

Workington Town Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 5 February 2020 at Allerdale House, Griffin Street, Workington.

C Armstrong	Present	J Hunter	Apologies
M Bainbridge	Present	D King	Present
L Baldry	Present	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	Apologies	P Scott	Present
G Glaister	Present	S Stoddart	Present
H Harrington	Present	W Wilkinson	Present
M Heaslip	Present	L Williams	Present
J Holliday	Present		

* arrived late after item 5.

In attendance: Town Clerk

The Mayor's Chaplain was represented Father Paul Harrison, who led a moment of prayer.

Police Report

No police report was submitted. The Clerk was asked to chase this up with Inspector Gale.

19.54. Apologies

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

19.55. Declarations of Interest

Cllr W Wilkinson drew the Council's attention to his existing declarations as an allotment tenant at Feenans.

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

No issues were raised.

19.57. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council received the draft minutes from the meeting held on 4 December 2019 and affirmed them as a true record.

19.58. Mayoral Announcements

Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on 4 December 2019

Date	Event	Time
Wed 4 December 2019	Bankfield staff and gardeners in the Mayor's Parlour	1pm
Thursday 5 December 2019	Rotary 90 th Charter Anniversary Dinner, Hunday Manor	7.15 for 7.30 pm
Friday 6 December 2019	Black Sabbath event	
Sunday 8 December 2019	Hospice at Home West Cumbria Light up a Life Service St Michael's Church	2.45 for 3.00 pm Service
Monday 9 December 2019	Residential Homes visit	
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Selling Christmas cards in aid of Mayoral Charities, Dunmail Park	
Tuesday 10 December 2019	Young Cumbria/Young Carers prize winners for Christmas card competition	
Thursday 12 December 2019	Newlands Care Centre	
Friday 13 December 2019	Residential Homes visit	
Saturday 14 December 2019	Carnegie Singers Christmas Concert, St John's Church	7.15 for 7.30 pm
Sunday 15 December 2019	Afternoon Tea with winner of Black Sabbath competition to drive a Lotus Elan Sprint, Helena Thompson Museum. Handing over of £5K funding grant to Workington Heritage Group	3.00 pm
Wednesday 18 December 2019	Town Hall Christmas Tree singalong with St Michael's School	12 noon
Thursday 19 December 2019	Stilecroft Christmas Party	1.30 pm
Sunday 22 December 2019	Carol Service, St John's Church	4.50 for 5.00 pm
Monday 30 December 2019	WADAMS, Aladdin, Carnegie Theatre	5.45 for 6.00 pm
Sunday 5 January 2020	Lakeland Dialect Society	
Saturday 25 January 2020	Sabbara Cadabra concert (Black Sabbath tribute band) Railway Club	7.00 pm

A Councillor asked whether the Christmas in Company event had taken place on Christmas Day. The Mayor explained that she had been unable to attend but was grateful to the Mayor of Allerdale who had attended in her place. Cllr Harrington (who is also Mayor of Allerdale), confirmed that the event was a success and paid tribute to the organisers for their tireless efforts.

Resolved: To note the report.

Reports from Committees

19.58. Planning Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 6 January 2020, and the draft minutes from the meeting on 3 February 2020.

A query was raised concerning a planning application for the change of use of a convenience store on Vulcan Lane to building. The Clerk explained the Council's response to the initial application was based on fairly limited information and reflected their view that material planning grounds for objection were difficult to identify. Subsequently residents had raised a wide range of queries about the application, which were not necessarily planning related, but had been notified to the Planning Authority.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

19.59. Culture Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 14 January 2020, and the notes and recommendations from the VE Day Working Group meeting on 31 January 2020.

Resolved: To accept the minutes from 14 January 2020.

Resolved: To accept the notes and recommendations from 31 January 2020.

