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Minutes of a Meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Monday 21 July 2014 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

J Wright chair	Present
N Schofield vice chair	Absent
C Armstrong	Present
P Bales	Present
K Hansen	Absent
H Harrington	Present
M Heaslip	Present
G Humes	Present
M Jones	Present
M Rollo	Apologies

C14.11 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Rollo.

C14.12 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Heaslip drew the committee's attention to his membership of the Rotary Club. Cllrs H Harrington and G Humes drew the committee's attention to their involvement with Workington Town Band.

C14.13 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.

C14.14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Following a correction and clarification to C14.7, the minutes of the meeting on 19 May 2014 were confirmed as a true record.

C14.15 Twinning Association

Angela O'Connell and Anthony McGuckin presented the association's accounts for the last year. The Chair of the Twinning Association reported that the 8 students from Lakes College had been assisted in a visit to Val de Reuil and 26 school children from Workington had been assisted with a trip to Selm. Transport for 35 children from Selm had been provided. St Mary's

Scouts had been assisted in taking 40 to Selm, and St Michael's would be making a visit in October.

The website was now up and running and the association had reciprocal entries in German and French.

It was observed that the association's petty cash seemed to be high. It was explained that this was used as working cash during trips, for fares and the like. Grants for travel are now required to be match funded, and the schools have a system for identifying where financial assistance is required.

The association was mindful of its reserves and was aiming to retain only so much funding as it required for contingencies.

Resolved: To note the report

C14.16 Twinning Festival

The committee heard that plans for the festival were now well under way with the highlight being a performance by singers from Opera North, alongside performers from the Lakeland School of Dance on the Saturday evening. There would be 320 tickets at £15 each. Sunday would see the German guests treated to a preview of WADAMS performance of junior Cats and a celebratory lunch at the Helena Thompson Museum. The Bullfrogs blues band would perform in Monroe's Bar (tickets £4).

Income from the events, including a raffle, was projected to be £9,380, with expenditure currently projected at £9,460.

The chair thanked the Twinning Association for their work in promoting culture in Workington and the town's links with its German friends.

Resolved: To fund the project's cash flow with working capital of £5,000.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.17 Workington Town Band

The committee considered a Proposal for budgeted funding from Workington Town Band. It was noted that the band venture was proving to be a success and the efforts of all those concerned were commended.

A query was raised about supplying TC sponsorship badges to go on the band uniforms.

Resolved: To fund the Town Band for three years at £1,200 per year, in line with the budget provision.

Resolved: The clerk to liaise with the band over supplying badges

C14.18 Grants and Sponsorship

a) The committee considered a Community Service Grant application from WAOS to offset the orchestration costs of Jesus Christ Superstar, imposed by the rights holders. The production will run for six nights at the Carnegie Theatre in October and grant assistance was also being sought from the Neighbourhood Forum, the Hadfield Trust and Nuclear Management Partners.

Resolved: To grant £300 towards the production.

b) The committee considered a request for sponsorship from the Rotary Club of Workington for their Beer Festival in October.

Resolved: To sponsor a barrel of beer and take a full page advert - £180

C14.19. Christmas Lights and Winter Festival 2014

The Town Clerk reported that preparations were in-hand for the lights switch on, and more information would be available at the next meeting. David McNeil has withdrawn from the Schools festival on 28 November, because he has a longer pantomime booking in Leeds, so a new stage manager and MC would be required.

C14.20 Summer Fun Days

The chair reported that the Summer Fun Days were apparently well planned and budgeted by South Workington Youth Partnership. Publicity had been done with the Times and Star, and flyers had been distributed. The first session, in Harrington, would allow us to evaluate the approach and make any changes required in time for the second two towards the end of August.

C14.21 Remembrance and Commemoration of World War One

The Chair reported that she had attended a meeting with the Royal British Legion, the army, the town band, the Rotary and local churches to review the way Remembrance is organised.

Captain Armstrong (Army Reserve) had suggested that a cross for each fallen soldier in the First World War is laid at the cenotaph. This would require around 650 crosses. The project would require more work.

The committee reiterated its suggestion that a wider audience is drawn in, including sports clubs, drama and music clubs, RNLI and others.

The clerk reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss 'Lights Out'. There would be a ceremony by the Hub at 10pm on Monday 4 August. The Mayor would be in attendance. The clerk will take a view on whether a candle can be lit at the Town Hall.

Resolved: To make plans in late August/September for any revisions to the Remembrance Day activities.

C14.22 Heritage Institutions

The clerk reported that he would have further discussions with the Helena Thompson Museum to work up a proposal for the budgeted funding.

Cllr Rae reported that her plan for a Steel works memorial sculpture was coming to fruition with County Council funding at a site near Morrisons on Bessemer Way.

Resolved: To note the reports.

C14.23. Events Officer

The clerk reported that there had been 22 applicants for the Events Officer post. An interview panel from FPE had convened on 21 July and Amy Ferguson had been offered the position.

Resolved: To note the report.

C14.24 Play Area Review

The Chair reported that Policy and Resources would make a decision on which committee should lead on Play Area provision in the town.

Resolved: To note the report.

The meeting closed at 7.06pm.