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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019 in the Council Chamber, Allerdale House, Workington.

C Armstrong	Present	J Hunter	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	D King	Present
L Baldry	Apologies	J King	Present
H Briggs	Present	P McCarthy	Present
R Briggs	Present	S Melton	Apologies
B Cannon	Apologies	B Miskelly	Present
B Dixon	Present	D Rollo	Present
D Farrar	Present	B Sansom	Present
S Fryer	Present	P Scott	Present
G Glaister	Apologies	S Stoddart	Present
H Harrington	Present	W Wilkinson	Present
M Heaslip	Present	L Williams	Present
J Holliday	Present		

In attendance: Town Clerk

Also present: PCSO Rachel Pape, Cumbria Police, for the period of her report; around 10 members of the public and press.

The Mayor's Chaplain was unable to attend.

Public Participation Session

No members of the public raised any issues.

Police Report

PCSO Rachel Pape introduced the latest police report which had been circulated to councillors earlier. She drew Councillors attention to the ongoing work combating crime and anti-social behaviour in St Michael's ward, Moorclose and the Town Centre, and PCSO Lisa Jackson's transfer to Town Centre duties. In Moorclose PCSO Lauren McCurrie was continuing to work identifying young people involved with anti-social behaviour and liaising with families. In Salterbeck there continued to be less reported crime than informal surveys suggested. She reiterated the need for crime to be reported, at least through the 101 reporting system, so that it showed up in statistics. Current policing methods match resources to Crime Statistics. A councillor requested that a PCSO attend meetings of the Salterbeck Residents Association

A Councillor reported concerns about criminal damage and evidence of helium misuse in Harrington, which PCSO Pape said she would log. Another councillor requested an update on a recent robbery in Station Road. PCSO Pape thought a suspect had been arrested. There was some discussion surrounding the un-reporting of domestic crime, which often

didn't show in neighbourhood statistics. A Councillor recounted a particular incident in St Michael's Ward in which he felt the police should have intervened. Another councillor reported that he did not feel that anti-social behaviour had decreased around Derwent Howe, as he continued to get complaints about littering and general loutish behaviour in the vicinity of McDonalds. A councillor asked why the police report did not include Stainburn. Although there was much less crime in the Ward than in other areas of the town, it was not negligible. PCSO promised to make sure Stainburn was included in the round up in future.

The Mayor thanked PCSO Pape for her attendance at the meeting.

19.23. Apologies

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllrs L Baldry, B Cannon, G Glaister and S Melton for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act, 1972, s85.

19.24. Declarations of Interest

No additional interests were noted.

19.25. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were raised.

19.26. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council received the Minutes of the previous meeting on 12 June 2019. A Councillor raised a query about the tone and accuracy of 19.14 and 19.15. He suggested the minute should be amended to record that the Labour Group had been excluded en-bloc from the election to Committees. Another Councillor suggested this was not their recollection of events as they transpired – he thought the group had not submitted candidates for most Committee posts. Another Councillor suggested this was the type of political debate which was not usually recorded in the minutes. A councillor queried whether Minute 19.22 shouldn't emphasise that the bus shelters in question were the ones adjacent to Asda

Resolved: To amend 19.22 to ensure the identity of the bus shelters under consideration.

Resolved: To accept the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

19.27. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor reported on the following Civic activities. She drew councillors' attention to two fundraising events in the coming month, an Afternoon Tea at the Helena Thompson Museum on 18 August and a special event to mark the 50th anniversary of the final 'Earth' gig at Banklands Youth Club, before the band changed their name to Black Sabbath. The Deputy Mayor apologised that he had not been able to attend events as he had hoped due to ill health. He anticipated recommencing chemotherapy in due course.

Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on 15 June 2019

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 16 June 2019	Lakeland Dialect Society 80 th Anniversary, Tullie House; followed by Choral Evensong, Carlisle Cathedral	10.45 am – 2.15 pm 3.00 pm

Monday 24 June 2019	Raising the flag for Armed Forces Day, Allerdale House	10.15 for 10.30 am
Friday 28 June 2019	A Midsummer Night's Dream. Hall Park	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Saturday 29 June 2019	Workington Armed Forces Day Carnegie Singers, Festival of Choirs, Carnegie Theatre	10.45 am onwards 7.15 for 7.30 pm
Wednesday 3 July 2019	Carnegie Singers, 45 th Anniversary Dinner, Hunday Manor	7.00 pm
Thursday 4 July 2019	St Joseph's Catholic High School, Annual Prize Evening	7.15 for 7.30 pm
Sunday 14 July 2019	WAOS Juniors' Concert, Carnegie Theatre	7.00 for 7.15 pm

A Councillor questioned whether the Mayor felt she was receiving as many invitations to as events as she ought to. The Mayor replied that she felt she was attending as many as she could, and that her attendance was compatible with previous Mayoral years.

Resolved: To note the report.

Reports from Committees

19.28. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 23 July, 2019 along with a recommendation that the Council adopts recommended Policies and Procedures for the Use of Mobile Phones, social media and recording at meetings, a copy of which had been circulated previously to all councillors.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

Resolved: To adopt the Policy and Procedures for the Use of Mobile Phones, social media and recording at meetings.

19.29. Planning Committee

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 1 July 2019.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.30. Culture Committee

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 16 July 2019. The events surrounding the Earth gig at Banklands Youth Club in August 1969 were briefly discussed, but no conclusion was drawn by the Council.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.31. Environment Committee

The Committee received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 25 July 2019. A Councillor requested that Northside Play Area be addressed as soon as possible. The Chair of the Committee confirmed there would be a site visit with housing association staff and the interested councillors before the next meeting.

Another Councillor raised concerns that the bus shelter issue in Salterbeck had not been discussed with the Salterbeck Residents Association. She also suggested there was a problem with rats in Salterbeck and reiterated concerns about the cost of water supply to the allotment estate. The Chair suggested rats were a matter for Environmental Health at Allerdale Borough Council and housing officers at Impact Housing Association. The Allotments sub-Committee would be looking at sustainable water supplies including the supply of water butts to allotment tenants.

A Councillor was concerned about the Council's continued commitment to the improvement of the Town's back lanes, being particularly concerned that Gray Street and Ashton Street/Northumberland Street were not mentioned. He also asked whether Cumbria County Council had adopted the back lanes in Frostoms that the Town Council renovated in 2013 and 2017. The Clerk confirmed that the County Council's adoption of back lanes had not extended beyond a short stretch of Frostoms Road back lane that had been improved in 2009. A Councillor who is also a Portfolio Holder at Allerdale Borough Council suggested that the Borough Council had managed to commission Community payback to tidy up Gray Street and a number of other poor back lanes but a particular problem at Gray Street appeared to be the blocking of the drains with building waste.

A Councillor queried why the Committee had met at Bolton Street Community Hall and asked how much it cost. The Chair confirmed that it had cost £45, and that the Committee Room in the Town Hall was not pleasant when it was full, or the weather was hot.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

The meeting closed at 19.35.