

Workington Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 October 2016 in the Trades Hall, Brow Top, Workington.

C Armstrong	Apologies	A Lawson	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	A McGuckin	Present
L Baldry	Present	P McHarry	Present
A Bales	Present	B Miskelly	Present
P Bales	Present	V Morgan	Absent
B Cannon	Apologies	J Osborn	Present
D Cashman	Absent	W Reville	Present
B Dixon	Present	D Robertson	Apologies
M Fryer	Absent	D Rollo	Present
K Hansen	Present	M Rollo	Present
H Harrington	Present	K Schofield	Apologies
M Heaslip	Apologies	N Schofield	Apologies
J Holliday	Present	S Stoddart	Present
C Johanssen	Apologies	T Wardley	Apologies
F Johnston	Present	J Wright	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk

Chaplain

Rev P Swarbrick sent his apologies, in his absence Councillor A McGuckin led a moment of prayer.

Police Report

Inspector Hunter sent his apologies; the clerk read a report in his absence.

The report highlighted that the number of crimes reported were similar to last year. Overall there has been an increase in dwelling burglary and shoplifting, however a number of arrests have been made in connection. There has been an increase in theft from motor vehicles and assault. All other crimes figures are either down or level.

It was reported that youth disorder around Brow Top Car Park and the recent 'Clown Craze' have caused issues and are currently being investigated. Officers will also be working with local school to reduce anti-social behaviour at Halloween.

16.32 Apologies

The meeting received and accepted apologies from Cllrs C Armstrong, B Cannon, M Heaslip, C Johanssen, D Robertson, K Schofield, N Schofield and T Wardley.

16.33 Declarations of Interest

No further items were declared.

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

No items were considered.

16.35 Minutes of the previous meeting

The council received the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 10 August and affirmed them as a true record.

16.36 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported her engagements as follows, giving a brief overview on her visit to Hospice at Home:

Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 10 August 2016

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 17 August 2016	To welcome German Cellist Ensemble Our Lady & Saint Michael's	9.45 for 10.00 am
Saturday 20 August 2016	Vocal & Orchestral Performance Our Lady & Saint Michael's	7.00 pm
Saturday 27 August 2016	Senhouse Junior Football Team Awards afternoon Old Burn's Pet Shop	2.30 – 3.30 pm
Friday 2 September 2016	Mayor of Allerdale, Raising the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day, Allerdale House	10.00 am onwards
Sunday 4 September 2016	Mayor of Cockermouth Civic Service, Christ Church, C/mouth	10.30 for 10.45 am
Friday 9 September 2016	Concert at Harrington Community Centre	7.15 for 7.30 pm
Sunday 11 September 2016	Mayor of Maryport Civic Service St Mary's Church, Maryport	9.30 am
Saturday 24 September 2016	Mayor of Workington Afternoon Tea, Helena Thompson Museum	2.30 pm
Sunday 25 September 2016	Blessing of re-sited monument to Abbot Clifton Our Lady & St Michael's Church	10.00 am
Thursday 6 October 2016	Workington Heritage Group 11th	2.00 pm

	AGM, Helena Thompson Museum	
Friday 7 October 2016	West Cumberland Lions Club 50 th Charter Anniversary Dinner Dance, Hunday Manor	6.50 for 7.30 pm
Saturday 8 October 2016	Workington Community Fire Cadets Passing out Parade Workington Community Fire Station	1.00 pm
Sunday 9 October 2016	Mayor of Wigton's Civic Service St Mary's Church, High Street	9.15 for 9.30 am
Monday 10 October 2016	Workington Amateur Operatic Society: Production of Hairspray Carnegie Theatre	6.45 for 7.15 pm
Wednesday 12 October 2016	Hospice at Home AGM Conference Room, St Michael's Church	1.00 pm

**Deputy Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 10
August 2016**

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 8 October 2016	Inspira: National Citizen Service Graduation & Celebration Event Rheged Discovery Centre	1.30 pm

16.37 Christmas Cards 2016

The mayor briefly outlined the saving made on the costs of Christmas Cards.

Resolved: To donate £250 from the Christmas card fund to the Mayors charity.

16.38 Sherwen Trust

Cllrs A Lawson, D Rollo and M Rollo volunteered to be representatives of the Sherwen Trust Charity.

Resolved: To appoint those Cllrs to the board of the Sherwen Trust Charity.

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16.39 Audit Report 2015-16

The committee considered the 2015-16 audit report.

Resolved: To accept the report.

Reports from Committees

16.40. Culture Committee

The council received the minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 22 September 2016. Councillor B Miskelly had raised an amendment to minute C16.36b. The clerk reported that this minute had been amended to read: The club may apply for up to £300 through the community grant system for future projects.

Resolved: To accept the amended minutes

16.41. Environment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 13 September 2016. A councillor thanked the Environment Committee, on behalf of the Forge Hill residents, for addressing the priorities in the area.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.42. Finance, Property and Employment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 13 September 2016. The chair reported that the Events Assistant was now in place.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.43. Planning Committee

The council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 5 September and 3 October 2016.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.44. Allotments Committee Changes

The clerk briefly outlined the change in committee structure, which will see allotment concerns considered in a sub-committee of the Environment Committee.

Resolved: To accept the recommendation

16.45 Newlands Lane Allotments

The clerk reported that the Town Council has supported the aim for allotment sites to move towards self-governance. Newlands Lane Allotment tenants would hold a lease of the site and liaise with the Environment Committee for support. Councillors raised concerns for water costs and site maintenance, including the employment of the estates staff.

The clerk confirmed that the current water costs are marginal and that the tenants would cover these. The tenants would maintain the site themselves or contract the work out. The Town Council could take this maintenance contract if requested. The clerk noted that the Town Council is currently negotiating the transfer of a number of open spaces and play areas and that the estate team's workload is secure for the future.

There was discussion to clarify the transfer process to the Allotments Association. The clerk confirmed the lease would be reviewed by councillors, through the oversight arrangements of the Environment Committee.

Resolved: To accept the recommendation

16.46 Policy and Resources Committee

The council received the minutes of the Policy and Resource Committee meeting on 27 September. A councillor drew attention to minute PR16.14 and highlighted the requirement to offer Workington Lifeboat Service future support alongside a donation.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

The meeting concluded at 19.51.

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