

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27 March 2019 in the Council Chamber, Allerdale House, Workington.

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mr M Renouf (Mayor's Chaplain)

The Mayor's Chaplain led a moment of prayer and reflection.

### Police Report

The Police sent their apologies to the meeting but had submitted a report on the current situation in Workington. A Councillor explained a recent incident outside his home, to which he felt the police had responded particularly well. He described the 3-minute time response of the town's 'pro-active' policing team as fantastic and was very grateful for their efforts in pursuing the offenders, two of which he understood had been successfully apprehended. He went on to explain the advantages of a proper CCTV system, and another councillor added that she had been advised to install one when dealing with a different incident which had been the subject of discussion at the previous meeting.

### 18.51 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85 from Cllrs C Armstrong, M Fryer, J Holliday, A Lawson, K Schofield and M Suddart.

### 18.52. Declarations of Interest

Nothing immediate was noted.

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

No issues.

**18.54. Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Council received the minutes from 6 February 2019 and affirmed them as a true record, with typographical amendments.

**18.55. Mayoral Announcements**

The Mayor reported on her activities as follows:

**Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on 6 February 2019**

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 3 February 2019	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of formation of the Air Training Corps Squadron Parade & Church Service at St Michael's Church (Mayor to take the salute).	12.15 pm
Wednesday 20 February – Sunday 24 February 2019	Mayor & Mayoress in Selm to celebrate 25 years of twinning between the two towns	
Friday 1 March 2019	Mayor of Allerdale's Civic Dinner Greenhill Hotel, Wigton	6.30 pm
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	A Night at the Musicals, St John's Church (Mayoress only)	6.45 pm
Wednesday 13 March 2019	Mayor of Carlisle's Civic Dinner Shepherds Inn, Carlisle	7.00 pm
Friday 15 March 2019	Annual Rotary Technology Tournament, Energy Coast UTC	12.30 pm
Saturday 16 March 2019	2199 (Workington) Squadron Air Cadets Awards Evening & Dinner Masonic Hall, Workington	6.30 pm
Wednesday 20 March 2019	WAOS, Carousel A Concert Carnegie Theatre	7.00 for 7.15 pm

The Mayor brought the Council's attention to the imminent retirement of Cllr Peter Bales after 33 years on the council. Cllr Bales was invited to address the meeting at the end. The Council also expressed its thanks to Cllr Ann Bales, who was also retiring, after 8 years' service. Both councillors had served as Mayors.

**Resolved:** To note the report and to express thanks to the Cllr Peter Bales, and Cllr Ann Bales, for their long service to the Council.

**Reports from Committees**

#### **18.56. Finance, Property and Employment Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Finance, Property and Employment Committee meeting on 11 March 2019.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes.

#### **18.57 Risk Assessment**

b) The Council considered the FPE Committee's recommended Risk Assessment for the current financial year.

**Resolved:** To accept the document.

#### **18.58. Planning Committee**

The Chair of the Planning Committee reported that his Committee did not meet in March as very few plans had been submitted, and these had been dealt with under Delegated Powers. The decisions will be reviewed by the Planning Committee at its April meeting.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

#### **18.59. Culture Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 19 March 2019.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes.

#### **18.60. Environment Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 7 March 2019.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes.

#### **18.61. Policy and Resources Committee**

The Council received the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on 12 March 2019 and considered its recommendations concerning the Annual Meeting of the Council.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes and recommendations.

#### **18.62. Cllr Peter Bales**

Cllr Peter Bales addressed the meeting. He observed that between them, he and Ann had given 41 years' service to the council, and it had been a thrill and a privilege to serve. He acknowledged that this enjoyment had waned since 2012, but that he still loved the 'little council' and all that it had achieved. He noted trips to Selm and Val de Reuil as highlights, and his Mayoral year. He commented on the changes in those years – particularly the growth of email instead of personal interaction, and suggested that the excitement of delivering what was good for the town remained, despite the decline in human responses. He wished the Council luck and confessed that he would miss it.

The meeting stood to applaud Peter and Ann for their long service.

The meeting closed at 18.48.