

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Minutes of the Culture & Social Investment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

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

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO. 1 representative from Everyone Here.

**C25.59 Absences:** No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

**C25.60 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Poole advised there is mention of Workington Heritage Group in reports. Cllr Larkin advised he is a volunteer for Harrington Youth Club. No discussions would require Cllrs to leave the room.

**C25.61 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None

**C25.62 Public Representation:** None

### **C25.63 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and affirmed them a true record.

**C25.64 Public Questions:** None

**C25.65 Questions and Statements from Members:** None

**C25.66 Motions on Notice:** None

### **C25.67 Events Programme 2026-2027**

Committee noted the report from Officers and were given a presentation from Everyone Here with regards to delivering the Council's events programme for the next year.

Committee discussed in detail the risks and considerations to the proposal and agreed to the one-year contract.

The budget was discussed. As per delegated authority from Council, this will have final approval from Chairs/Vice Chairs of Culture & F&GP, Mayor and CO.

**Resolved:** To appoint Everyone Here to execute the Council's events 2026-2027.

1 representative from Everyone Here left the meeting.

#### **C25.68 Funding**

- a) **Resolved:** To provide funding of £200 to Harrington Youth Club for Easter activities and stipulate the funding is for the children and not for volunteers' expenses.
- b) Committee noted the feedback report from Workington Music Festival.

#### **C25.69 Budget 2026-2027**

Committee noted the approved budget 2026-2027.

#### **C25.70 Tennis Programme**

Committee discussed the report and positive feedback since the courts were opened in June 2025. CO to send actual income received to committee.

**Resolved:** To approve the tennis programme 2026 and budget of £3,850 from the 26-27 sport budget.

#### **C25.71 Living Heritage**

Committee noted the report and agreed Uppies and Downies should be registered. A question was asked with regards to the long-standing music festival and if this would be considered. CO to investigate.

**Resolved:** To register Uppies and Downies as a Living Heritage.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm.

## Detailed Culture and Social Investment Budget 2025-26

Code	Event	Confirmed Budget	Income	Committed	Invoiced	Difference
4545	Christmas Festival	£30,000.00	£0.00	£1,537.68	£27,741.69	£720.63
4545	Christmas Lights	£60,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£56,515.81	£3,484.19
<b>4545</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>£90,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,537.68</b>	<b>£84,257.50</b>	<b>£4,204.82</b>
<b>4580</b>	<b>Cultural Marketing</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>4590</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>£15,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£14,996.00</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
4595	Schools Competition	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£861.80	£2,138.20
4595	Science Workshops	£4,000.00	£0.00	£192.40	£2,386.50	£1,421.10
4595	Teddy Bear's Picnic	£3,000.00	£0.00	£200.00	£2,285.69	£514.31
4595	Youth & Social Investment	£7,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,627.96	£3,372.04
4595	Citizens Advice	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
<b>4595</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Social Investment</b>	<b>£22,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£392.40</b>	<b>£14,161.95</b>	<b>£7,445.65</b>
4650	Armed Forces Day support	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£304.06	£295.94
4650	Cultural Celebrations	£10,000.00	£0.00	£900.91	£5,893.80	£3,205.29
4650	Easter	£2,100.00	£0.00	£150.00	£1,837.96	£112.04
4650	Halloween	£10,000.00	£300.00	£376.00	£10,037.93	<b>-£113.93</b>
4650	Oddsocks	£15,500.00	£0.00	£41.31	£14,234.85	£1,223.84
4650	Pride Event	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
4650	VE Day Beacon Lighting	£1,500.00	£0.00	£103.74	£1,254.46	£141.80
<b>4650</b>	<b>Cultural Celebrations</b>	<b>£44,700.00</b>	<b>£300.00</b>	<b>£1,571.96</b>	<b>£35,563.06</b>	<b>£7,864.98</b>
<b>4652</b>	<b>Party in the Park</b>	<b>£25,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£24,395.60</b>	<b>£504.40</b>
<b>4655</b>	<b>Festival of Running</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£700.00</b>	<b>£9,179.34</b>	<b>£120.66</b>
<b>4685</b>	<b>Reach Out</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£10,616.82</b>	<b>-£716.82</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£222,700.00</b>	<b>£300.00</b>	<b>£4,402.04</b>	<b>£199,170.27</b>	<b>£19,427.69</b>

