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Minutes of the Culture & Social Investment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 14th April 2026, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair)	Present	Cllr Susan Martin (Vice Chair)	Absent*
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Neil Schofield	Absent
Cllr Paul Larkin	Absent*	Cllr Stephen Stoddart	Absent*
Cllr John Mills	Present	Cllr David Tennyson	Present
Cllr Patricia Poole	Present	Cllr Joan Wright	Present

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO. 1 representative from Everyone Here. Vicki Tatton, Admin & Events Assistant WTC.

C25.72 Absences: Notified absences prior to the meeting were noted from Cllr Larkin, Cllr Martin and Cllr Stoddart.

C25.73 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mills advised that his daughter is a singer with Carnegie Singers. Cllr Mills did not partake in the discussion with regards to funding for Carnegie Singers.

C25.74 Exclusion of Press and Public: None

C25.75 Public Representation: None

C25.76 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 10th February 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

C25.77 Public Questions: None

C25.78 Questions and Statements from Members: None

C25.79 Motions on Notice: None

C25.80 Budget

a) Committee noted the year end budget report 2025-2026.

b) Committee noted the 2026-2027 budget monitoring report YTD.

C25.81 Events Programme 2026-2027

Committee received an update from Kieran from Everyone Here with regards to Party in the Park plans. A meeting has been held with Cumberland Athletics Club with regards to Festival of Running and plans are progressing well.

C25.82 Christmas Lights

Resolved: To allocate £450 to increase the size of the motifs on lampposts around Uldale Street car park.

Resolved: To allocate £226 to dress three additional trees to link Uldale Street car park and The Entertainer areas with Christmas lights.

Resolved: To allocate £229 to provide lights for the Harrington tree, if a member of the public is purchasing a tree again this year.

Resolved: To allocate £3,389 for a cone tree outside The Entertainer and Bensons for Beds

Resolved: To request a contribution / sponsorship from local businesses to the town's Christmas lights.

Additional costs are allowed for in the current Christmas lights budget.

C25.83 Funding

Committee noted feedback reports for information.

Resolved: To provide up to £500 funding for Carnegie Singers; Officers to investigate actual funds required and allocate as needed.

Committee could not make a decision with regards to the funding request from Workington Reds in the Community as additional information is required such as services provided in Workington, other funding sources etc.

Meeting ended at 7.28pm.

SUMMARY - Culture and Social Investment Budget 2026-27

Code	Event	Confirmed Budget	Income	Committed	Invoiced	Difference
4510	Sport	£6,000.00	£359.96	£3,850.00	£756.37	£1,753.59
4545	Christmas	£90,000.00	£0.00	£87,035.26	£0.00	£2,964.74
4595	Youth & Social Investment	£28,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£23,000.00
4655	Festival of Running	£12,000.00	£0.00	£11,263.87	£720.95	£15.18
4652	Party in the Park	£25,000.00	£0.00	£24,968.39	£0.00	£31.61
4650	Cultural Celebrations	£21,100.00	£0.00	£6,691.53	£9,400.00	£5,008.47
4590	Funding	£8,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	£7,500.00
4580	Cultural Marketing	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total		£196,100.00	£359.96	£144,809.05	£11,377.32	£40,273.59



CULTURE & SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 10
Meeting date: Tuesday 7 th July 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Workington Arts and Music Festival Report	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider any input the council can give to the event.

2. DETAIL

Cumberland Council contacted officers to inform them they had secured funding for an arts and music event in Workington, with plans to include walkabout theatre, music, arts and culture activities as well as a market on Murray Road.

The Deputy Proper Officer attended an informal introduction meeting on 18th June. In attendance were representatives of Cumberland Council (Arts, Culture and Heritage), Cumberland Council Markets, Soundwave, Cumbria Archive and the Carnegie Theatre.

A proposed date of 12th September 2026 was put forward for the one-day festival. The suggested programme of events included family focussed street events in the town centre during the day along with a street market on Murray Road, followed by live music acts in pubs in the evening and a comedy event to close off the events, either in the Carnegie or Theatre Royal.

A steering group meeting was agreed, date tbc.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at present



About this form

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If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we ask that you return this form as an interim report and then submit a final report no later than eight months after receiving the grant.

