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Minutes of the annual meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10 August 2016 in the Trades Hall, Brow Top, Workington.

C Armstrong	Apologies	A Lawson	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	A McGuckin	Present
L Baldry	Present	P McHarry	Present
A Bales	Present	B Miskelly	Present
P Bales	Present	V Morgan	Absent
B Cannon	Apologies	J Osborn	Present
D Cashman	Apologies	W Reville	Present
B Dixon	Absent	D Robertson	Present
M Fryer	Present	D Rollo	Present
K Hansen	Present	M Rollo	Present
H Harrington	Present	K Schofield	Apologies
M Heaslip	Present	N Schofield	Apologies
J Holliday	Apologies	S Stoddart	Present
C Johanssen	Absent	T Wardley	Absent
F Johnston	Absent	J Wright	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Lisa Clark (Your Housing Group), Jenna Benson (TCV), Officer Murphy (Cumbria Police), members from Frostom's Youth Project and two members of the public.

Chaplain

Rev P Swarbrick sent his apologies, in his absence Councillor A McGuckin led a moment of prayer.

Presentation from young people

Heather and Shane, from the Frostom's Youth Project, led a presentation on a safe play concept they had conducted with the assistance of Lisa and Jenna. Their aim was to identify what provisions young people in the area wanted and the most suitable location to host them. The group identified seven activities and surveyed 339 young people, aged between 8-18 years, on their preference for these activities. The findings showed that the highest preference was for a music area, football area, chill area and outdoor gym. Research into locations for these provisions was favourable to Jane Pit, Honister Drive and Westfield Drive

Green consecutively. Additional consultation was conducted with local residents, who raised concerns with road crossing safety, signage with age restrictions for equipment and security. The project has £25,000 funding but costings suggest an additional £25,000 is required. The group also need a partner to contribute towards the maintenance of the site. Councillors praised the presentation and the work the group had put into the project. A councillor highlighted that the Jane Pit area would be suitable for a memorial, Lisa briefly discussed the possibility of combining the project sympathetically with a memorial. A councillor proposed that the group host fundraising events, in addition to seeking funding, this would raise awareness and support from the community. Councillors also noted the appeal of the project to the young people across Workington.

Public Participation

Councillor P Bales extended his thanks to the Officers for the work towards the play area in Moor Close.

Police Report

Inspector Hunter sent his apologies. The Problem Solving Officer at Cumbria Constabulary, Lorraine Murphy, reported on the latest crime statistics. In a breakdown by ward overall crime was down compared to July 2015. Most incidents were reported as antisocial behaviour or violent crimes, these were typically domestic or neighbourly disputes. St Michaels ward saw an increase in crimes; Officer Murphy reported that this involved youth disorder in the area of Murray Road. Police are considering this a priority. A number of councillors raised concerns to Officer Murphy. These included the theft of an equipment bag from an ambulance on scene and issues reporting crime on the non-emergency 101 number. Officer Murphy confirmed that she would feed these concerns back and requested further information from these councillors.

Councillors P Bales, B Miskelly and M Rollo left the meeting for further discussions with Officer Murphy.

16.19 Apologies

The meeting received and accepted apologies from Cllrs C Armstrong, B Cannon, D Cashman, J Holliday, K Schofield and N Scholfield.

16.20 Declarations of Interest

No further items were declared.

16.21 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No items were considered.

Councillor B Miskelly returned to the meeting.

16.22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The council received the minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 8 June and affirmed them as a true record.

