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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2 October 2019 in the Council Chamber, Allerdale House, Workington.

C Armstrong	Present	J Hunter	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	D King	Present
L Baldry	Present	J King	Present
H Briggs	Present	P McCarthy	Present
R Briggs	Present	S Melton	Present
B Cannon	Apologies	B Miskelly	Present
B Dixon	Present	D Rollo	Apologies
D Farrar	Present	B Sansom	Present
S Fryer	Apologies	P Scott	Present
G Glaister	Present	S Stoddart	Present
H Harrington	Present	W Wilkinson	Apologies
M Heaslip	Apologies	L Williams	Present
J Holliday	Present		

In attendance: Town Clerk

The Mayor's Chaplain was unable to attend.

Public Participation Session

No members of the public raised any issues.

Police Report

PCSO Lisa Jackson sent her apologies that she was unable to attend. She asked that councillors pass on any concerns or information that they may have through the Clerk.

19.32. Apologies

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs B Cannon, S Fryer, MJ Heaslip, D Rollo and W Wilkinson for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act, 1972, s85.

19.33. Declarations of Interest

No additional interests were noted.

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

No issues were raised.

19.35. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council received the Minutes of the previous meeting on 31 July 2019. A query was raised over the tone of Minute 18.27. A Councillor did not feel it accurately conveyed the

query he had raised during the meeting concerning the invitations received by the Mayor. The Mayor suggested the wording be altered slightly to reflect that the Councillor had not intended to appear to be criticising the Mayor personally, but was questioning whether she was receiving as many invites as normal.

Resolved: With this amendment, the Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting

19.36. Mayoral Announcements

The drew Councillors' attention to the outstanding public service record of Councillor Holliday, who though only a town Councillor since 2015, had served as an employee, councillor and Clerk for various local authorities around Workington for 60 years. The Mayor presented Cllr Holliday with a medal and certificate of thanks. Mrs Holliday was presented with flowers.

The Mayor drew Councillors' attention to tickets she had received for the forthcoming Beer, Cider and Gin Festival. These were available for councillors to use in return for a donation to the Mayor's Charity. She also drew Councillors' attention to an Afternoon Tea at the Helena Thompson Museum on 3 November in aid of the Mayor of Allerdale's Charity Fund.

Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on 15 June 2019

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 18 July 2019	Soundwave Cumbria Holrr launch, Lakes College (Mayor's Consort)	7.00 pm
Saturday 27 July 2019	Fun Day, Harrington	
Sunday 4 August 2019	Festival of Running	
Wednesday 7 August 2019	Cheque presentation to CYA (Sports grant), Vulcan Park	12.30 pm
Wednesday 14 August 2019	Kite Workshop Harrington Youth Club	11.00 am
Friday 16 August 2019	Armed Forces Day, thank you night, W/ton Royal British Legion	7.00 pm
Saturday 17 August 2019	Kite Festival, Harrington Marina	
Sunday 18 August 2019	Newlands Lane Allotments Site Open Day	1.15 pm
	Afternoon Tea at Helena Thompson Museum	3pm
Sunday 25 August 2019	Harrington Village Green day	10.00 am till 4.00 pm
Thursday 29 August 2019	Young Cumbria Mural in Salterbeck to raise awareness of the "Get Cumbria Buzzing" project	4.00 pm
Friday 30 August 2019	Black Sabbath Event at Helena Thompson Museum	7pm
Sunday 1 September 2019	Mayor's Civic Service Our Lady and Saint Michael's Church	10.00 for 10.30 am Service

Monday 2 September 2019	Raising the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, Allerdale House	10.00 am
Friday 13 September 2019	WADAMS, Bugsy Malone Carnegie Theatre	6.45 for 7.15 pm
Sunday 15 September 2019	Mayor of Aspatia Civic Service St Kentigern's Church	9.15 for 9.30 am Service

Resolved: To note the report.

19.37. NALC Larger Councils Committee

The Council considered a notice from NALC inviting it to vote on candidates to serve on the Larger Councils Committee. Councillors did not feel they could usefully input to this process.

Resolved: To decline to vote on this occasion.

Reports from Committees

19.38. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 23 July, 2019. The Vice Chair responded to queries from Councillors. A query was raised about the Committee's recommendation to the Culture Committee that it resolves a long standing commitment to supporting the Town's museum by making a grant to the Workington Heritage Group which could be specifically tied to a project. The vice chair confirmed that this recommendation was made as a way to free up the Council's funding intention correctly.

There was some discussion about the Committee's recommendation that reserves be drawn on to ensure the erection of a Christmas tree outside the town hall. The Clerk reported that Iggesund had generously agreed to supply a tree so that the funds required from Council reserves would be less than originally thought. There was discussion about whether it was appropriate to spend the Council's money in this way, but the view was put that this was the decision of two committees, and should be respected.

The Mayor drew the Council's attention to the recent introduction of new Financial Management software, and thanked the Finance and Administration Officer and other officers for their diligence and patience in ensuring the introduction was passing off smoothly.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.39. Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2018-19.

The Council considered the report from the PKF Littlejohn LLP, External Auditors, in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2019. The Auditor had no further observations or comments to make

Resolved: To note and accept the report of the External Auditors.

19.40. Planning Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 5 August 2019. A councillor asked if the Council could be represented when FUL/2019/0088 was considered by the Borough Council's Development Panel. The plan was for retrospective permission for a surface water drainage scheme at the new Potter's Meadow development, to which the Town Council had raised a number of objections. The Clerk reported that the matter would be considered by Planning Officers under delegated powers, taking into account the Town Council's stated opposition. The matter would not be considered by Borough Councillors.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.41. Culture Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 10 September 2019. There were queries about the wording of the minutes relating to the recent event commemorating Black Sabbath's famous 'first gig' in Workington in August 1969.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.42. Environment Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 12 September 2019. A councillor asked if the report of the Allotments Committee was available, and the Clerk confirmed that it had not yet been completed. There was some discussion about the Committee's decision to prioritise public seating, and a concern was expressed about the eventual destination for some picnic benches currently in the Cafe compound. The Committee had suggested that they may be suitable for Harrington Marina, but this was not yet confirmed by the Borough Council. There was a query about the improvements to access through several entrances mentioned following the Committee's walkabout meeting. Explaining the various complications of the task, the Clerk agreed to ensure that the Estate Team were aware of the relative urgency of this matter.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

The meeting closed at 19.24.