## Detailed Culture and Social Investment Budget 2026-27

Code	Event	Confirmed Budget	Income	Committed	Invoiced	Difference
4545	Christmas Festival	£33,000.00	£0.00	£32,958.26	£0.00	£41.74
4545	Christmas Lights	£57,000.00	£0.00	£48,083.00	£0.00	£8,917.00
<b>4545</b>	<b>Christmas</b>	<b>£90,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£81,041.26</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£8,958.74</b>
<b>4580</b>	<b>Cultural Marketing</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>4590</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>£8,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£8,000.00</b>
4595	Schools Competition	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
4595	Youth & Social Investment	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
4595	Citizens Advice	£5,000.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>4595</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Social Investment</b>	<b>£28,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£5,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£23,000.00</b>
4650	Armed Forces Day support	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00
4650	Cultural Celebrations	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
4650	Oddsocks	£15,500.00	£0.00	£15,491.53	£0.00	£8.47
<b>4650</b>	<b>Cultural Celebrations</b>	<b>£21,100.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£15,491.53</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£5,608.47</b>
<b>4510</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>£6,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,850.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£2,150.00</b>
4652	Party in the Park	£25,000.00	£0.00	£24,968.39	£0.00	£31.61
4655	Festival of Running	£12,000.00	£0.00	£11,984.82	£0.00	£15.18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£196,100.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£148,336.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£47,764.00</b>



<b>CULTURE &amp; SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 10</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	
<b>From:</b> Chief Officer/RFO	
<b>Title: Events Programme</b>	

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

Committee to note the update for information.

**2. DETAIL**

**An update from Everyone Here**

Party in the Park planning is progressing well, with strong input gathered through the first Creative Steering Group, which has shaped a clear and ambitious creative direction for the event. A central idea emerging from this session is a “**Fancy Dress Year**” theme, with a strong invitation for all attendees to come in costume. This will be supported by a wide range of competitions across the day, including early years, under 8s, under 11s, under 14s, under 18s, cosplay, family and friends’ categories, as well as a “Best Costume of the Party” award. Additional moments such as a family ABBA performance category and raffle will further animate the day, with all competition winners receiving vouchers to spend with local stallholders. These activities are planned to take place within a dedicated community performance space, programmed to complement (rather than compete with) the Oddsocks Shakespeare performance.

Alongside this, plans include a Youth Talent Show (£100 prize) and “Workington’s Got Talent” (£200 prize), helping foreground local creativity. We are continuing to build momentum with a wider stakeholder group meeting scheduled for next week, where these ideas will be shared, tested and refined with partners and local organisations. In parallel, we have secured initial quotes for key infrastructure including waste management, security, and toilet provision, enabling more detailed planning around site layout and delivery.

The Creative Steering Group also generated a rich programme of activity designed to appeal to a wide cross-section of the community. This includes a Northern Soul and Mods tent with DJ sets and dance workshops, a live performance and exhibition tent perhaps featuring extracts of the play *Steel* (Lee Mattinson) with potential involvement from local theatres, and historical and fashion elements linked to Workington's heritage through partners such as Helena Thompson Museum and local artists like Janice Murray.

There are proposals for an outdoor cinema space (potentially with Eden Arts/Cine North), a Renaissance Fair-style area with costumed performers and "trinket trading," and a range of creative activities including badge making and participatory workshops.

The event will feature approximately 25 trader stalls, carefully zoned (professional, emerging, food & drink, and third sector), with a strong development opportunity for care-experienced young people through mentored stalls. Family-focused activity will be located near the play park, including face painting and seating areas, while the main stage programme will combine a potential "headline draw" with local acts, this could be supported by a local company like Soundwave. Additional attractions such as mini golf and axe throwing are being explored to encourage longer attendance time.

Marketing will prioritise print distribution alongside digital, targeting schools, colleges, community groups and local networks, with flyers for Oddsocks now complete and ready for distribution to schools after half term. There is also an ambition to extend the event into the wider town through a themed shop window trail and scavenger hunt, alongside contingency planning to utilise the Carnegie Theatre if required, potentially including an evening Northern Soul-linked afterparty. Overall, planning is progressing strongly across creative, operational and engagement strands, with a clear identity and growing local collaboration.

The Creative Steering Group will sign off the event structure 'approach' via email over the coming weeks and the advertisement for stall holders will be circulated this week. As two members could not make the meeting, we are also meeting with them one to one this week. In total we have 8 members so far.

Advertisement for trainee Creative Producer will go out this month.

Everyone Here are meeting with council and Festival of Running group on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Update from Officers**

There were no tenders received following the advert for the Lead Event and Production Company. Fluid Productions have confirmed they wish to carry out the staging, lighting, AV etc part of the events, but not the other elements.

