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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 22 March 2016 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington.

Yours faithfully

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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 Last Meeting

To receive the minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2016 and affirm them as a true record.

5. Youthwork in Northside

To receive an update from the clerk on the progress made following the previous meeting, in the light of Groundwork NE's withdrawal from community support activities in Cumbria.

6. Community Grants

To consider making grants as follows

a) High Harrington Community Centre

£900

General repairs to the fabric of the building

b) Workington Sea Cadets

Up to £3,800

The Sea Cadets have asked if the council would consider helping to finance the replacement heating system for TS Vanguard. No formal application has yet been made so the decision would be 'in principle' subject to application.

c) Healthy Hopes Ltd Community Interest Company

£300

Health and well-being sessions in Northside Community Centre.

7. Business Plan and Local Council Award Scheme

To consider the development of the council's business plan to match the medium term financial plan and to review how elements of the Local Council Award Scheme might help this process.

Background

The council has reviewed its budget plans for the coming year and has made some limited predictions for future years, however the Policy and Resources Committee now needs to consider the direction of future council activity and to make recommendations to the council. The framework for initial analysis can be provided by the Local Council Award Scheme, which is the successor to the Quality Parish Scheme. The council does not necessarily have to sign up to the award scheme, but the published criteria do provide a limited 'health check' on the council's progress so far. You can view the scheme here: <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/improvement-and-development/local-council-award-scheme>. Committee members will receive a hard copy of the guide to the scheme.

Decision Required

The committee should make a recommendation to council on the development of a business plan and the use of the Local Council Award Scheme.