16.23 Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported her engagements as follows:

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 9 June 2016	Queen's 90 th birthday event Harrington over 55s Club	2.00 pm
Saturday 11 June 2016	Seaton Children's Carnival	12.30 for 1.00 pm
Sunday 12 June 2016	Queen's 90 th birthday event Banklands Soup & Pud Committee	2.00 – 5.00 pm
Monday 20 June 2016	Raising the Flag for Armed Forces Day, Allerdale House	10.00 am
Saturday 25 June 2016	National Armed Forces Day Carlisle Photo Festival Old Edinburgh Woollen Mill	10.45 for 11.00 am 6.00 – 8.00 pm
Saturday 2 July 2016	Memorial Concert to commemorate 100 th Anniversary of Battle of Somme St Mary's Church, Maryport	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Sunday 3 July 2016	Mayor of Allerdale's Civic Sunday St Paul's Church, Seaton	1.15 for 2.00 pm
Monday 4 July 2016	Seaton St Paul's CofE Junior School, History of Workington Musical, Carnegie Theatre	6.45 pm
Thursday 7 July 2016	St Joseph's Annual Prize Evening	7.15 for 7.30 pm
Saturday 9 July 2016	Opening of Banklands Summer Fete	1.00 pm
Tuesday 12 – Friday 15 July	Mayor to Val de Reuil for Bastille Day celebrations	
Saturday 16 July 2016	Broughton Children's Carnival WADAMS High School Musical	12.45 pm 6.30 for 7.00 pm

	Carnegie Theatre	
Sunday 17 July 2016	Mayor of Workington's Civic Sunday, Our Lady & St Michael's	10.00 for 10.30 am
Thursday 21 July 2016	Graduation Day, Footsteps Nursery, Minto Centre	9.30 am & 11.00 am
Saturday 23 July 2016	Mayor of Workington's Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Monday 25 July 2016	Queen's Award for Voluntary Service Ceremony, Helena Thompson Museum	6.30 pm
Tuesday 26 July 2016	Helena Thompson Trust Meeting at Museum	2.00 pm
Sunday 7 August 2016	Mayor of Whitehaven's Civic Sunday, United Reform Church, Market Place, Whitehaven	2.30 pm

Deputy Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 8 June 2016

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 25 June 2016	Wigton Carnival	11.45 am onwards

Resolved: To note the report.

16.24. Budgets and Expenditure

The clerk reported that after receiving a large volume of funding requests to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday, the current budget for Community Service Grants is low. Transferring this amount would allow the Council to continue consider future grant requests.

Resolved: To transfer £2,000 from reserves to Community Service Grants Budget

16.25. Notice of Motion

Councillor Lawson explained that post Brexit had left the country in a state of uncertainty. He reported that Cumbria is expected to receive £87.2 million pounds of EU funding between 2014 and 2020; this funds local enterprises, business start-ups, young people and broadband.

A number of councillors spoke in support of the motion. A councillor noted that the Government had already received the funding and that difficulties would be in securing

additional funding after 2020. Another councillor confirmed this and highlighted that Workington is in the lowest 10% band of poverty in the country, and that the area needs to be recognised for future funding.

Councillor Lawson amended the motion to secure continuous funding after 2020.

Resolved: Following a vote, it was resolved to send a letter to the Secretary of State to secure future funding, previously given by the EU, after the current funding ceases in 2020.

Reports from Committees

Councillor P Bales returned to the meeting.

16.26. Allotments Committee

In the absence of the Chair the clerk gave an overview of the last meeting. The council received the minutes of the Allotment Committee on 16 June 2016.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.27. Culture Committee

The council received the minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 21 July 2016. Councillor B Miskelly raised an amendment to minute C16.24 Arts Venue to reflect the debate surrounding the costing of the venue.

Resolved: To amend the minutes as required

16.28. Environment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 12 July 2016. The Chair drew to councillors' attention that the Environment Committee attended a working group on 9 August. Minutes would be available at the next Environment Committee. A councillor expressed concern for introducing a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and wanted this item discussed at Full Council. The clerk confirmed that an alternative option could be considered and brought to Full Council following further legal advice.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.29. Finance, Property and Employment Committee

The council received the minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 25 July 2016. A councillor raised a concern for an item on the schedule of payments from May-June 2016. The clerk agreed to discuss the matter after the meeting.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.30. Planning Committee

The council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 5 July and 1 August 2016.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

16.31. Policy and Resources Committee

The council received the minutes of the Policy and Resource Committee meeting on 26 July 2016

Resolved: To accept the minutes

The meeting concluded at 18.59.