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Minutes of the annual meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 8 June 2016 in the Trades Hall, Brow Top, Workington.

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Inspector Hunter

Chaplain

The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev P Swarbrick led a moment of prayer.

Public Participation

There were no comments

Police Report

Inspector Hunter reported on the current crime figures for the town. The numbers of crimes were down compared to 2015, with crime in Cumbria down by 1.3% and crime in Workington down by 17.2%. Inspector Hunter noted that although arrests relating to drug crime were down Police would like to increase arrests to reduce the crime further.

Inspector Hunter informed the council of the damage resulting from the Uppies and Downies match. During the three day period criminal damage was caused to the Cricket Club wall, the

fence at the Soapery allotments, to three Police vehicles and a number of vehicles parked on Brow Top Car Park.

There was discussion about the potential of over policing the match. It was suggested that there should be a notification, signage or closure of the Car Park to reduce the possibility of damage in future. Inspector Hunter confirmed that he would provide CCTV footage to the council. Councillors discussed the possibility of introducing a sub-committee to deal with these concerns and recommendations.

A councillor raised concerns regarding parking and speeding issues on Wesley Street, the layby adjacent to Tesco's and Solway Road for Inspector Hunter to investigate.

16.7 Apologies

The meeting received and accepted apologies from Cllrs B Cannon, D Cashman, M Fryer, K Hansen, P McHarry, W Reville and K Schofield.

16.8 Declarations of Interest

No further items were declared.

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

No items were considered.

16.10 Minutes of the previous meeting

The council received the minutes of the meetings on Wednesday 13 April and Wednesday 11 May 2016, and affirmed them as a true record.

16.11 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported her engagements as follows:

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 18 May 2016	Allerdale AGM and Mayor Making Hundith Hill, Cockermouth	6.00 for 6.30 pm start
Monday 23 May 2016	Maryport Mayor Making Maryport Town Hall	7.00 pm
Saturday 28 May 2016	Sixth Wigton Open Art Exhibition Cumberland Suite, Wigton Market Hall	11.00 am

Saturday 4 June 2016	Paint the Town Red Twinning Ceilidh St John's Parish Rooms	6.30 pm
Tuesday 7 June 2016	Meeting of the Trustee Board for the Helena Thompson Museum, Lonsdale Room, Allerdale House	2.00 pm

Resolved: To note the report.

16.12 Membership of Committees

A councillor brought to the council's attention that Cllr F Johnston is now a member of Allerdale Borough Council's Development Panel. It was observed that this would result in a conflict of interest with membership of the Planning Committee, with the recommendation to remove Cllr F Johnston from the Planning Committee.

There was some discussion as to whether the current numbers of both the Planning Committee and Allotment Committee were adequate. A councillor raised the recommendation to reduce the Planning Committee to 12 members and for the Allotment Committee retain its current 10 members. The council considered a nomination for Cllr J Holliday to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee.

Resolved: To accept the proposed committee numbers and to remove Cllr F Johnston from the Planning Committee.

Resolved: To appoint Cllr J Holliday to the Planning Committee.

16.13 Membership of Outside Bodies

The council considered the appointment of representatives to outside bodies, and their appropriate reporting mechanisms.

Resolved: To appoint the following representatives to outside bodies, and for those outside bodies to report accordingly.

Outside Body	Representative(s)	Reporting to
a) Allerdale Association of Local Councils (the district association of CALC)	Mayor and Cllr P Bales	Full Council
b) Citizen's Advice Bureau	Cllr T Wardley	Town Assembly
c) Iggesund Paperboard Community Liaison Council	Cllr B Dixon	Town Assembly

d) John Sherwen charity	Cllrs K Hansen, V Morgan, A Lawson	Town Assembly
e) Helena Thompson charity	Mayor and Chair of Culture Committee	Culture Committee
f) Twinning Committee	Cllrs M Bainbridge, C Armstrong, J Wright, V Morgan, A McGuckin, B Cannon, A Bales	Culture Committee

16.14 Armed Forces Day 2016

The council discussed the requirement to wear robes as a part of civic duties during the Armed Forces Day event. It was noted that robes should be worn but if the weather conditions were too hot then Cllrs may be excused during this occasion. There was some discussion into the time the council should host a flag raising in front of the Town Hall; with consideration of Allerdale Borough Council's flag raising event. A councillor noted that the council should invite the appropriate groups to its flag raising ceremony. It was discussed and noted that the Sea Cadets had shown an interest in attending and would benefit from an evening ceremony. The mayor proposed to hold the ceremony at 6pm.

Resolved: To invite interested parties to a flag raising ceremony at 6pm on the Monday before Armed Forces Day.

16.15 Culture Committee

The council received the minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 26 May 2016 and considered their recommendations. The council expressed thanks to Workington Town Council staff for their work during the Paint the Town Red festival. Concerns were raised to the attendance of the Committee and Cllrs were encouraged to attend council events.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

16.16 Finance, Property and Employment Committee

a) The council received the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 24 May 2016 and considered their recommendations.

Resolved: To accept the minutes and their recommendations.

b) The council considered the Annual Return and Internal Auditor's Report, recommended by the Finance, Property and Employment committee.

Resolved: To accept the entries in the Annual Return and the Internal Auditor's Report

c) The council considered the Risk Assessment for 2016-17, as recommended by the Finance, Property and Employment Committee.

Resolved: To accept the Risk Assessment.

16.17 Planning Committee

The council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 3 May and 6 June 2016.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.18 Environment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Environment Committee meetings on 31 May 2016 and considered their recommendations. Concerns were raised to the attendance and lack of apologies received. Cllrs were encouraged to attend.

Resolved: To accept the minutes and their recommendations.

The meeting concluded at 18.40.

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