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To Members of Policy and Resources 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 Policy and Resources Committee on **Tuesday 19 September 2017** at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

Yours faithfully

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Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

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 Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 18 July 2017 and affirm them as a true record.

5. South Workington Youth Partnership

To receive a presentation from Angela Good from South Workington Youth Partnership on the work of the partnership.

Background

South Workington Youth Partnership (SWYP) is based in Moorclose and Moss Bay and delivers a range of services to young people in the town. They are delivery partners in the Town Council's Summer Fun Day programme, run a variety of youth club activities and also deliver the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme through Cumbria Youth Alliance, working extensively with young people with disabilities. The Town Council funded the Partnership directly from 2014-2017 (£5k pa), but has not done so this financial year. It commissioned SWYP to deliver the Family Fun Days and activities at Christmas and Easter since 2014. The Town Council funds the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme in the town through Cumbria Youth Alliance.

Decision Required

No direct decision is required at present, but councillors will wish to bear in mind the work of the SWYP at their budget setting meeting in November. The Family Fun Days are funded through the Culture Committee. Direct grants to SWYP and to CYA for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme have come from Policy and Resources budgets.

6. Town Centre Grants

To consider street furniture options for the £10,000 Allerdale Town Centres budget.

Background

At the last meeting the committee was asked to consider what it felt would be the appropriate subject for the Borough Council's £10,000 'Town Centre Grants' scheme in 2017-18. A number of suggestions were discussed and officers were asked to bring back some ideas relating to the innovative use of street furniture. The committee will be asked to look at a number of catalogues – from David Ogilvie Engineering, from Furnitube and others, identifying the type of products they feel would be appropriate. They will also be asked to consider a request from the Town Centre Manager, that some of the resources are put towards effective uniform town centre signage, including the renewal of the Town Centre maps.

7. Town Council Plan

To consider the headline indicators of the Town Council Plan 2017-18

Background

The Council's last functional plan ran from 2013 to 2016 and introduced the initiatives which led to the council's expansion of its property and employment base, the Jane Pit HLF bid and the Cultural programme. The plan is appended to this agenda. This plan was not renewed in 2016, but for effective budgeting in 2017 (for 2018-19) it now requires a meaningful steer from the council's Policy Committee to ensure that Committees stay on track to fulfil the council's overall objectives. Whilst it is recommended that the principle that individual committees continue to set their own plans remains, the Policy and Resources Committee has the opportunity to steer these in the direction it feels is in the overall interests of the council. These might include employment and environmental practices, the relationship with partners and principle authorities, budgetary guidelines and the future development of the council. The Town Council does not benefit from the resources of a principle authority when looking at general social indicators, but there is no reason that it cannot be mindful of those set by others who have the capacity to measure them.

Decision Required

The committee should agree their approach to setting the aims of the council plan.

8. Cross cutting issues

To consider the decision making arrangements for cross-cutting issues resulting from the acquisition of Vulcan Park and other properties.

Background

The extension of the council's property base with the addition of Vulcan Park creates a cross cutting issue for the Park's governance. Play facilities, Workington in Bloom and the Estate team's work programme fall mostly to the Environment Committee. However property management and employment matters are the domain of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee. Activities in the park would usually be coordinated by the Culture Committee. The letting of the café lease (and any decision making relating to the nature of the café and its lease) do not fit easily into this model so the committee will need to decide where it would like to place this budget and cost heading in the council's structure.

Decision Required

The committee should decide which committee budget heading to place Park developments under, and confirm arrangements for other initiatives such as the Jane Pit HLF bid.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the overall planning and development of the Park and other recreational 'green' infrastructure, in line with the purposes of the transfer from Allerdale Borough Council, are led by the Environment Committee, with reference back to FPE and Culture as required. The Jane Pit HLF project should remain with Culture. FPE should retain overall responsibility for Risk Management.

9. Community Governance Review

To consider progress made towards the possibility of a Community Governance Review in 2018.