Therefore, following discussion with Everyone Here, Fluid Productions have been appointed for staging, AV etc and Everyone Here will take on the other elements with support and guidance from WTC and Fluid.

All this means is that Everyone Here will appoint and manage the other production and logistical elements for us; first aid, security, welfare etc. Suppliers will be paid direct by WTC.

There is no change to the costs that have already been approved by Council, but a slight re-distribution which will look like the below:

Programme Content Costs	Everyone Here	£34,460
-------------------------	---------------	---------

Production Management Costs	Everyone Here	£17,000
Marketing Costs	Everyone Here	£12,372
Staffing Costs	Everyone Here	£24,920
	EH Total	£88,752
Production/Logistics Costs	Managed by EH, paid direct by WTC	£36,351
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£125,103</b>

### 3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

This will be paid out of the following budgets:

Culture and Social Investment Individual Events Budgets (Party in the Park, Oddsocks, Festival of Running and Christmas Festival) - £85,500

Culture and Social Investment Cultural Marketing Budget - £6,000

F & GP Staff Associated Costs - £33,700 (£40K available if needed, £28,000 in 26-27 budget plus budget adjustment of £12,000 approved at last FC meeting).

**Total = £125,200.**



<b>CULTURE &amp; SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 11</b>
<b>Meeting date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	
<b>From: Chief Officer/RFO</b>	
<b>Title: Christmas Lights 2026-2027</b>	

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

Committee to consider additions to the current Christmas lighting scheme for 2026-2027.

**2. DETAIL**

The Christmas light contractor has provided some additional costs for some suggested enhancements to the current scheme.

Costs are annual, so commitment can be made for year one to measure impact and doesn't have to continue for future years.

- Increase the size of the motifs outside Marks and Spencer's from 1.5m to 3m @ £450.
- Projector on HSBC building @ £915. – this would show Christmas images, we would need permission from HSBC
- 3 additional trees outside The Entertainer (along Washington Street) @ £226 – lights in trees to join M & S car park with the area outside entertainer/Bensons
- Harrington tree @ £229.
- Icicles on Marks and Spencer's building (permission required) @ £899.
- Cone tree @ £3,389 – this wasn't in the original quote, but I assume we still want this outside The Entertainer/Bensons for Beds

**3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:  
£6,108**

There is money in the Christmas lights 2026-2027 budget to cover this if committee wishes.



## About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

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: West Cumbria Search and Rescue
2. Date grant was awarded: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded: £600.00
4. Purpose of grant: Cost towards New Vehicle
5. Please describe how your grant was used: The Grant helped us purchase and new command vehicle.
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:  
By purchasing this new command vehicle we are able to set up a command station when we are tasked to call outs by Cumbria Police to look for missing people within the cumbria area.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event? 2
9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity? Since buying the new command vehicle, last year we attended 15 call outs.
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)

This has helped the Charity in being able to set up a command station when out looking for missing people in the West Cumbria Area.

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant: £600 went towards the cost if the overall figure in buying the new command vehicle.
12. What other funding (if any) was used?  
(Please name the fund and the amount given)
13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.
14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).



## About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

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: Workington Amateur Operatic Society
2. Date grant was awarded: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded: £500
4. Purpose of grant: October 2025 production of West Side Story

5. Please describe how your grant was used: Provision of costumes. Each production costs around £3,000 for costumes alone and, whilst we make what we can and members obtain sponsorship, we are unable to cover the full costs.

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: As a 'not for profit' organisation the financial support provided by Workington Town Council has been invaluable and has enabled us to break even with our 2025 productions.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event? We have 100 adult members and 70 juniors and minis. As this was an adult production almost all the adult members were involved in some way. Those not in the cast assist making the set, costumes, backstage support, sound, lighting, front of house on show nights etc

How many people benefitted from your project/activity? Apart from the members the production was performed over 5 nights to an audience totalling almost 1500 people

9. 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)

Apart from the members of our society, we hope that we been able to support the Carnegie Theatre and enhance the cultural experience for the local community of Workington and West Cumbria.

10. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant: The full grant was used for the provision of costumes.

11. What other funding (if any) was used?

(Please name the fund and the amount given) Dobies Charitable Fund for £500

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

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

Workington Town Council  
Grant Feedback Form



Workington Town Council  
Grant Feedback Form





## **About this form**

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

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: St Mary's Church, Harrington
2. Date grant was awarded: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded: £250
4. Purpose of grant: To purchase materials for making kites at the annual Harbour Day community event
5. Please describe how your grant was used:  
We bought the materials we needed to make the kites
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:  
We made 92 kites for children attending the event.

