

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Policy and Resources committee of Workington Town Council, 6pm Tuesday 21 March 2017 in the Town Hall, Workington

A Bales (chair)	Present
P Bales	Present
A Lawson	Present
A McGuckin	Present
V Morgan	Apologies
D Rollo	Present
M Rollo	Present
N Schofield	Apologies
J Wright	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk

Also Present: a member of the press and one member of the public

### **PR16.36 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors V Morgan and N Schofield.

### **PR16.37 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors P Bales and J Osborn declared an interest in item 9, relating to the Local Plan, and agreed to remove themselves from any discussion or voting for this item. Councillor A Lawson declared a pecuniary interest for item 6 and agreed to remove himself from discussions for this item that related to his employer.

### **PR16.38 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

It was agreed that the meeting should be held entirely in the public domain.

### **PR16.39 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The committee received and accepted the minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2017.

### **PR16.40 Electoral Review**

The clerk gave an overview of the boundaries in the Electoral Review that directly related to Workington, this included the wards that would be gaining and losing councillors and the reasoning behind this. Councillors raised concerns about the reduction of councillors in the wards of Workington that may require a greater social voice. The clerk confirmed that the changes relate to population and that councillors could apply to Allerdale Borough Council for a Community Governance Review.

**Resolved:** To provide no further comments to the Electoral Review.

**Resolved:** To reassess the ward boundaries in September to consider the possibility to apply for a Community Governance Review.

#### **PR16.41 Budget 2017-18**

The clerk provided the committee with a breakdown of the allocations to the Policy and Resources budget, he highlighted that the committee amalgamated the youth sport budget from Culture and that it was a recommendation from Full Council to return this to the Culture Committee's budget. There was a discussion about the delivery of the Workington Go event and how this would be produced in future years, the committee felt that there was a lot of crosscutting between the two committees on delivering youth provision and they felt it would be more effective to keep the youth provision budget line. Councillors discussed their capacity to deliver funds from various budget lines and noted that all funding received should be followed with meaningful reports and savings made where appropriate.

**Resolved:** To retain the Youth Provision budget line within the Policy and Resources budget.

**Resolved:** To make the agreed payments from the 2017-18 core budget as listed below.

<b>Community Development Budget</b>	<b>£15,000.00</b>
South Workington Youth Partnership	£5,000.00
Duke of Edinburgh Award	£1,000.00
Christmas in Company	£400.00
Northside Community Centre	£2,000.00
Workington RNLI	£2,000.00
Blood Bikes	£2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,400.00</b>

<b>Community Information Facilities Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
Citizen's Advice Allerdale	£5,000
Trades Hall Workington	£5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>

<b>Youth Provision Budget</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
Cumbria Youth Alliance Friday Night Project	£4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

#### **PR16.42 Dementia Action Alliance**

The Assistant Town Clerk provided a report on the work of Workington's Dementia Action Alliance, including an overview on what is involved, the aims of the Alliance and Dementia Friends sessions. Councillors were supportive of the initiative and the ability to be involved. It was proposed that all Councillors become Dementia Friends as a part of the Town Council's membership.

**Resolved:** To complete the application for Workington Town Council to become a member of the Workington Dementia Action Alliance.

**Resolved:** To arrange a Dementia Friends session for staff and councillors.

#### **PR16.43 Council Plan and Governance Statement**

Councillors agreed to remove the council Plan from the agenda and to review it, in its entirety, following the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The Committee reviewed the Governance statement within the Council Plan and identified minor amendments to each section to reflect the changes in the committee structure in the past year.

**Resolved:** To make the minor amendments to Governance statement as required.

Councillors P Bales and J Osborn left the meeting at 19.20

#### **PR16.44 Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations Consultation**

The clerk presented the committee with a map of the proposals and it was agreed to work through the consultation document sequentially and make any necessary comments on policies that impacted Workington.

- **Affordable Housing**

Policy SA5 suggested that there is a greater need for affordable housing in Cockermouth compared to the other towns in Allerdale and as a result they will receive 100% extra affordable houses per site. Councillors considered the longevity of the current housing climate and the knock on effect of having more affordable houses in Cockermouth. The committee recommended that Workington also sees an increase in the threshold of affordable housing to match the policy for Cockermouth.

- **Custom Development**

With consideration of large build custom sites, noted as 25 or more plots, councillors suggested that a caveat should be included so that buildings maintain the style and standards of surrounding properties to continue the features of the town.

- **Preferred Sites**

Councillors considered the preferred sites in Workington with objections to sites 3/WOR/084/R and 1/WOR/056/R due to overdevelopment with insufficient infrastructure to support large scale housing developments.

- **Retail Sites**

Councillors raised concerns about the Retail site 3/WOR/086/S as this option would see the Workington losing one of its main car parks putting a lot of pressure on the Multi-storey car park, as Brow Top Car Park is consistently meeting its capacity from its users. There would be a need to consider a provision for car parking alongside any retail development.

- **Lower Derwent Valley Policy**

Councillor M Rollo declared an interest and removed himself from discussions for this policy.

Councillors agreed that there was a need to have an overarching policy for the Lower Derwent Valley. However, it was noted that the Tesco store was not included and should be considered a part of any future development.

**Resolved:** To include these recommendations in the consultation of Allerdale Borough Council's Local Plan (Part 2).

The meeting closed at 20:05