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Minutes of the Culture Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.15pm Tuesday 26 September 2017 in the Town Hall, Workington

A McGuckin (chair)	Apologies
M Bainbridge	Present
B Cannon	Apologies
M Heaslip	Present
H Harrington	Present
B Miskelly	Present
M Rollo	Present
T Wardley	Apologies
J Wright (vice chair)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Estate Team Leader

Also in attendance: 1 member of the public

C17.23 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A McGuckin, B Cannon and T Wardley.

C17.24 Declarations of Interest

Cllr H Harrington declared a registerable interest for the grant request relating to Moorclose Community Centre as she is now the grants secretary for the Centre.

Resolved: For Cllr H Harrington to remove herself from discussion on item 7 relating to Moorclose Community Centre.

C17.25 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

It was agreed to hold the meeting entirely in the public domain.

C17.26 Minutes of the previous meeting

The committee received the minutes of the meeting on 25 July and affirmed them as a true record.

C17.27 Twinning Association

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the Twinning Association had extended an invitation to Workington Town Council's Christmas Market to its twinned towns. There was a question to whether this would be a civic event; the assistant clerk confirmed that the invitation was for members of the Twinning Associations and local families. She noted that there were currently two members of the Twinning Association visiting Walincourt to partake in their 25 Anniversary

celebrations with Selm. It was reported that work to deliver the International Youth Camp, in August next year, was progressing well with the prospect to confirm bookings in the near future.

Resolved: To note the report.

C17.28 Remembrance 2018

The Estate Team Leader presented a concept for a remembrance garden in Vulcan Park. She reported that the aim of the project was to make an accessible memorial available to anyone, at any time. The garden design included a poppy shaped perimeter lined with a combination of standard and red hedges. The interior would fill the shape with a variety of plants grouped in colours representing the different industries in Cumbria, symbolising how war affects every member of the community. The perimeter hedge would include holly as a natural deterrent for vandalism. The Estate Team Leader proposed that the centre focal point would be a statue of the only surviving tree after the First World War at Beaumont Hamel, France. She proposed that the project would be completed by November 2018 and local schools would be approached to be involved with the planting. A summary of potential costs was highlighted to the committee but it was noted that these could be reduced with external funding and sponsorship. The committee discussed the potential funding and budget requirement for the next financial year. Members highlighted that a timeline would be necessary in order to secure funding and to ensure the project could be delivered by November 2018.

Resolved: To explore planning consent, costs and funding for the project to present at the subsequent meeting

The Estate Team Leader left the meeting

C17.29 Grants

The committee considered the following applications for funding.

a) Frostoms Pensioners

Request: Funding to support transport costs for the group to attend an annual Christmas trip.

The committee noted that this application was for an imminent trip and that the request should have been submitted earlier in the year. Concerns were also raised about the lack of evidence of additional fundraising for the visit. The committee highlighted that the application was recurrent and that future applications must be provided sooner with evidence of fundraising and feedback according to conditions of funding.

Resolved: To award £300 from the Community Grants Budget.

Cllr H Harrington removed herself from for the discussion of the next item.

b) Moorclose Community Centre

Request: £2000 to support the installation of new cinema equipment and the promotion of the cinema club

There was a discussion about the number of current users of the Community Centre and the potential audience the cinema club was intending to attract. There were some concerns about the total costs presented and the potential price of ticket sales. It was noted that the application

did not include a business plan, how the concept had been produced or the demand for a local cinema at this location.

Resolved: To defer this item to a subsequent meeting in order to obtain further information before committing to a large request.

c) Workington Jujitsu Club

Request: To support travel costs for 25 students to compete in European Championships

Cllr F Johnston gave a presentation on behalf of Workington Jujitsu Club. He highlighted that the club had not previously sought funding and that this is typically carried out internally. As a result the group does not have any external accounts. He reported that the European Championships were being hosted in the UK this year, providing a rare opportunity for a large number of young people from Workington to attend. He confirmed that the group was made up of young people from all of the wards in Workington and that a number of members have struggled to raise the funds to travel to the competition. Additional funding had been obtained for the club's kit and these additional funds were to cover the cost for coach travel.

The committee discussed the benefit for a local club to represent Workington in the European Championships. The committee highlighted the need to support local sporting achievement.

Resolved: To pay £846.50 for the travel costs directly to the operators from the Youth in Sport budget.

Cllr M Bainbridge left the meeting at 19:13

d) Carnegie Theatre Trust

Request: To support the delivery of the Zonked out on ACDO performance

The committee discussed the cost of the performance and the requirement for the funding. It was noted that it had taken some time for the new application to be received and that the performance was impending. The current culture budget was reviewed and councillors had some concerns about how much funding was remaining if this grant were to be awarded. It was noted that the Culture Committee had set aside a budget for the Carnegie for this financial year, however no further requests or annual reports had yet been received.

Resolved: To award £1,500 to the Carnegie Theatre to support Zonked out on ACDO from the Carnegie budget.

C17.30 Events Programme 2017

The committee commended the Events Team for their work in 2017 so far and for the appended report. It was noted that Harrington Kite Festival and the Macbeth performance in particular were great successes. A councillor highlighted that the generator had caused some distraction at the Macbeth performance and that the lighting when exiting the park could be improved.

Resolved: To note the report.

C17.31 Christmas Lighting 2017

The clerk confirmed that the repair work to lighting would be paid for from the Repair and Renewals budget and that this repair work had begun.

Resolved: To note the report

C17.32 Fun Days 2017

The committee considered the report and options for delivering the Autumn/Winter Fun Days. There was a discussion about the recommendation to use the budget to deliver workshops to support Workington Go and the benefit of supporting accessibility for sports for all groups in Workington.

Resolved: To cancel the Autumn/Winter Fun Days and use the budget to host inclusive sport workshops to support Workington Go.

C17.33 Events Programme 2018

The committee considered the proposed Events Programme for 2018. There was a discussion about hosting another Shakespeare performance in 2018, however it was noted that holding this before or after the school holidays may provide an opportunity for more school children to attend. It was suggested to seek a date in June and move Party in the Park until later in the year. There were some concerns about the booking schedule for Odd Socks and the work towards the remembrance garden in the Vulcan Park. It was noted that these would need to be investigated.

Resolved: For the Events Team to confirm a date for a Shakespeare performance and consider revising a date for Party in the Park if necessary.

C17.34 Big Lunch

The committee reviewed the proposal and noted that it did not express what the Dementia Action Alliance would like to achieve with the funding or this event. There were some concerns that this style of event may not be beneficial to those attending.

Resolved: To defer the funding for a Christmas Lunch and request further information from Workington Dementia Action Alliance on what they seek to achieve.

The meeting closed at 19:55