1. Organisation Name:

The Harrington Youth Club

2. Date grant was awarded:

28/02/2026

3. Amount of grant awarded:

£200

4. Purpose of grant:

Free Community Easter Egg Hunt to encourage time as a family, time outdoors, exercise, confidence/self esteem and community spirit

5. Please describe how your grant was used:

Grant was used to buy Easter eggs so there was over 200 eggs hidden in the local area for children and families to find

6. Is your project/event finished: YES

If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion:

7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:

Nearly all the easter eggs were found easter Sunday, with many local families out walking, exploring and spending time together- the eggs not found have then been donated to any children who didn't find eggs on the day

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event? 7

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?

Approx 150 direct beneficiaries attending the event, Approx 250 beneficiaries including non-direct (parents at home being able to have time while other family members attended the event, or older siblings being able to have time with friends while younger siblings attended, for example)

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?
(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants)

The funding has made great difference to the community with many families unable to afford easter eggs and treats this year with the cost of living crisis, weather turned out well so lots of children and families enjoyed the fresh air, exercise and time together building community spirit, confidence and self esteem.

One family who didn't find any eggs had 2 boys and when we let them know they could call by youth club for the eggs collected back in that were unfound- the boys could have an egg each. Mum Said "oh my goodness- You didn't have to do that, this is beyond kind- thank you!"

Everyone else sent photos and thanks- with everyone loving the event

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant

DATE	ITEM / DESCRIPTION	COST
02/02/26	Vol drinks	£11.50
11/02/26	Posters/Advertising	£12.99
11/02/26	Posters/Advertising	£3.99
03/03/2026	ASDA, 5 X EGGS	£11.60
03/03/2026	TESCO, 6 X EGGS	£13.50
06/03/2026	MORRISONS, 68 X EGGS	£67.20

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08/03/2026	BOWS/CELLOPHANE- AMAZON	£13.98
09/03/2026	MORRISONS, 15 X EGGS	£15.00
09/03/2026	MORRISONS, 8 X EGGS	£12.00
09/03/2026	B&M, 23 X EGGS	£59.27
09/03/2026	ASDA, 54 X EGGS	£75.60
13/03/2026	Vol Fuel	£40.00
16/03/2026	Vol Fuel	£30.00
17/03/2026	ASDA, 12 X EGGS + 3 BAGS	£29.04
19/03/2026	ASDA, 6 X EGGS	£8.40
	TOTAL SPENT	£404.07

197 EGGS BOUGHT

With additional 10 EGGS DONATED FROM Asda, Workington

12. What other funding (if any) was used?
(Please name the fund and the amount given)

The Harrington Youth Club covered the additional costs of £204.07

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

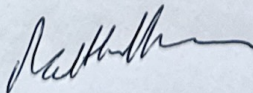
Attached to email

14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

Attached to email

I confirm that the grant awarded has been used for the purpose specified in the original application.

Sign:



Print: MATTHEW HARRISON (TREASURER)

Date: 12/04/2026

Photography Consent

We would be grateful if you would fill in this form to give us permission to use the photos which you have provided us with for our printed and online publicity. This would include Workington Town Council website and social media channels (including videos) and local newspaper and magazines.



I give permission for Workington Town Council to use the photographs I have provided them with for promotional purposes. Any individuals included in these photos have given me consent to use the photos for promotional activities.

Name of person completing the form: Matthew Harrison

Position in Organisation: Treasurer

Email address: admin@theharringtonyouthclub.co.uk



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1. Organisation Name:Pcc St Mary's Westfield
2. Date grant was awarded 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded:£800
4. Purpose of grant:To serve the local community. Promoting kindness and generosity and enabling people to reach their potential in whatever way that might be through providing accessible and inclusive activities. Reducing social isolation. Enabling people experiencing any form of social deprivation to have their best life
- 5.
6. Please describe how your grant was used:The grant was used to provide the food and drink for Wednesday Warm Welcome Breakfast
7. Is your project/event finished: | NO
If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion: This project is ongoing

8. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant: we have seen social isolation decrease on a Wednesday morning and as people have established new friendships and connections we have seen an increase in volunteering for our other groups including Westfield Community Choir.
9. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?15
10. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?1300+

11. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?
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There is excitement and a sense of hope is tangible to see on a Wednesday morning. Many people citing this time as the only time they go out during the week.
There is a sense of ownership and belonging.
We have been able to host Josh McAllister MP and The Police Commissioner and on these occasions people felt safe enough and supported to raise issues that were impacting their wellbeing.

12. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant: £800 was spent on food. The receipts are with the book keeper at the moment but we can supply them if needed.

13. What other funding (if any) was used?
(Please name the fund and the amount given)

Energy costs were paid for by Pcc St Mary's Westfield.

14. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

See attached

15. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

See attached

I confirm that the grant awarded has been used for the purpose specified in the original application.



Sign:

Print: Sharon Murphy

Date: 05/04/2026

Photography Consent

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Name of person completing the form:sharon murphy

Position in Organisation:

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Email address:rev.sharonmurphy@gmail.com



ANCHOR ORGANISATION FUNDING FEEDBACK

Organisation	Programme	Feedback	Who Benefitted	How the money was spent	
Blue Sky Trust & Eyes Open	Creative Arts and Crafts around HIV and sexual health – to deliver 4 creative activities in the community with refreshments.	February 2026: Partnered with disability charity “Owl Blue” to deliver awareness and creative sessions at Harrington Youth Club with a morning and afternoon session, reaching 25 young people & their families, 15 people. March 2026: Delivered two sessions at UTC College for young people aged 14+, reaching 410 students aged 14 to 18 and to 40 staff members in total. These sessions focused on HIV awareness and included artistic and creative engagement activities throughout. March 2026: we attended Cumbria Prides family event at the Carnegie Theatre in Workington providing education and art based creative session, although we spoke to 28 people, these were mainly adults, but most of them did take away information for their younger family members.	CYP was our direct audience and we reached 435 young people in total, there was also added benefit to staff and teachers at UTC and from family members that we also talked to at other sessions that we delivered.	With funding from yourselves and from Cumberland Council we were awarded a total of £3,410 and your funding of £2,000 was used towards this. Funding was used for: Volunteer expenses – travel, refreshments, food Marketing costs – UTC event Costs to hire rooms/stall for sessions For facilitators and creatives for the sessions Please note: Together We Can Fundraising Limited Facilitators & staff costs £2,300 Material costs £800 Total £3,100	
Cumbria Pride	We would like to run a ‘Family and Community Day’ in Workington, creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for LGBT+ individuals, families, and allies. The event will include support and information stalls, family-friendly entertainment, and activities for all ages. The event aims to promote community cohesion, visibility, and access to support across Cumbria.	We successfully delivered a community Pride-style event on Sunday 29 March 2026 at the Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre in Workington. The event included entertainment, creative activities, and opportunities for people to access information and connect with others. We welcomed around 80 attendees and created a relaxed, friendly environment which received very positive feedback. The event also enabled us to build a strong relationship with the Carnegie and its team, opening opportunities for future collaboration.	The event benefited a wide range of people from the local community, including LGBT+ individuals, allies, and particularly older people, including those living alone. Many attendees expressed that the event helped reduce feelings of isolation by providing a welcoming space to socialise and connect with others.	Venue hire: 1000 Entertainment: 500 Equipment and Resources: 400 Volunteer Costs: 100	

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Organisation	Programme	Feedback	Who Benefitted	How the money was spent	
Every Life Matters (Suicide Safer Cumbria)	Delivery of 7 suicide prevention training (bitesize awareness) targeting organizations who work with CYP across the area. This will include third sector organizations, schools (not currently engaged in suicide safer schools project) sports clubs and open sessions for parents.	The project delivered the 4 planned sessions as agreed, undertaking a combined series of face to face delivery and online training, with a further 3 online sessions scheduled for a March delivery. In total the training directly delivered to 106 individuals from across the Workington area, with an additional 68 registered for courses to be delivered in March. In terms of additional impact, we will know more upon further evaluation follow up in 3 months time, but at this stage what we can confidently say is that over 150+ individuals in our community now have confidence to speak openly and honestly about suicide and now how to support those in distress more effectively. The ripple of effect far exceeds those just in attendance at training, as these life saving skills will be taken into workplaces, community spaces and schools. Directly impacting multiple generations of people from across Workington, in a variety of different settings. Upon 3 month evaluation of our training will be able to ascertain if the skills have been put to use and how often/frequently individuals have had conversations around suicide with those they support or care for.	Direct beneficiaries include: Workington Police cadets – the young people attended and adapted version of bitesize training that focused on supporting their own MH and how to support a peer should they be concerned thoughts of suicide may be present. Parents: The parents session was fully subscribed, and we saw parents from multiple professional backgrounds in attendance. Coaches and sports teams: coaches, players and staff members from the following groups took part in the training, Workington Town Rugby Club, Empire Gym and workington ABC. Professionals and community: organizations taking part in the training included, Andysman club, NHS professionals, North allerdale development trust, Good lives, Together We, Multicultural Cumbria, Cumberland Council staff, Workington town community trust, women who CIC, Cumberland council staff , teachers from st Joes School, and various professionals involved in private sector work.	7 Suicide alertness bitesize sessions £2000	
Anti-Racist Cumbria	Proposal: A conference or ‘mini summit’ that would be an introduction to Anti Racism for schools and how schools might embed this work in their own practice Delivery: It would be a day session in 2 parts. First half looking at What is anti-racism? and how does it show up today?. Second half would be looking at how to turn some of this learning in to action across schools/clusters (including decolonising the curriculum, anti racism in schools, and The Fell We climb). We will also introduce the idea of an Anti Racist Education Lead (AREL) as an approach that might continue and support schools as they develop their anti-racism.	Awaiting Feedback			Teacher training day on 3rd July. Feedback to follow.