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

12

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

At least 250 passed through our tent, and took part in the variety of activities we had on offer, including the 92 children who made kites

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 children thoroughly enjoyed making their kites, improving mental wellbeing for the whole family. It was a significant contribution to the enjoyment of the event as a whole for the families who attended the Harbour Day, improving the social cohesion of the community.

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

100% of the grant was spent on craft materials for the kites.

12. What other funding (if any) was used?

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

St Mary's PCC covered the balance of costs – estimated to be around £75

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

Poster attached

Publicity generally for the event as a whole was produced by Coastal Communities

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

Please see the photos on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064792056627/search/?q=marina%20day>

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk



## GRANT CONSIDERATION FORM

**Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:**

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

*Carnegie Singers  
Charity Number: 1052386*

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

*(this as a separate document)*

*Document attached to email*

**Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:**

*(this as a separate document)*

*Document attached to email*

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

YES

**Summary of the lead organisation proposal:**

*We would be incredibly grateful if you could help towards the costs for our summer concert at Moorclose Community Theatre. Most of our choir members are retired; many are over 65 years in age and on limited pensions. As a group we continually face financial obstacles as we try to perform our varied concerts and unfortunately our running costs have increased greatly in the last few years. Receiving grants periodically from various sources helps in maintaining the vitality and ongoing financial viability of the Carnegie Singers, thereby maintaining the groups' ability to continue to hire its local performance and practice venues. Our concerts in previous years were very well attended and enjoyed by everyone. The accompanying orchestra always consists of local musicians who enjoy playing with us for any performance. Our main concert this year*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



*is on July 4th at Moorclose Community Theatre and for you to help in the overall funding of the concert, ensures that the Carnegie Singers can continue to perform at the highest quality for the people of Workington to appreciate and enjoy. Singing regularly in a local choir enhances the members' wellbeing and gives them a good sense of purpose and community. Performing in a concert after weeks of rehearsals gives the whole choir a feeling of pride and a profound sense of achievement. Our audiences are always very appreciative of the standard of singing we produce. We hope to achieve the positive feedback from the audience that we receive after all our concerts in the Workington area. . In recent years we started an initiative to involve choirs from local junior schools to sing alongside us in our concerts. This has proved to be an enormous success and the children love singing with the older generation. Both the parents and the children are grateful for this opportunity to perform at the concerts and we will be collaborating with Victoria Junior School again this summer.*

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

*Social Investment*

**Please briefly explain how your project supports this priority area:**

*Our concert promotes the benefits of singing within a choir and the enjoyment of listening to music for the people of Workington. Many studies have shown that singing offers significant physical, mental, and social health benefits for older adults, acting as a low-cost, engaging, and aerobic activity. It strengthens respiratory muscles, improves lung capacity, reduces anxiety, and enhances mood. Group singing, such as in choirs, fosters a sense of community, camaraderie, and purpose, which is vital for reducing loneliness in older adults. Multigenerational participation by the*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS  
Telephone: 01900 702986  
Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



**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:**

*children, choir members and the audience showcase our heritage and culture.*

*Any amount please. Attached to email is a full estimate of income and expenditure for the project*

*Document attached to email*

*Not yet.*

*September 2024 - £620*

*YES*

*July 4th 2026*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk



## GRANT CONSIDERATION FORM

**Name of the lead organisation and any partner organisations:**

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

*Lead. Workington Reds CIC - 16648469  
Partner. Workington AFC Ltd - 00176420*

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

*(this as a separate document)*

*Document attached to email*

**Have we received a copy of the last bank statement:**

*(this as a separate document)*

*Document attached to email*

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

YES

**Summary of the lead organisation proposal:**

*Workington AFC currently delivers a weekly pan disability football programme for adults in the local community, providing inclusive and structured opportunities for individuals with a range of physical and learning disabilities. The project currently supports 30 participants, organised into three teams, who take part in weekly training sessions supported by lead coaches and volunteers. In addition to weekly sessions, participants compete in monthly fixtures held in Carlisle. As none of the participants are able to drive, accessible transport is essential to ensure they can attend fixtures and remain included in the wider football community.*

*Our plan is to continue delivering high quality, inclusive sessions in a safe and supportive environment, alongside regular competitive opportunities. Sessions are designed to be adaptable and engaging, enabling all*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



*participants to develop skills, confidence, and enjoyment regardless of ability.*

*The project is delivered efficiently through the commitment of volunteers, minimising staffing costs while maximising impact.*

