Workington Town Council

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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6.30pm in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair)	Present	Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Absent	Cllr Sean Melton	Absent
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent	Cllr John Mills	Present
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Hilary Harrington	Present
Cllr Susan Martin	Present	Cllr Patricia Poole	Present

Also in attendance: Deputy Proper Officer.

Committee was supplied with a printed copy of the additional report for Item 14 prior to the meeting.

E26.15 Absences: No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

E26.16 Declarations of Interest: None.

E26.17 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

E26.18 Public Representation: None.

E26.19 Minutes of the previous meeting
Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 9th July 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

E26.20 Public Questions: None.

E26.21 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

E26.22 Motions on Notice: None.

E26.23 Budget Monitoring 2026/27
Committee noted the report for information.
Councilors requested updated commitments for the Workington Nature Partnership and Play Areas to be included in future reports.

E26.24 Budget 2027/28
While discussions are continuing with Cumberland Council regarding responsibilities for play areas and recreation areas in the town, committee agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

E26.25 Play Areas

Committee noted the report for information.

Resolved: Officers to contact Cumberland Council to progress the works at Springfield Play Area.

Resolved: To purchase and install goal posts at a cost of £1,250 following completion of remedial work to the site by Cumberland Council.

E26.26 Streetscene

a) Miners' bench

Committee noted the report for information.

b) Miners' Memorial

Committee noted the report for information.

c) Memorial bench

Committee were informed that permission to site the memorial bench in the Walled Garden had been confirmed.

Resolved: To purchase the memorial bench at a cost of £507 and arrange installation in the Walled Garden.

d) Workington Town Deal Board

Cllr Heaslip gave an oral report on the outcomes of the latest Workington Town Deal Board meeting.
The recently opened Innovation Centre has begun letting space with 38% uptake so far and further spaces under negotiation.
Reclamation works on both tank terminals at the Port of Workington is complete.
Reclamation works to the Oldside area are complete with the exception of an amount pig iron buried on the site which requires specialist removal.
The wayfinding project for the town centre is progress with designs finalised. Maintenance provisions for the signage and planters are being discussed.
The Workington Sports Village is now to be managed by a dedicated project board within Cumberland Council, with an expected completion date sometime in 2028.

E26.27 Vulcan Park

a) Park End Shelter

Committee noted the expenditure approved under SO28 for the Park End Shelter paths.

b) Vulcan Park Hydration Station

Following the hot summer it has been suggested that a hydration station be sited in Vulcan Park. Initial estimates obtained make it unlikely that the budget would allow for the project this year it was proposed that the station could be purchased in this financial year with installation to be included in the 2027/28 budget.

Resolved: Officers to investigate further and obtain itemised project costs to install a hydration station in Vulcan Park.

E26.28 Workington Nature Partnership

Committee noted the report for information.

Resolved: Officers to contact Cumberland Council again regarding the status of the silt filters in place at Harrington Reservoir.

The meeting ended at 7:13pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At 05-Nov

		Current Year 2026/27							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 05-Nov-26	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 05-Nov-26
120	**Environment**								
4705	Environmental Activities	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	(1,000)	1,000	**3,000**
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	**3,000**
4730	Nature Partnership	45,500	0	0	0	45,500	650	23,500	**21,350**
4810	Streetscene	39,000	0	0	0	39,000	27,145	240	**11,615**
4830	Vulcan Park	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	14,803	3,753	**1,444**
4840	Play Areas	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	1,000	0	**49,000**
4850	Allotments	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	12,111	4,268	**(379)**
4860	Estate Management	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	9,268	1,242	**29,490**
4870	Estate Development	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	(1,124)	9,359	**1,765**
		226,500	**0**	**0**	**0**	**226,500**	**62,853**	**43,361**	**120,286**

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 11
Meeting date: 12th November 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Play Areas	

