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Minutes of a Meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Monday 10 March 2014 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

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

C13.67 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N Schofield and M Heaslip.

C13.68 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

C13.69 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.

C13.70 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 20 January 2014 were confirmed as a true record.

C13.71 Christmas Lights 2014 and Winter Festival

The Chair reported that she and the clerk would be attending a feedback session about the 2013 festival in the following week, when a number of issues about the non-appearance of some items would be raised.

It was further noted that other electrical suppliers might be available, should the existing contractor be unable to fulfil the role in 2014.

A query was raised about the cost of road closures being a prohibitive factor going forward, however this was contingent on the location of the stage.

Resolved: Following the feedback session, a timetable would be brought back to this committee for 2014, including site visits, which would lead to a programme being adopted.

C13.72 Summer Activities

The chair outlined a proposal to contract an organisation like South Workington Youth Partnership to organise sports fun days in Harrington and Moorclose over the summer. Councillors were supportive of the idea and suggested that Vulcan's Park also be a venue.

Resolved To contact South Workington Youth Partnership to discuss the proposal and cost. (Note: the budget for this would have to be agreed by Policy and Resources, as it is outwith the current Culture budget).

C13.73 Commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War

The clerk reported that he had spoken to Canon Rowe, but that a date had not been finalised for a service of commemoration.

It was suggested that there be something more tangible to mark the anniversary of the war, possibly a plaque or a clock. A councillor suggested that a clock in Harrington would be a significant memorial.

Resolved: To bring forward costs and plans for a clock for Harrington and a plaque or some other marker in Workington to the next committee.

C13.74 Twinning 20th Anniversary Festival

The chair of the Twinning Committee reported that plans were well under way for the 'Musikfest' on 6-7 September including six members of Opera North, and the WADAMS performance. The theme would be Peace, Freedom and Friendship (which alliterates as 'Frieden, Freiheit und Freundschaft' in German). There would be service of Peace in St John's on the Sunday morning, and the whole of the Carnegie was booked for the weekend. A venue for a marquee was also being sought.

The plan for controlling admission may include issuing wristbands, for a nominal fee. It was suggested that no charge might be made for children, and further explained that the plan was not yet fully formed.

Resolved: To note the report.

C13.75 Town Centre/Events Officer

The Town Clerk reported that he had been looking at how to better support the various events that the town council were involved with in the town. To this end he had identified a list of tasks which could be fulfilled by a Town Centre/Events Organiser. Reviewing the list, the committee concurred that there was a job description in the making, and also added that this would be a good role to take on an apprentice, as well, which would share the burden and possibly contribute to succession planning. Following discussion, the task list was adopted as follows (in no significant order):

1. Christmas Lights switch on
2. Schools Music Festival
3. Summer festival/events
4. Remembrance/Armed Forces Day
5. Promotion and tourism
6. In Bloom coordinating
7. Community liaison with schools, sports groups and other institutions
8. Community planning/engagement
9. Hugh Barbour Trust and other bequests
10. Culture grants admin
11. Newsletter content
12. Town Centre/Hub liaison
13. Twinning liaison
14. Partnership development
15. Attracting funding
16. Supporting an apprenticeship

It was further noted the Cumbria County Council were putting resources into supporting apprenticeships, and this might be a source of further funding. The clerk explained that the core employment had been included in the budget for 2014.

Resolved: To bring a job description to Finance, Property and Employment and ensure the proposal was backed through Policy and Resources to Full Council.

The meeting closed at 6.59pm