

# Workington Town Council

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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 **Thursday 23 July 2015** at 6pm in the Mayor's Reception Rooms, Town Hall, Workington.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw  
Town Clerk

## **AGENDA**

### **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 previous meeting**

To receive the minutes of the meeting on Thursday 4 June 2015 and affirm them as a true record.

#### **5. Suggested activities**

To review the suggested activities submitted by Committee members after the meeting on Thursday 4 June 2015.

#### **6. Grants and Funding**

To consider the following funding proposals:

##### **Sponsorship**

- a) Workington Rotary Club

£210

To sponsor a barrel and the supporting literature for the Workington Beer Festival on 3 – 5 September.

##### **Community Service Grants**

- b) St Patrick's RC Primary School

£300

To support a performance and an exhibition at the Helena Thompson Museum.

- c) Workington Amateur Operatic Society

£300

To buy costumes for the Society's Autumn production of 'Evita'.

- d) Frostoms Pensioners

£100

To support a bus trip.

Additional information requested

- e) Workington Reds Womens Team

£300

To help in the purchase of kit for the ladies team.

Further information to be supplied

#### **7. Schools Prize**

To consider supporting or sponsoring prize giving evenings at secondary schools.

#### **8. Technology Tournament**

To consider supporting the Workington Rotary's Schools Technology Tournament.

### **Background**

The Technology Tournament takes place in March every year, encouraging young people in the district to get involved in design and production. The Town Council has been asked if it would like to play a more prominent role in promoting the event.

## **9. Carnegie Theatre**

To consider a proposal from the Carnegie Theatre to install a new Studio Theatre space and whether additional funds should be released to support the project.

### **Background**

The Trustees of the Carnegie Theatre would like to create a new studio theatre space from the existing dance studio. The Town Council have been invited to consider supporting this project at an early stage. The development will cost in the region of £11,000.

### **Decision required**

The town council can agree to fund all or part of the project, or none at all. Funding at this stage in the year would require a request to the Policy and Resources Committee for use of reserves. Alternatively the committee can recommend that, subject to further information from the Carnegie, an allowance is made in the 2016-17 budget.

## **10. Twinning Association**

a) To review the Twinning Charters and the constitution of the Twinning Association.

A statement from the Chair of the Twinning Association is attached. Other documents will follow.

b) To consider the recruitment of new Councillors for the Twinning Committee.

## **11. Christmas Lights 2015 and Winter Festival**

To receive an update on the budget for the Christmas lights switch on and winter festival 2015 and consider any necessary actions.

The Events Officer will briefly run through the budget commitments so far and there will an opportunity for the committee to consider some of the entertainment choices.

## **12. Heritage institutions**

a) To receive a verbal report from the Helena Thompson liaison group.

b) To consider the proposed oral history project and decide whether to proceed with the project. (appendix B)

c) To receive a proposed budget for the Mineworkers Memorial.

### **Background**

The committee requested further ideas and indicative costs for creating a memorial at the Jane Pit site. Likely suggested costs for a lighting installation are as follows:

Projectors (£376 each)	£3,760
DMX interface box	£998
Signage - print and design	£2,444
Survey	£750
Stands/Fixings	£3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£10,952</b>

### **Recommendation**

That the committee recommends this expenditure for the 2016-17 budget and authorise officers to develop plans further, including up to £1,000 expenditure this financial year.

## **13. Paint the Town Red Festival**

To consider the indicative costs and implications for staffing of bringing back the Paint the Town Red Festival in 2016 and to consider any necessary actions.

### **Background**

The committee has considered the need for a significant festival in the town. Paint the Town Red was a successful vehicle in 2008 and 2012. It is run in conjunction with third sector groups in the town, being particularly supported by the Rotary clubs. In 2012 it brought an estimated 50,000 people into the town centre and parks. The majority of the expenditure will fall in the financial year from April 2016, however some preliminary work will fall in this current year. It is anticipated that it will require the equivalent of 2 days per week staff time from September.

### **Funding**

The Events Officer has been working with the Town Centre management team, the Rotary and others to identify likely funding sources. These are shown below:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Iggesund	£200
AMCOR	£1,200

EON	£5,000
Allerdale Borough Council	£5,000
Workington Town Council	£10,000*
Total	£21,400

\* WTC budget contribution is subject to approval through the 2016-17 budgetary cycle.

Indicative costs, so far, including contingency, licensing, production and marketing, are coming in around £20,000 for a single Saturday in June.

### **Decision required**

At this stage the council is in a position to indicate its support for the size and scope of the festival.

### **Recommendation**

That the committee approves the budget of indicative cost and staff resources.