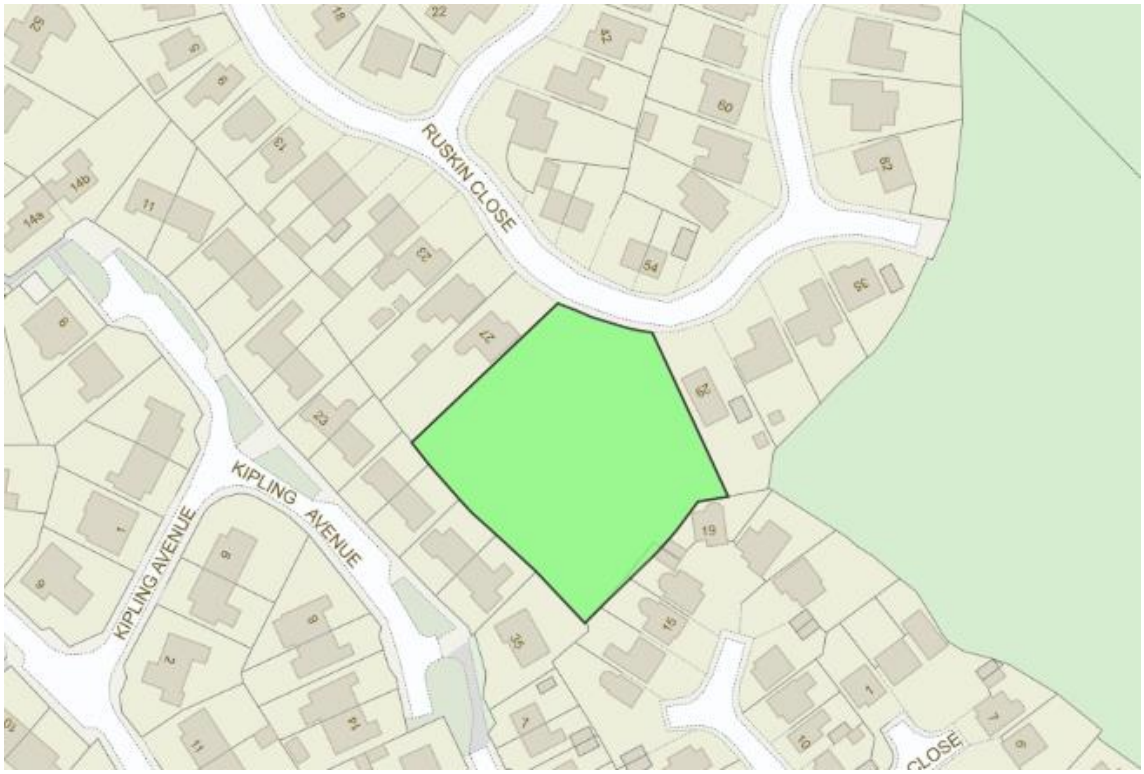
1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
   Officers to contact Cumberland Council about the possible use of the land to site a play area.
   Officers to investigate costs for a play area containing equipment in line with committee's recommendations.

2. **DETAIL**
   It has been requested that the town council look to site a play area on an area of open ground at Ruskin Close, High Harrington.

   Initial investigations show that this land is owned by Cumberland Council and the register of title includes the following covenant:

   The Council hereby covenants with the Company for the benefit of the Estate and any and every part thereof that the land hereby transferred or any part thereof shall not without the consent in writing of the Company be used except for one or more of the following purposes:-
   (i) as open space and amenity and for public use and non commercial purposes associated and compatible therewith
   (ii) for non-commercial planting landscaping and/or environmental treatment works
   (iii) for public recreation and for social amenity and play area purposes and non commercial use of a similar nature

The original planning application for the estate doesn't include the provision of a play area and Cumberland's land charges register shows no record of a Section 106 (current or expired) in the area.



3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None at this time.

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 13
Meeting date: 12th November 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Vulcan Park	

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS**
   a. Note the report for information
   b. Note the report for information

2. **DETAIL**
   a. **Cumbria in Bloom**
   The council submitted Vulcan Park for consideration in the Cumbria in Bloom 2026 “Pride in Your Community” category, being awarded a Silver Gilt medal.

   b. **Trees**
   Following storms Austen and Boelo in October, the Estates Team had to remove two trees from the park which had been felled by the high winds and remove unsafe branches from a third. All the works were carried out in-house.

3. **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**
   a. None
   b. None

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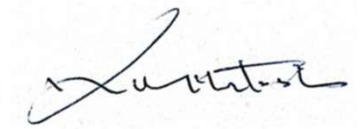
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This certificate is presented to:

Vulcan Park by Workington Town Council

in acknowledgement of your participation in Cumbria in Bloom
Pride in Your Community 2026, and is awarded a

SILVER GILT MEDAL



KEITH MCINTOSH
CHAIRMAN

CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

June 2026 Workington Nature Partnership

Sessions at Harrington Nature Reserve have included:

Session to trim back overhanging branches from top path to improve pedestrian access. Trim steps up to wildflower meadow. Remove overhanging willow branches from style gate. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Session to strim path edges from picnic table to factory triangle. Rake paths. Trim top path using long reach hedge cutter. Site wide litter pick. (6 vols, 30 hours).

