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Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee of Workington Town Council, 6pm Tuesday 26 July 2016 in the Town Hall, Workington

A Bales (chair)	Present
C Armstrong	Present
A McGuckin	Present*
A Lawson	Present
D Rollo	Apologies
M Rollo	Present
J Wright	Present

*arrived late

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk

PR16.1 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Rollo.

PR16.2 Declarations of Interest

None.

PR16.3 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.

PR16.4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The committee received and accepted the minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2016.

PR16.5. Aims, Objectives and Priorities

The clerk presented this as an open topic for discussion to review the Councils overall direction. The time frame for short and medium term actions was agreed at 1 and 3-5 years respectively. Councillors discussed the requirement of having a strategy or framework to provide direction. This could include the current and future ambitions for the Council, and how these can be achieved. There was some discussion about the powers the Town Council has and the financial implications of managing new services. The committee considered the prospect of devolution of services from Cumbria County Council and Allerdale Borough Council, and how agency terms could fund operation and maintenance of those services once transferred. The committee discussed the amenities and locations that the Town Council could focus on developing. A number of Councillors noted that local residents should be consulted as they may have different priorities; this could be achieved through research and questionnaires. Councillors agreed that in order to devise a strategy that the Town Council would have to liaise with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council about their current devolution agenda initially.

Resolved: To arrange a meeting with Ian Frost (Allerdale Borough Council) and Pat Bell (Cumbria County Council) to discuss devolution.

The meeting closed at 19:00