

## WORKINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee of Workington Town Council Tuesday 28 May 2014 in the Town Hall, Workington

C Armstrong (Chair)	Present
M Bainbridge	Absent
M Jones	Present
J Osborn	Present
D Rollo	Absent
N Schofield	Absent
J Wright	Present

#### PR14.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

#### PR14.2 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

#### PR14.3 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

It was agreed that the press and public be excluded from Item 13 because it would be prejudicial to the public interest to bring contractual information into the public domain.

#### PR14.4 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 21 March 2014 were received and affirmed as a true record.

#### PR14.5 Membership of the Policy and Resources Committee

Cllr M Jones, chairman of Workington in Bloom was nominated for co-opton to the committee.

**Resolved:** To co-opt Cllr M Jones.

#### PR14.6 Developing provision for Young People in Workington

a) Sheila Fielder and Wendy Bailey gave a short presentation on Harrington Youth Club, explaining that it was a building held in trust from Young Cumbria and that it was home to a

range of activity providers, including Church Road Youth Club, the Crazy Arty Club, a art class , a history group, an over 55s club, a dancing group and Beckstone School. The building ran on a shoestring and required the goodwill of all its groups to keep going. There were issues on the upper floor particularly, and it was expensive to run. Crazy Art Club offered art sessions to 8-10 young people, but was changing its programme to one of summer workshops because of volunteer time constraints. It was hoped these would attract more young people.

**Resolved:** To see if any grant could be available to Crazy Arty Club to support their work with young people.

**Resolved:** To contact James Watson (Natural Regeneration Consultancy) to see if any help could be made available to the HYC.

b) The committee considered a proposal from Inspira for supporting young people and democracy in Workington. There was some concern that the proposal exceeded the budget allowed for the project, and that it included a trip to London, which the committee did not feel was an aspect they wished to fund at this point.

**Resolved:** That the clerk work on the proposal with Inspira to bring it into budget.

#### **PR14.7. Supporting communities in Workington**

The committee considered its spending commitments to the following:

- a) Trades Hall - £10,000.
- b) Citizen's Advice Bureau - £5,000.
- c) FoodBank. - £10,000.

The chair reported that she and the clerk had met with FoodBank staff earlier in the day and they had discussed ways of supporting the programme in Workington.

**Resolved:** To confirm the spending commitments, subject to the recipients meeting Conditions of Funding.

**Resolved:** To have a funding day when all recipients would be invited to the Mayor's Parlour.

#### **PR14.8 Commemoration of World War One Additional Budget Requirement**

The committee considered a proposal from the Culture Committee that additional resources are made available from reserves to fund the erection of a commemorative clock in Harrington. It was noted that a clock would require ongoing maintenance, that initial siting proposals were not supported by Cumbria County Council and that there was quite a bit more work to be done on feasibility. It was queried why Harrington alone should benefit from any funding. It was noted that Harrington already had a war memorial.

**Resolved:** That no further budget be allocated to this project at this time.

**PR14.9      Mayoral Insignia**

The committee considered whether any actions were required to ensure the ongoing effective display of the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Insignia. It was noted that the current deputy mayoral insignia is poorly presented on a ribbon in a second hand box. The town council owns a chain which is currently on loan to Allerdale Borough Council.

**Resolved:** To procure a new carrying case for the Deputy Mayoral Insignia

**Resolved:** To contact Allerdale Borough Council requesting the return of the Mayoral chain at the end of this municipal year.

**PR14.10.      Workington HUB**

The committee received a brief report from the clerk on the proposed creation of Workington HUB (Helping Unite Business) by Flying Saucer Creative. It was suggested that more information was required concerning the project and why the Town Council should support it.

**Resolved:** To invite Flying Saucer to make a presentation to the committee.

**PR14.11.      Town Centre Funding**

The committee consider the proposed £10,000 Town Centre Funding from Allerdale Borough Council. It was noted that there was little in writing on the subject and that further guidance was required:

**Resolved:** To bring more information to the next committee.

**PR14.12.      Items for Future Meetings**

The committee considered what other agenda items might be required for future meetings. It was suggested that there must be some mechanism by which the town council can offer some input into the development of the town. It was observed that large tranches of greenfield seem to be earmarked for housing, when there is still many acres of brownfield land available. It was suggested that Neighbourhood Planning, under the Localism Act, might offer some sort of solution.

**Resolved:** That the clerk will investigate the possibilities of bringing Neighbourhood Planning briefing/training sessions to Workington.

**Part Two – The Press and the Public were excluded from this part of the meeting under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960, because their presence would be prejudicial to the public interest due to its confidential nature.**

**PR14.13      Town Hall and Accommodation for the Council**

The town clerk reported on the current position of the Town Hall and office accommodation.

**Resolved:** To allow a budget of up to £10,000 to ensure there is sufficient space in the existing Town Hall for the council to remain in the short term (2-3 years)

(A note of resolutions under PR14.14 is kept as a confidential annexe to these minutes).