*Funding will be used directly to cover essential delivery costs, including facility hire, transport, kit and equipment, and coaching support.*

*Currently, the club subsidises the programme at a cost of approximately £6,000 per year.*

*While this has enabled the project to grow and demonstrate clear impact, it is not sustainable without external funding. This application seeks support to secure the long term future of a proven and valued community initiative.*

*This project represents strong value for money, delivering weekly engagement for 30 adults with disabilities at a relatively low annual cost. It provides consistent, structured activity that contributes to improved physical health, mental wellbeing, and social inclusion. By offering regular opportunities for participation and competition, the programme helps reduce social isolation and supports individuals who may otherwise have limited access to community activities.*

*The key objectives are to increase participation in sport for adults with disabilities, improve wellbeing, and build confidence, teamwork, and social skills. The programme also strengthens community cohesion by providing an inclusive environment where participants feel valued and connected.*

*Anticipated outcomes include sustained participation, improved fitness and mental wellbeing, increased confidence, and stronger social connections. Participants benefit not only from physical activity but also from the opportunity to represent their community in competitive fixtures, which has a significant positive impact on self-esteem and sense of belonging.*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



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

**Please briefly explain how your project supports this priority area:**

*By supporting this project, Workington Town Council will be helping to sustain an established, inclusive programme that delivers measurable community benefit and enhances the quality of life for local residents with disabilities.*

*This project supports the Council's priority of **Social Investment**, with additional alignment to **Community Engagement**.*

*The pan-disability football programme improves physical and mental wellbeing, reduces social isolation, and provides inclusive opportunities for adults with disabilities who face barriers to participation. It supports 30 local participants to become more active, confident, and socially connected.*

*The project also strengthens community engagement through volunteer involvement and by creating a strong sense of belonging. Participants represent Workington AFC in competitive fixtures, promoting community pride.*

*Overall, the programme contributes to a thriving, inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to take part and flourish.*

*This project supports the Council's **Social Investment** priority by providing adults with disabilities in Workington with regular, inclusive football sessions. It improves physical health, mental wellbeing, and reduces social isolation for 30 participants who might otherwise have limited access to sport and community activities.*

*The programme removes barriers by providing volunteer support and transport to*

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



*fixtures, ensuring everyone can take part. It builds confidence, teamwork, and social skills, helping participants feel valued and connected to their community.*

*By enabling participants to represent Workington AFC in competitive fixtures, the project also promotes community pride and inclusion. Volunteers gain skills and experience, further strengthening local engagement.*

*Overall, the programme is a cost-effective investment in people, supporting a healthier, more active, and socially connected community.*

**Amount of funding the lead organisation wishes to apply for:**

<i>Transport</i>	<i>2,500</i>	<i>Minibuses for monthly fixtures in Carlisle which is essential as participants cannot drive. 10 fixtures at £250 each</i>
<i>Facility Hire</i>	<i>1,250</i>	<i>Weekly training sessions in accessible local venues £25 x 50 sessions</i>
<i>Kit &amp; Equipment</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Football kits, balls, cones, and other training equipment</i>
<i>Coaching &amp; Session Delivery</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Coaching support throughout the year.</i>

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS  
 Telephone: 01900 702986  
 Email: office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk  
 Website: www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk



<i>Administration &amp; Insurance</i>	<i>250</i>	<i>Insurance, safeguarding, and general programme administration</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<i>Covers all essential costs for one year to ensure sustainability</i>
<i>This funding will allow the programme to continue delivering weekly training and monthly fixtures for 30 adults with mixed disabilities, ensuring it remains fully accessible, safe, and inclusive. Currently, the club subsidises these costs, but external funding is needed to maintain long-term sustainability.</i>		
<i>Document attached to email</i>		
<i>Not currently.</i>		
<i>No, Workington Reds CIC has <b>not</b> previously received funding from Workington Town Council. The pan-disability football programme has been fully self-funded since its inception, covering all costs including transport, training sessions, kit, equipment, and volunteer support. This application represents our first request for council support to ensure the long-term sustainability of the programme.</i>		

**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?**

# Workington Town Council

Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS

Telephone: 01900 702986

Email: [office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Website: [www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk)



**Did we receive a grant feedback form?**

N/A.

**When does the lead organisation need the funding by:**

*If successful, we would require the funding by **1st June 2026** to ensure the continuation of weekly training sessions, monthly fixtures, and associated programme costs without interruption. This timing allows us to cover transport, facility hire, and equipment for the upcoming season.*