ANCHOR ORGANISATION FUNDING FEEDBACK

Organisation	Programme	Feedback	Who Benefitted	How the money was spent	
West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support/The Freedom Project Cumbria	We will be delivering an in-depth and interactive workshop programme at Workington Academy and St Joseph's Catholic High School, aimed at Year 9 and Year 10 students. The workshops are designed to: •Build understanding of the cycle of abuse •Help students recognise unhealthy and abusive behaviours, including misogynistic attitudes •Explore power and control dynamics in relationships •Promote respect, equality, and healthy relationships •Provide guidance on safe ways to seek help and support To ensure sessions remain interactive and meaningful, each year group will be split into four smaller groups, resulting in eight workshops per school. We believe it is vital to engage young people in open, honest, and age-appropriate conversations about relationships and behaviour. Frontline experience shows that many young people are already exposed to harmful messages around gender, relationships, and abuse whether through peer groups, online platforms, or wider social influences. By addressing these issues early, we aim to: •Challenge and prevent normalisation of abusive or misogynistic behaviour •Equip students with the tools to identify unhealthy patterns before they escalate •Encourage respect, empathy, and equality in all relationships •Break down stigma around seeking help and highlight safe support pathways •Empower young people to become active bystanders and positive role models for their peers These workshops are not only preventative but also supportive, giving students the confidence and knowledge to make safer choices and contribute to a culture of respect and equality within their schools and communities.	Awaiting Feedback			2/6/26 delay in project due to delivery of assemblies in schools instead of workshops. Feedback to follow.
Always Another Way (Improving Mental Health and Well-Being)	We propose to deliver comprehensive Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness programmes for children in schools across Workington. Our aim is to equip young people—particularly those in Year 6—with effective coping strategies and practical resources to support their emotional wellbeing, with a strong emphasis on early intervention and crisis prevention. Our delivery model includes interactive classroom sessions as well as full-school assemblies, tailored to suit the needs of each school. In addition to core mental health education, we offer engaging and evidence-based workshops such as Laughter Yoga and introduce students to a range of alternative therapeutic approaches to promote resilience, confidence, and self-awareness. Our approach is inclusive, proactive, and designed to create a lasting positive impact on young minds during a critical stage of their development.	Awaiting Feedback			Workshops being held in June 2026. Feedback to follow.

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GRANT CONSIDERATION FORM

Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:

(Provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable)

Coastal Communities

Have we received a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure:

(this as a separate document)

Please find the accounts for this year attached

Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:

(this as a separate document)

YES

Does the lead organisation have a constitution and have we received a copy

YES

Summary of the lead organisation proposal:

We want to provide the community with a bigger day than last year, we have emergency vehicles attending, the fire brigade is planning to cut up a car as a demonstration, we have a flyball team attending to show what they do and offering people the chance to give it a go. A live chainsaw demonstration. We have numerous lifeboats attending. Many stalls and vendors and musicians.

Which priority area of the Council's Five-Year Plan does your project support?

Community engagement

Please briefly explain how your project supports this priority area:

The event brings the whole community together, whether within small groups, as individuals or as big groups. The entertainment is aimed at all ages and will encourage people of all ages to sing along

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Amount of funding the lead organisation wishes to apply for:

Have we received a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent:

Have they approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.

Has the lead organisation previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, when was it, how much & what was the funding spent on?

Did we receive a grant feedback form?

