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Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee of Workington Town Council, 6pm Tuesday 27 September 2016 in the Town Hall, Workington

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

*arrived late

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk

PR16.6 Apologies

No apologies were received.

PR16.7 Declarations of Interest

None.

PR16.8 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

The press and public will be excluded from item 12, which relates to confidential information.

PR16.9 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The committee received and accepted the minutes of the meeting on 26 July 2016.

PR16.10 Committee Membership

The committee briefly discussed possibility of co-opting members from other committees. A number of councillors suggested that this item be deferred until the next committee meeting to allow members to consider this further. Councillors expressed concern over how the Allotments Committee should go forward, the clerk agreed to discuss agenda item 7 following this item.

Resolved: To reconsider this item at the next committee meeting.

PR16.11 Allotments and Parks

The committee discussed how allotments and parks should fit into the committee structure. The Clerk suggested reducing the number of allotment meetings to twice a year. Councillors agreed to this principle and discussed the possibility to manage the Allotment committee as a sub-committee in a similar format to In Bloom. An additional tenant's forum would be required to discuss arising issues. The Clerk proposed that this subcommittee would report to the Environment Committee.

Resolved: To defer the upcoming Allotment Committee meeting.

Resolved: To establish a subcommittee to monitor the running of the allotments.

PR16.12 Aims, Objectives and Priorities

The Town Clerk reported that following the last meeting of the committee, meetings with Lizzy Shaw and Andrew Seekings have been arranged. Jean Airey will also be providing training for Councillors at Full Council on 12 October 2016.

Resolved: To note the report

PR16.13 Newlands Lane Allotment

The Clerk outlined the tenants' proposal to move to self-management. The committee discussed the long term opportunity for allotment tenants to self-manage sites; this included the requirement for a constitution that fulfils the principles of the Allotment Society and continued communication between tenants and the Town Council. Members of the committee raised some concern over the monitoring process and the contractual requirements if the Town Council were not happy with the way the site was managed. The committee discussed a review process of three years, with the opportunity to cease the contract after 12 months. It was suggested that this agreement consist of a start-up lump sum of £2.5k with the group providing an audit report to account for this is spent. Councillors agreed that this was a positive opportunity and that the Town Council would provide ongoing support.

Resolved: To present the recommendation to Full Council

PR16.14 Workington Lifeboat

A Councillor explained that the aim of the fundraising is to purchase a modern boat to serve Workington Lifeboat Station. Councillors discussed the importance of the Lifeboat Service for Workington and whether awareness could be promoted throughout the Town in addition to a donation. Councillors agreed that this could be discussed in the Culture Committee and the Environment Committee to run different promotional events.

Resolved: To recommend that £5,000 of funding from reserves be given to the Workington Lifeboat appeal.

Resolved: To consider a support scheme for future funding.

PR16.15 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Clerk reported the requirement for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to have temporary storage for poppies until Remembrance Sunday. Short term use of the members' office, at the Town Hall, was presented to councillors for consideration.

Resolved: To provide a storage space for the poppies in the members' office up until Remembrance Sunday.

PR16.16 Blood Bikes

Councillors commended the work of the Blood Bikes and agreed that further information was needed to consider how much support the Town Council can provide.

Resolved: To invite the Blood Bikes to the following Policy and Resources meeting in order to present information to Full Council for consideration.

PR16.17

A copy of this confidential minute is kept on the file.

The meeting closed at 19:06

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