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To Members of Environment Committee

Cllr H Harrington (Chair)	Cllr J Hunter
Cllr C Armstrong	Cllr P McCarthy
Cllr H Briggs	Cllr S Stoddart
Cllr R Briggs	Cllr W Wilkinson (vice chair)
Cllr G Glaister	Cllr L Williams

(Copy for information only to other members of Workington Town Council)

You are summoned to a meeting of Workington Town Council Environment Committee on Thursday 25 July 2019 at 6.30pm in the Bolton Street Community Hall, Bolton St, Workington.

Yours faithfully

Chris Bagshaw
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Public Participation
To discuss any items of interest to the council brought forward by members of the public. This session will last no longer than 20 minutes. The council cannot take any decisions in this session, except to bring items to a future meeting. The public are not permitted to speak in other parts of the meeting unless invited to do so by the chairman.

1. Apologies
To receive and accept any apologies. If accepted, apologies will be considered to be for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act 1972, s85.

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 6 June 2019 and affirm them as a true record.

5. Allotments

To receive a brief report on the progress towards the re-establishment of an allotments sub-committee.

6. Workington Nature Partnership

To receive a brief report on the Partnership's activities.

7. Workington in Bloom

To receive a brief update on the Cumbria in Bloom programme for 2019.

8. Workington in Bloom Development Grants

To consider the application for a development grant as follows:
Grow Well West Cumbria Community Interest Company
To assist in the development of a community gardening project in the grounds of the Old Man's Shelter, Vulcan Park.
Funding requested: £300.

9. Public Seating

a) To confirm the virement of funds to a 2019-20 Seating budget heading. The Committee identified £1,800 from the footway lighting budget at its last meeting, but may be able to identify other potential underspends in the Committee budget.

b) To consider where new public seating might be installed and what style/design is appropriate.

Background

There have been requests for further public seating from councillors in Moorclose and Harrington, primarily on Allerdale Borough Council-owned land (Moorclose open space, Harrington Marina). In recent years there has also been damage to town council seating, in Salterbeck and St Michael's, which has included outright theft (by the harbour) and serious damage (Vulcan Park). The Council has an opportunity to address several issues with the installation of new public seating. It encourages social interaction and exercise, but it can also lead to complaints about anti-social behaviour and litter. The choice of style of seating can contribute to their sustainability – whether it is attractive to thieves, susceptible to rust, vandalism etc. The Committee will be able to view a number of examples.

10. Bus Shelters

To receive an update on the Council's plan to renovate the bus shelter at Salterbeck Cemetery and repair the bus shelter at Derwent Howe.

11. Play Areas

To receive a brief update on current projects and issues and to make any necessary decisions.

Background

The Council has been re-considering its priorities for play provision. Councillors in Westfield are keen to address the long standing deficit of play facilities in their community. The site on Westfield Drive, adjacent to the old Welfare building, has been identified as a potential site, and this has been a Town Council target area for some time. There have also been several site visits to the Ashfield Road South play area to consider what changes could be made here to make the site more sustainable, and whether there are some relatively small provisions which could be introduced for toddlers elsewhere in Moorclose which could be cost effective, whilst not encouraging anti-social behaviour.

A budget breakdown for this area of spending will be available at the meeting.

12. Vulcan Park

To consider the arrangements for the future planning of the park.

Background

The Committee made a site visit in early July and a report with some preliminary recommendations is attached.

13. Back Lanes

To note the recent progress made on Back Lane environmental improvement work and to consider how the Town Council may assist in the programme.