

Workington Town Council

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to a meeting of Workington Town Council on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 6.00pm at the Trades Hall, Workington.

Yours faithfully

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Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Public Participation

To discuss any items of interest to the council brought forward by members of the public. This session will last no longer than 20 minutes. The council cannot take any decisions in this session, except to bring items to a future meeting. The public are not permitted to speak in other parts of the meeting unless allowed to do so by the chairman.

Chaplain

Please remain standing while the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev P Swarbrick, will lead a moment of prayer.

Police Report

Inspector Hunter will report on police matters in the town.

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies.

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 previous meeting

To receive the minutes of the last meeting on 12 October 2016 and affirm them as a true record

5. Mayoral Announcements

To receive a report from the mayor on her civic activities.

**Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on
Wednesday 12 October 2016**

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 18 October 2016	Committee Meeting Helena Thompson Museum	2.00 pm
Wednesday 19 October 2016	Opening of bus shelter at Derwent Howe	2.00 pm
Thursday 27 October 2016	Cumbria Poppy Appeal launch outside of Town Hall	11.45 am -12.45 pm
	Workington Musical Festival Dance Festival, Carnegie Theatre	1.30 pm for 4.00 pm presentations
Saturday 29 October 2016	Coffee morning at Cllrs A & P Bales in aid of Mayoral charity	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
	Hallowe'en Fun Day Curwen Park	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
	Concert at St John's Church, Community Hall	7.30 pm
Saturday 5 November 2016	Workington Musical Festival Speech & Music Festival Carnegie Theatre	6.30 pm onwards
Tuesday 8 November 2016	Journey on Workington Lifeboat	12.45 pm
Friday 11 November 2016	Remembrance Service, The Hub	10.45 for 11.00 am
	Rugby League, Derwent Park Scotland v New Zealand	8.00 pm
Sunday 13 November 2016	Remembrance Service Harrington	9.30 am

	Cenotaph & Our Lady & St Michael's	1.45 pm
Monday 14 November 2016	Opening of Wordsworth View Play Area	1.00 pm
Tuesday 15 November 2016	Curry Night, Army Reserve Centre	7.10 pm
Thursday 17 November 2016	Christmas Craft Fair Harrington Youth Club	10.00 am
Friday 18 November 2016	Grand Charity Night, curry night fundraiser, Hall Park Hotel	7.00 pm
Saturday 19 November 2016	Concert at St Michael's Church	7.00 pm
Monday 28 November 2016	Tesco photoshoot re tree planting at Headlands Close	10.45 for 11.00 am
Thursday 1 December 2016	Rotary Charter Night Hunday Manor Hotel	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Saturday 3 December 2016	Workington Christmas Lights Switch On	5.15 pm onwards
Monday 5 December 2016	Moorclose Residents & Beavers	6.00 pm
Thursday 8 December 2016	Afternoon Tea at Workington RBL	2.00 pm
Friday 9 December 2016	Carol Service, Oval Centre	6.00 pm
Saturday 10 December 2016	Charity fundraiser, Sherry & mince pies, 29 Frostoms Road	2.30 pm onwards
Sunday 11 December 2016	Christmas Fayre Our Lady & St Michael's	11.45 am onwards

**Deputy Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on
Wednesday 12 October 2016**

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 29 October 2016	Coffee morning at Cllrs A & P Bales in aid of Mayoral charity	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
Saturday 10 December 2016	Carnegie Singers Christmas Concert, St John's Church	7.20 for 7.30 pm

6. Larger Local Councils Conference

To receive a report on the recent visit to the Larger Local Councils Conference 2016.

7. Membership of Committees

a) To appoint members to any current vacancies on committees. Nominations may be taken from the floor.

b) To assess whether Committee numbers are adequate for the Policy and Resources committee.

8. Christmas Festival 2017

To consider a proposal to host the 2017 Christmas Festival on 2 December 2017.

Background

It would assist officers in planning the 2017 Christmas lights switch on if the council could make an early commitment to this date.

9. Mayor Making 2017

To consider a proposal to move the Mayor Making ceremony to the 27 May 2017, to coincide with the Twinning 20th Anniversary Event.

Background

The Twinning Association are holding an Anniversary Event on 27 May 2017 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Twinning with Val de Reuil. The Culture Committee discussed the event and its proximity to Mayor Making. It was suggested to hold the formal Annual Meeting on the 10 May 2017 and include a Mayor Making ceremony the 27 May in support of the Twinning Association and to engage the local community in the celebration. This would enable the Annual Meeting to run more technically compliant with the law, and allow the Mayor Making ceremony, at which the Mayor would sign the declaration of acceptance of office, to be more of a Civic celebration.

10. Iggesund Land Transfer

To consider an opportunity to acquire land and property from Iggesund at the River Derwent and Soapery Beck.

Background

Igesund Holmen Group have approached the Town Council to see if it would be interested in receiving their surplus land holding relating to their water abstraction facility on the Cloffocks. The property includes wooded riverbank to the south of the Yearl, the millstream as far as the mill, and the abstraction plant and pumping station on the Soapery Beck. Currently the Iggesund land holding at Soapery surrounds the town council's existing land, however since Storm Desmond, several portions of it have collapsed, leaving the Soapery allotment with a riverbank frontage. Iggesund are not looking for money for the land, but would like to retain a theoretical option for abstraction in the future. The property comes with a number of known liabilities – there is asbestos in the pumping station, for instance, which is the subject of an asbestos management plan. The plant and machinery is largely untouched since the Steelworks closed. Possible future uses for the building would depend on the level of plant Iggesund are asking to leave in situ, and this is currently being discussed between legal representatives.

Decision Required

The transfer has the backing of the Policy and Resources Committee, which has had a site visit. The council is asked to endorse this and allow officers to proceed to contract negotiations and other diligent property surveys. Any final transfer would be subject to satisfactory outcome of these.

11. Frostoms Road Back Lane

To consider a proposal for the development of the back lane at 23-77 Frostoms Road, Workington.

Background

The council has a long standing commitment to the improvement of Back Lanes in Workington. In the light of the County Council's reluctance to adopt any further Back Lanes, the council must decide whether it will proceed with the work on the basis of the risk that it might not be adopted. If the council is willing to accept this risk, it may consider that the specification for the project on Frostoms Road may be adjusted to suit its actual use. Currently the council exercises its powers under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to carry out these works, because it has no other power to build a highway. However, it may prefer to exercise its powers under s43 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain a footpath or bridleway, and alter the specification of the scheme accordingly.

Reports from Committees

The chair of each committee will also take reasonable questions from the floor on their committee's activities.

12. Culture Committee

To receive the minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 24 November 2016 and consider any recommendations.

13. Environment Committee

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 15 November 2016 and consider any recommendations.

14. Finance, Property and Employment Committee

To receive the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 21 November 2016 and consider any recommendations.

15. Planning Committee

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 7 November and 5 December 2016.

16. Policy and Resources Committee

To receive the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting on the 8 December 2016 and consider any other recommendations.