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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Allotments Committee held at 10am Thursday 6 August 2015 in the Town Hall, Workington.

C Armstrong (chair)	Present
B Bacon	Present*
A Bales	Present
P Bales	Present
B Cannon	Present
C Johanssen	Present
B Miskelly	Apologies
V Morgan	Present
K Schofield	Present
(Vacancy)	

* arrived late

In attendance: Town Clerk.

A15.13 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Miskelly. Cllr Bacon apologised that he would be late.

A15.14 Declarations of Interest

There were no further declarations

A15.15 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

A15.16 Minutes of the previous meeting

The committee received the minutes of the meeting on 18 June 2015 and affirmed them as a true record.

A15.17 Workington Local Food Partnership

The committee received an update on the activity of the Local Food Partnership from Project Manager, Gordon Henry and a Paul Niles, a participant. Thanking the council for its support they stressed the success of the project in encouraging people to take a more active interest in growing their own food. Over 500 people had been involved at some stage, 177 of these being school children. It was noted that this was exactly what the project had been supposed to deliver. The next stage was in developing a wider spread of raised beds around Workington, and developing an 'Incredible Edible' approach to some of the planting schemes around town.

The Town Clerk was in discussions with the project to see how the tenant management could be integrated with the existing system for allotments.

Resolved: That the council identifies three sites which could be used for 'Incredible Edible'. This would require liaison with the Environment Committee.

Resolved: That the video of the project be shown prior to the next Full Council meeting.

A15.18 Longer Term Occupancy of the Allotment Estate

The Clerk reported that there was little progress to report on the transfer of ownership of Mountain View, Stoneleigh or Northside, and that the plans for these sites would be taken up with the Borough Council's new property officer when they were in post.

A15.18. Site Visit

Councillors reported that the site visit organised following the last meeting had been very helpful. The size of the estate was surprising to some and they had found it quite tiring to fit it all in. It was suggested that Rosehill would benefit from being subdivided.

Resolved: To incorporate these comments in to the management of the estate.

A15.19 Site development Northside

The clerk reported the progress made towards redeveloping the Northside site. Groundwork Northeast and Cumbria would be displaying the proposals at a forthcoming Open Day in Northside Community Centre and collating feedback. Discussions with the dog breeders was ongoing.

Resolved: To note the report.

A15.20. Other issues

It was noted that the noticeboards were out of date. The clerk promised to have these updated by the next meeting. The clerk would also bring the water bill totals to the next meeting for the committee to consider.

The meeting closed 10.45am