

The Civil Parish of Workington

Minutes of a meeting of the electors for the Civil Parish of Workington held at 6pm on Wednesday 10 May 2017 in the Council Chamber, Allerdale House, Workington.

In attendance: Cllr Joan Wright, Mayor of Workington, 14 electors (all of whom were town councillors). Town councillors present were Cllrs M Bainbridge, A Bales, P Bales, B Cannon, B Dixon, K Hansen, H Harrington, M Heaslip, A Lawson, A McGuckin, P McHarry, B Miskelly, V Morgan, J Osborn,.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Armstrong, L Baldry, M Fryer, D Robertson, S Stoddard, and T Wardley

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 13 April 2016 were affirmed as a true record.

4. Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Town Council was received and accepted.

5. Town Council Accounts

A statement of the Town Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 was received and accepted.

6. Observations on the budget for 2017-18

Observations on the Town Council's budget for 2017-18 were received and accepted.

7. Cumbria County Council

The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council had been unable to provide a spokesperson, but had sent a report reviewing their activities for the year as follows:

- Cumbria County Council has continued to invest in Workington's infrastructure, with the £3 million parking and transport hub at Workington Railway Station, improved cycle path access and environmental improvements in partnership with Network Rail, Northern Trains and Workington Town Council.
- Work with Allerdale Borough Council has enabled the old Sixth Form Centre to be transferred to the trustees of Moorclose Community Centre as a vital facility for the community.

- Partnerships with Workington Town Council have successfully delivered the St Michaels Community Travel Plan for bus shelters on Derwent Howe.
- The flood 'recovery phase' from the 2015 floods is now complete but the council continues to support flooded communities with a focus on future resilience.
- Going forward there are new initiatives in public health and wellbeing including an Integrated Care Community system, with Allerdale Borough Council and health partners, joint events in the town to healthy living and personal development and using the town centre library to facilitate events for all ages and abilities.
- The Highways Team is beginning to recover from the twin challenges of austerity and the temporary loss of its building in Lillyhall. The council is succeeding in focussing its reduced resources on building capacity in communities and looking at new ways to deliver frontline community services, whilst working with partners to cover many aspects that would once be considered county council activities.
- Under its new Chief Executive Katherine Fairclough, the council wants to continue to develop this way of working with partners.

8. Allerdale Borough Council

Cllr B Cannon report on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council as follows:

- Allerdale Borough Council has set its annual budget with an increase of 1.99%, keeping in line with other increases.
- The new leisure centre in Workington had its official opening and continues to exceed expectation's receiving thousands of visits each week. This includes additional activities such as the recent Allerdale Mayor's Civic Dinner. There is a great pride in the swimming facilities provided. The 25m swimming pool gives an opportunity to encourage ambitious swimmers and is sustainable for the future.
- Allerdale Borough Council is currently working through the transfer of Vulcan Park to Workington Town Council. This is a welcome transfer as this will bring greater investment to the town.
- Overcoming previous silting up, Harrington Reservoir is now being developed. Workington Town Council and Allerdale Borough Council are continuing to look at the potential for green spaces in the town.

9. Issues from Electors

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 18.17