When does the lead organisation need the funding by:

and dance together. It will give the whole community a chance to encounter things that are new and not able to be accessed very easily otherwise such as the lifeboat exercises, the fire brigade cutting up the car, the live chainsaw event and being able to get up close to a shire horse something which sounds so simple yet our community would otherwise struggle to experience.

£1,032.00

We would like to apply for toilets hire £240, posters and banners £350, generators and fuel £220 gazebo hire from Cumberland council (15) £225

Pfcc £2,000 refused, dobies charitable trust £450, Cumberland building society £250

Yes, in 2023 for our first Harrington Marina day we received £500 I think, unable to remember what it was used for but we filled in a form with receipts after the event and gave yourselves feedback

Cannot find form.

Before end of July at latest

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Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:

(Provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable)

STAR-Salterbeck Tenants and Residents

C.I.C company number 14913157

Have we received a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure:

(this as a separate document)

Please see document attached we don't have a more recent

Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:

(this as a separate document)

YES

Does the lead organisation have a constitution and have we received a copy

Summary of the lead organisation proposal:

NO

STAR– Salterbeck Tenants and Residents C.I.C. proposes to deliver an old fashioned Summer Fete at the Oval Centre, Salterbeck, as a community led event designed to strengthen social connections, celebrate local identity and improve community cohesion. The Summer Fete will be a free or low cost, family friendly event open to all residents of Salterbeck and the surrounding area. It will draw on traditional fete activities that are familiar, inclusive and accessible, such as classic games, stalls, raffles, children's activities, refreshments, live or local entertainment and opportunities for residents to socialise informally. By creating a welcoming environment that appeals to all ages, the fete will encourage families, older residents and individuals who may otherwise feel socially isolated to come together and take part. Salterbeck is a community where many residents experience barriers to participation, including social isolation,

financial pressures and limited access to affordable local events. The proposed Summer Fete directly addresses these challenges by providing a safe and inclusive space where residents can spend time together without financial burden. The event will help reduce isolation, support wellbeing and enable residents to feel more connected to their neighbours and their community. The Summer Fete will be delivered by STAR volunteers, supported by partner organisations including staff from the Oval Centre and Riverside. Volunteers will be involved in planning, promotion and delivery, helping to develop local skills, confidence and leadership while ensuring the event reflects the needs and interests of the community. Local groups and individuals will also be encouraged to take part through stalls, performances or activities, further strengthening community networks and participation. Community cohesion is at the heart of this proposal. The fete will provide opportunities for residents from different age groups and backgrounds to interact, build relationships and strengthen trust. Informal events such as this often act as a first step for residents who may not previously have engaged with organised activities, helping to build confidence and encouraging longer term involvement in community life. In addition to its immediate social benefits, the Summer Fete will contribute to longer term community development by raising awareness of local initiatives and encouraging residents to engage with ongoing activities delivered by STAR and its partners. Feedback will be gathered from attendees through informal conversations and simple evaluation methods to help shape future community events and ensure continued responsiveness to local needs.

GENERAL- EXTERNAL Funding from Workington Town Council will enable STAR to cover essential costs such as equipment, activities, publicity and accessibility measures, ensuring the event remains inclusive and affordable. This investment will directly support the development of a Workington Town Council Expression of Interest for Funding stronger, more connected and resilient Salterbeck, aligning closely with the Council's commitment to

Which priority area of the Council's Five-Year Plan does your project support?

Please briefly explain how your project supports this priority area:

Amount of funding the lead organisation wishes to apply for:

Have we received a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent:

Have they approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.

Has the lead organisation previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, when was it, how much & what was the funding spent on?

Did we receive a grant feedback form?

When does the lead organisation need the funding by:

supporting community development and local wellbeing

Community development

The Summer Fete supports community development by bringing residents together in an inclusive, welcoming environment that encourages social interaction and participation. By offering free or low cost, family friendly activities, the event removes financial and social barriers, enabling people of all ages and backgrounds to take part. This helps reduce isolation, build relationships and strengthen trust between neighbours. The fete is planned and delivered by local volunteers, developing skills, confidence and local leadership, while ensuring the event reflects community needs

£2,000.00

NO

NO

In 2023 we received funding to host Funday Fridays at the Oval Centre these were a series of events held during the Summer holidays for under 12's

November 2024 – Christmas Activities - £550.

FOR 2024 – NO.

31st July 2026