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To Members of Culture Committee

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(Copy for information only to other members of Workington Town Council)

You are summoned to a meeting of Workington Town Council Culture Committee on Tuesday 27 November 2018 at 6.00pm at the Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington.

Yours faithfully



Chris Bagshaw

Town Clerk

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of interest relating to matters which appear on this agenda, but which have not been previously declared on members’ declarations of pecuniary interest and other interests.

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

To consider whether there are any agenda items during consideration of which the press and public should be excluded.

**4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 18 September 2018 and affirm them as a true record.

**5. Proposals for Funding**

The following proposals for funding have been received by the council for consideration. Budget heading suggestions are indicative only.

1. **St Michael’s Church**

To buy a museum-quality cabinet for the display of copper alloy finds from the 1994-6 archaeological dig. The objects are from the 7th-12th centuries AD.

Value of proposal: £3,125

Town Council budget heading: Museums and Exhibitions

Paperwork received: Complete

Note: There is currently a legal advisory note (January 2018) from NALC on the legality of local council expenditure on church property. Such actions were specifically prohibited by s6 (1) of the Local Government Act 1894. However, the Local Government Act, 1972 appears to contradict this in a number of sections. Workington Town Council has claimed use of s137 for payments supporting Church property in the past. It is NALC’s view that councils must ‘consider whether it is prudent to take a course of action that it cannot be certain is legally valid’. This view is not supported by the Government, or the Churches Building Council, but without a legal case law to refer to, there is no definitive statement of position.

1. **Carnegie Singers**

To support events celebrating their 45th season, and the 25th anniversary of the Twinning association with Selm.

Value of proposal: £1,000

Town Council budget heading: Cultural groups

Paperwork received: Partially complete.

**6. Community Service Grants**

**a) Allerdale Disability Association**

To assist in costs of a Christmas Concert

Value of grant: £300

Town Council budget heading: Community Service Grants

Paperwork received: Complete

**b) Salterbeck FC**

To assist in pitch fees for the current season.

Value of grant: £300

Town Council budget heading: Community Service Grant

Paperwork received: Mostly complete

**c) Frostoms Pensioners**

To assist in hiring a coach for trip to Newcastle. The trip appears to have taken place already, with a request for £100 to cover borrowing and any remainder to cover Christmas party expenses.

Value of Grant £300 (£100 stated as cost incurred)

Town Council budget heading: Community Service Grants

Paperwork submitted: Mostly complete.

**7. Culture Programme 2018-19 and 2019-20**

To receive and consider a report from the Events Officer on the programme of Events in the current and next financial years.

**8. Remembrance Day 2018**

To note the Report from the Events team on the Remembrance Day activities.

**9. Jane Pit Miners' Memorial**

To receive a brief verbal report on the Heritage Lottery Funded project to establish a memorial to the Mineworkers of Workington at Jane Pit.

**10. Twinning**

To receive a report from a member of the Twinning Committee on the Association’s activities.

**11. Town Centre Signboards**

To receive a report on the town centre signboards..

**Background**

The successful introduction of matrix display boards in the town centre is being complemented by the introduction of an LCD display board under the Hub. The existing Hub matrix board is being moved to Central Way. Planning consent for this has been processed and quotes are being reviewed for the new unit. Additionally there will be an update from Officers on the issue of data hacking of the existing SIM cards. This project is part-funded by existing grants received from Allerdale Borough Council.

**12. Budget 2019-20**

To consider making recommendations for the Culture element of the council’s budget for 2019-20..

**Action Required**

The committee must assess the spending commitments, consider whether they are realistic for the coming year and make any recommendations it sees fit to the Policy and Resources Committee, who will ultimately collate the entire council budget for presentation to Full Council in January.

**Draft Proposed Culture Budget 2019-20**

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| Culture | 2018 | estimated outturn | o/t as % of budget | 2019 | % of 2018 | Notes |
| Festivals | 25,000 | 25,802 | 103% | 30,000 | 120% | Budget to fund Party in the Park, Harrington Kite Festival, |
| and two days of drama at Workington Hall |
| Youth sport |   | 0 |   |  |   | Budget line now moved to Youth Provision in P&R budget. |
| This must also include £5,000 for Workington Go! |
| Heritage projects | 3,000 | 3,000 | 100% | 10,000 | 330% | Continued support for Jane Pit Heritage Lottery bid to create a lasting memorial to the mineworkers of Workington |
| Town Band | 1,200 | 1200 | 100% | 1,200 | 100% | Continued core funding for Town Band following the band's revival in 2014. |
| Christmas lights | 48,000 | 48000 | 100% | 48,000 | 100% | Includes hire, installation and inspection and repair |
| Christmas festival | 20,000 | 20000 | 100% | 20,000 | 100% | Single day festival with performances, stalls and road closures |
| Remembrance | 4,000 | 3,940 | 99% | 2,000 | 50% | Covers Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday and other related activities. |
| Town Centre Music | 4,000 | 3,376 | 84% | 0 | 0% | Summer and Christmas music programme under Hub. To be discontinued |
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| Twinning | 5,000 | 5000 | 100% | 5,000 | 100% | Core funding to support work of Twinning Association |
| Promotion, advertising and publicity | 2,000 | 2,000 | 100% | 5,000 | 250% | Development funding for Cumbria Tourism membership and |
| promotion through Visit Workington website and to support |
| ABC Town Centre grant scheme. Current capital earmarked at £15,000. Advertising revenue spend transferred from FPE budget (£3k) |
| Community Grants | 3,500 | 3500 | 100% | 3,500 | 100% | Total pot for community to apply for £300 grants |
| Fun Days | 12,000 | 12,000 | 100% | 12,000 | 100% | Core Fun Day funding for partnership with SWYP |
| Theatres | 10,000 | 10,000 | 100% | 8,000 | 100% | Discretionary funding for town’s theatres |
| Museums and Exhibitions | 5,000 | 5,000 | 100% | 5,000 | 100% | Discretionary funding to support Museum work or exhibitions |
| Cultural groups | 7,000 | 6000 | 86% | 7,000 | 100% | Discretionary funding pot for Cultural groups to apply for. |
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| Tech fest/tournament | 500 | 500 | 100% | 500 | 100% | To fund Rotary Tech Tournament |
| Big lunch etc | 1000 | 800 | 80% | 0 | 0% | Discontinue |
| Sport | 10,000 | 4125 | 41% | 0 | 0 | Carry forward underspend from 2018 |
| Total | 161,200 | 154,243 | 97% | 157,200 | 98% |  |