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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 31 January 2018 in the Council Chamber at Allerdale House, Workington.

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, inspector Rachel Gale (Cumbria Constabulary)

In the absence of both the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, the council elected Cllr P Bales to take the chair for the duration of the meeting.

Police Report

Inspector Rachel Gale of Cumbria Constabulary introduced herself as the new lead community officer for the Allerdale police areas. She announced the launch of the new 'Hub' multi-agency office based in Cockermouth police station, which would have the aim of swiftly responding to issues which required responses from more than just the police – housing associations and the housing authority, fire and rescue, social services and other local and third sector agencies. This Hub approach had already picked up a recent issue in St Michael's ward which was covered in the press. Councillors were asked to share any issues they were aware of and these ranged from a case of harassment in St Michael's ward to the proliferation of drug dealers at Moorclose shops. There was some discussion about the condition and monitoring of the CCTV unit by the shops, as there seemed to be some confusion about whether it was working or not. Some concern was expressed about Impact Housing staff in Salterbeck not being aware of community policing initiatives.

There was widespread acknowledgement that work had been undertaken in the Wilson St/Market Square area, including a 'StreetSafe' consultation and some arrests had been made for drugs offences, which should go some way to addressing residents' fears.

An issue was raised relating to open drug dealing around Moss Bay Road shops, which Inspector Gale promised to look into. The Inspector was thanked for her team's efforts in other parts of St Michael's ward, with Sgt L Murphy and PCSO A Renney singled out for praise.

There was some concern that Workington was not getting its fair share of resources, but Inspector Gale assured councillors that more resources would be coming, though perhaps not as much as some would like. She encouraged members to report crimes they were aware of.

17.48 Apologies

The meeting received and accepted apologies from Cllrs C Armstrong, M Bainbridge, A Bales, B Cannon, K Hansen, A Lawson, V Morgan, T Wardley.

17.49 Declarations of Interest

None

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

No items were considered.

17.51 Minutes of the previous meeting

The council received the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

Resolved: To accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

17.52 Mayoral Announcements

Date	Event	Time
Friday 15 December 2017	Oval Centre Carol Service	6.00 pm
Saturday 16 December 2017	Carnegie Singers Carol Concert St John's Church, Workington	7.20 for 7.30 pm start
Monday 18 December 2017	Christmas Nativity / Carols St Mary's Church, Westfield	6.00 pm
Monday 25 December 2017	Christmas in Company Carlton Road Centre	11.00 am
Saturday 30 December 2017	WADAMS Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Carnegie Theatre	5.30 pm
Tuesday 16 January 2018	Meeting re: - Stella Maris Project Our Lady and Saint Michael's	6.45 for 7.00 pm

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Resolved: To note the report.

17.53. Finance, Property and Employment Committee

a) The council considered the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 15 January 2017.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

b) The council considered a recommendation from the committee for the council's Risk Assessment for the current year.

Resolved: To accept the Risk Assessment 2017-18.

17.54 Planning Committee

The council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 8 January 2018.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

17.55 Policy and Resources Committee

The council considered the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on the 23 January 2018. A query was raised concerning minute PR17.47, however it was noted that this portion of the meeting had been held following a resolution to exclude the press and the public because the item under discussion concerned legal advice and contractual matters. The matter could not be discussed further in this meeting. At this point a councillor became very animated, and used inappropriate and threatening language. The chair was forced to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm for order to be restored. The meeting reconvened at 6:41pm.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

17.56 Budget and Precept

The council considered the recommendation in minute PR17.51 for the council budget and precept for the next financial year. It was noted that for the second year running, the Council's budget line for sport (which sits with the Culture Committee) had been subsumed by the Youth Provision budget (which sits with the Policy and Resources Committee). It was noted that this was because youth involvement in sport had been perceived as a cross-cutting issue, and therefore required P&R's overview. However, a proposal was put forward to amend the budget line in the Culture budget for 'Youth Sport' to become a generic 'Sport' heading, and support this with £10,000 drawn from reserves initially, so as not to alter the council tax recommendation in PR17.51.

Resolved: To amend the Culture budget line replacing "Youth Sport - £0", with "Sport- £10,000", the money to be drawn down from reserves in the coming financial year.

With this amendment, the council then considered the budget as a whole and its recommendations for the precept in 2018-19.

Resolved: To accept the recommendation of a Precept of £482,933

The meeting concluded at 18.49