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To Members of Policy and Resources 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 Policy and Resources Committee on Tuesday 29 September 2015 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Project D

Prior to the meeting there will be a presentation by young people on Project D. This project was commissioned by the Town Council as an exercise in youth democracy.

1. Apologies

To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

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 Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 8 September 2015 and affirm them as a true record.

5. WiFi in Workington Town Centre

To consider a proposal from Allerdale Borough Council that the Town Council assists in the roll out of WiFi in Workington town centre. There will be a short presentation by Debbie Cosgrove, Project Manager in the Borough Council's Economic Growth team.

Background

Free WiFi has been identified as a possible lever in the development of vitality of the town centre. The Borough Council is seeking partners to assist in its delivery.

Decision Required

The committee can make a recommendation that such a project is supported by the council, either immediately, through use of reserves (although the precise amount required is not known, so there would be a process involved in agreeing this), or in the next financial year through budgeted provision.

6. West Cumbria Magistrates and County Court

To receive an update on the council's response to the threatened closure of the West Cumbria Court House.

7. Bus Shelters on Derwent Howe

To consider whether to support the County Council's proposal for the installation of two bus shelters on Derwent Howe.

Background

The committee considered a proposal at its July meeting that the council enters into an agreement with Cumbria County Council for the provision of two bus shelters (one on each side of the road), at Morrison's on Derwent Howe. The committee requested further information on maintenance costs and the extent of any consultation. The County Council have drawn our attention to the results of their Community Travel Plan Consultation, which identified this as an action (see appendix). They have not supplied any maintenance costs, but it is likely that these are going to be relatively minor and related to cleaning. There is also an opportunity for advertising or publicity use, which could generate income, though this is subject to the agreement of the county council, who retain ownership of the shelters.

The cost of two shelters will be £10,340. The money available for the St Michaels CTP is £10,000 and Alan will top this up with some of his members divisional allowance. The shelters will include timetable cases but not seats, seating was discussed and Alan felt that although seating would be worthwhile this might increase the risk of anti-social behaviour and vandalism.

Alan would like this to be a joint project between the County and Town council with CCC paying for the shelters and installation if the Town Council would take on the ongoing maintenance and liability.

Email from CCC

Decision Required

The committee should decide whether to support this proposal and whether to recommend that the council enters in to the agreement with Cumbria County Council for the ongoing maintenance.

8. Our Lady and St Michael's

To consider a request for funding from The Priory, Banklands for the re-siting of a memorial.

Background

The council has received a request from the Priest at Our Lady and St Michael's RC Church that it assists the church in the removal and re-siting of a memorial cross. The cross commemorates Abbot Clifton, Workington's Parish priest from 1844 to 1891, who commissioned the present church building. The cross is currently lying down in the old burial ground. They would like to move it to a site in front of the church building.

There is no current budget for a project on this scale, which would sit between Culture and Environment committees. The parish is seeking a contribution in excess of £1,000. (see appendix for report from Church).

Decision Required

The committee should decide whether this is a project the council should be funding, and if so, to which committee should it be allocated. It should furthermore decide whether the project could be funded from reserves in the current financial year, or should be budgeted for in the next. The council would be exercising its powers under s137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 for expenditure which, 'in their opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area, or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants'.

9. Grants and Funding Follow Up

To consider briefings from Trades Hall and from Inspira on the progress of their funded projects.

10. Grants and Funding Process

To consider whether the Grants and Funding process is working appropriately, and whether to recommend any changes.