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Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee of Workington Town Council, 5pm Tuesday 8 September 2015 in the Trades Hall, Workington

J Wright (chair)	Present
C Armstrong	Present
M Bainbridge	Present
A McGuckin	Apologies (arrived late)
V Morgan	Present
D Rollo	Present

PR15.17. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A McGuckin, who expected to be late.

PR15.18. Declarations of Interest

None.

PR15.19 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

It was agreed that the meeting should be held entirely in the public domain.

PR15.20. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The committee received and accepted the minutes of the meeting on 28 July 2015.

PR15.21. West Cumbria Court House

The committee considered the consultation on the proposed closure of the West Cumbria Court House by the Ministry of Justice. It was agreed that it was important that the council respond to the consultation and that since the deadline for comments was prior to the next meeting of the Full Council, the committee would act on the council's behalf.

Resolved: The clerk draw up robust answers to the six questions in the consultation, rejecting the idea of closure.

Resolved: That the council encourages and participates in any publicity surrounding the threatened closure.

Resolved: That the council writes to local MPs and MEPs encouraging them to speak against the plans

Resolved: That the council believes that the best building for court proceedings to take place locally is the existing court house, and that every effort should be made to ensure its viability.

Cllr McGuckin arrived at 17.46

The meeting closed at 17.49