Session to strim path edges from factory triangle to woodland clearing. Strim from cycle path entrance to concrete bridge. Rake and blow paths. Strim path through wildflower meadow. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 25 hours.)

Session to tidy main entrance. Strim grass around picnic bench. Trim hedge and overhanging branches. Cut back nettles from pond view point. Trim grass in meadow in Jubilee park. (3 vols, 15 hours).

Session to tidy round dipping pond. Remove bramble from Jubilee field. Strim and rake around mound. Meet Cumbria In Bloom Judges for site tour and meet with vols. (

Sessions at Siddick ponds have included:

Session at bird hide to strip paths back in. Remove fallen tree. Create dead hedge. Balsam clearance in woodland area. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Session at Woodland area adjacent to Edgar's. Balsam clearance. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 15 hours).

Session at woodland behind Iggesund. Strim balsam. Hand pull balsam. (6 vols, 30 hours).

Other sessions have included:

Beach clean at Harrington sailing club. (7 vols, 11 hours).

Balsam pull in Hall Park woodlands. (3 vols, 3 hours).

Session at Hall Park, cut back nettles around skate park. Open up tree canopy on path way. Tidy burnt branches from behind skate park. Sycamore sapling removal. Litter pick. (3 vols. 9 hours).

Work experience students from: Workington Academy (3), Whitehaven Academy (1)

Students will be taken to various meetings with Raegan, attend volunteer sessions across the Nature reserves, spend a day with Anni at Vulcan Park as part of the estate team, and do a beach clean and survey and site tours of Wildflower areas.

July 2026 Workington Nature Partnership Report.

Sessions at Harrington Nature Reserve have included:

Session to remove balsam around pond. Remove bramble from overhanging paths. Strimmer maintenance and service. (7 vols, 35 hours).

Sessions at Siddick ponds have included:

Session at the bird hide. 4 volunteers attended a strimmer training course with John Jones training. 4 vols pulled balsam in meadow. (8 vols, 48 hours).

Other sessions have included:

Session at Camerton brick works. Strim and rake path edges. Strim and rake meadow areas. Remove fallen tree overhanging path. Create dead hedge with brash. Balsam pull. Strimmer demonstration. Site wide litter pick. (9 vols, 40 hours).

Beach clean at Harrington sailing club. (9 vols, 18 hours).

Beach clean at Shore road car park/ McDonald's beach, with students from sixth form academy. (39 students, 100 hours).

Strimmer training to upskill volunteers held at Birdhide. Strim training funded by Town Council. PPE provided by Cumberland Council. (4 vols, 24 hours).

Balsam pull in Hall Park woodlands. (3 vols, 4.5 hours).

Session at Old steelworks site, Salterbeck to collect kidney vetch seed to distribute across other sites. (6 vols, 18 hours).

Session at Ellerbeck meadow to meet Fibrus representatives to view meadow and pull balsam. (5 volunteers, 10 hours).

Work experience student spending the week with Raegan doing site visits, attending volunteer sessions, participate in school sessions, a day with the estate team with Anni in Vulcan Park and a beach clean and litter pick survey.

Session with students from sixth form academy to do the annual balsam bash in Hall Park and Mill Field. (39 students, 156 hours).

August 2026 Workington Nature Partnership Report

Sessions at Harrington Nature Reserve have included:

Session to remove willow from middle island. Dead hedge made. Site wide litter pick. (4 vols, 20 hours).

Session to finish clearing middle island. Dipping pond remains low. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Sessions at Siddick Ponds have included:

Session at top meadow working with corporate volunteers from Westing House, to remove balsam and ragwort. Site wide litter pick. (16 vols, 32 hours).

Session at woodland behind Iggesund to pull balsam. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Other sessions have included:

Session at Hall Park to widen paths with strimmer. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 25 hours).

Session at Camerton brick works to remove balsam. Strkm meadow area. Site wide litter pick. (6 vols, 30 hours).