologies
B Miskelly	Apologies
W Reville	Present
D Rollo (Chair)	Present (arrived late)
M Jones (Chair of Workington in Bloom)	Present
K Hansen (Mayor)	Present
M Bainbridge (Deputy Mayor)	Not present

Cllr D Rollo was not present at the start of the meeting, so the chair was taken by Cllr K Hansen. Cllr Rollo arrived at 6.30pm at item 6 on the agenda.

### **E13.55 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Bracken, A Lawson and B Miskelly.

### **E13.56 Declarations of Interest**

There were no additional declarations of interest

### **E13.57 Exclusion of Press and Public**

There were no issues warranting the exclusion of the public.

### **E13.58 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 28 January 2014 were affirmed as a true record.

### **E13.59            Workington Nature Partnership**

The committee welcomed Ms Raegan McKay, newly appointed Workington Nature Partnership Officer. Ms McKay outlined the first two weeks of her appointment, including her induction at the town's nature sites. Today she had been at Harrington Reservoir. She had also planted trees with clients of Allerdale Disability Associations and Turning Point and looked at the various 5-year action plans. She had been to Banklands and was looking at Salterbeck, where a councillor suggested she may be able to deploy some more of the 8,000 saplings she had to plant. It was also suggested these might be available for the Town Council's allotment boundaries at Newlands Lane and Stoneleigh.

She reported that she was a little short of planting tools for volunteers and also rakes. Her training was being facilitated by ISS.

**Resolved:** To note the report and thank Ms McKay for attending.

### **E13.60            Back Lanes Current**

The clerk reported that there were still a couple of bills to pay, but that the work was now complete.

**Resolved:** To arrange a formal opening ceremony with the Mayor and the press.

### **E13.61            Back Lanes Future**

The committee considered a letter from a relation of a resident in Frostoms Road, drawing the council's attention to the long-standing issue of the back lane from the 'Dardanelles' to the end of Shaw St (23-77 Frostoms Road). It was noted that this back lane appeared to fulfil the county council's criteria for highway adoption. The committee also heard that the clerk had been in discussion with Allerdale's Streetscene officers about possible remedial work at the back of Oxford Street/Vulcan's Lane. It was suggested that this lane did not appear to match the criteria set by the county council for Highways adoption, but was in need of some attention, in the same way as the remaining back lane at Yeowartville.

**Resolved:** To liaise with Cumbria County Council over the possibility of adopting the back lane of 23-77 Frostoms Road.

**Resolved:** To liaise with Allerdale's Streetscene officers over the state of Back Lanes around central Workington. A budget of £2,500 was made available from the Back Lanes budget.

**E13.62            Workington in Bloom**

The chair of Workington in Bloom reported that the last sub-committee meeting had failed to reach a quorum of town councillors, but that the campaign was otherwise going ahead as normal. Three grants for schools were in hand - St Mary's, Victoria and Beckstones.

It was expected that the planned Town Council newsletter would be a good vehicle to promote the In Bloom message.

The winter planting in the Mandelion bed had not been a triumph, but the summer planting schedule was looking more promising. There was some discussion about the state of the land in front of JC Decaux's advertising hoardings on Vulcan's Lane. It was explained that the hanging basket trees used in last year's RLWC tableaux had been returned to ISS for repainting and would be resited in due course.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

**E13.63            Workington Community Emergency Plan**

The clerk reported that he had attended another meeting of a forum which was considering a Community Emergency Plan. He felt it was a worthwhile venture and should be supported by the town council. The committee queried the robustness of the plan if it was too detailed, but agreed to keep a watching brief.

**Resolved:** To note the report

**E13.64            Dog Fouling**

The committee heard that a proposal for a viral video competition had been taken up by the Times and Star, but it required further work by the clerk to bring it to fruition.

**Resolved:** To note the report

**E13.65            Community SpeedWatch in Harrington**

The clerk reported that Cumbria Police had facilitated several SpeedWatch events in Harrington now. Over 65% of the cars logged were speeding by 10% or more. These motorists had been written to as a first part of the warning process. The committee

heard that the SpeedWatch team was in need of more volunteers, and the clerk would liaise with the PCSO involved over publicity.

**Resolved:** To note the report

The meeting closed at 7.08pm.