19.60. Environment Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 21 January 2020. A query related to the issue of frontagers being liable for back lanes that were not adopted by Cumbria County Council. It was observed that Gray Street back lane is mostly fronted to the east by Allerdale Borough Councils Central Way Car Park. A Councillor queried whether there was any realistic expectation that Allerdale might contribute. The Chair reported that the Council would write to them and ask. A member asked whether the new Bus Shelter at Salterbeck Cemetery had been cancelled. The Clerk reported that the Council had recently received a donation of £500 from Salterbeck Residents Association for the shelter, and that following a review of alternative supply options, it was back on the agenda for next meeting of the Committee in its original form. A Councillor asked what meetings had been held between the Council and the Vulcan Park Bowling Club. The Chair reported that the Council was liaising with the Club over meeting dates in the coming months.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.61. Finance and General Purposes Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on the 28 January 2020. Cllr Armstrong observed that her apologies should have been recorded. The Clerk confirmed that the minute had been amended to show this.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

19.62. Budget and Precept 2020-21

The Council considered the Committee's recommendation for a Council Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan and Precept for 2020-21.

Resolved: To accept the Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan and Precept recommendations, appended to these minutes.

The meeting closed at 18.51.

Workington Town Council
Full Council 5 February 2020
Budget and MTFP modelled council tax

		2019	estimated outturn	estimated outturn over budget	Proposed 2020	% of 2019 budget	2021	2022	2023
F&GP	Accommodation	16500	16000	97%	16500	100%	16913	17335	17769
	Advertising civic/employem t	750	500	67%	750	100%	769	788	808
	Annual Meeting	2750	2486	90%	1800	65%	1845	1891	1938
	Audit fees	2250	1750	78%	2250	100%	2306	2364	2423
	Car Park	0	0	0%	0	#DIV/0!	0	0	0
	Civic Functions	4000	2000	50%	4000	100%	4100	4203	4308
	Election Fund	4500	4500	100%	4500	100%	4613	4728	4846
	Elections	0	0	0%	3500	0%	3588	3677	3769
	Fleet	5000	5000	100%	5000	100%	5125	5253	5384
	Insurance	4500	4500	100%	4500	100%	4613	4728	4846
	Mayoral Allowance	3100	3100	100%	3100	100%	3178	3257	3338
	Mayoral benches	500	500	100%	500	100%	513	525	538
	Mayoral Travel	1020	1020	100%	1020	100%	1046	1072	1098
	NI and Pensions	42120	42000	100%	43176	103%	44255	45362	46496
	Office general	3000	3000	100%	5000	167%	5125	5253	5384
	PPE	1000	1000	100%	2000	200%	2050	2101	2154
	Postage	1785	1785	100%	1785	100%	1830	1875	1922
	Printing and stationery	1836	1800	98%	1836	100%	1882	1929	1977
	Repairs and renewals	5000	5000	100%	5000	100%	5125	5253	5384
	Robes	1000	0	0%	0	0%	0	0	0
Salaries	184000	184000	100%	189152	103%	193881	198728	203696	
Staff Training	4000	4000	100%	4000	100%	4100	4203	4308	

Subscriptions	2000	2000	100%	2200	110%	2255	2311	2369
Telecoms and IT	8000	7000	88%	8000	100%	8200	8405	8615
Town Hall Development	0	1000	#DIV/0!	1000	#DIV/0!	1025	1051	1077
Website and newsletter	5865	5865	100%	5865	100%	6012	6162	6316
Community Development	15000	8000	53%	5000	33%	5125	5253	5384
Citizen's Advice Bureau	5000	5000	100%	5000	100%	5125	5253	5384
Member Development	3000	1000	33%	2000	67%	2050	2101	2154
Youth Provision	10000	10000	100%	15000	150%	15375	15759	16153
Total	337476	323806	96%	343434	102%	352020	360820	369841

Culture	Festivals	30000	30000	1	35000	117%	35875	36772	37691
	Sport	10000	9300	0.93	12000	120%	12300	12608	12923
	Heritage projects	10000	10000	1	5000	50%	5125	5253	5384
	Town Band	1200	1200	1	1200	100%	1230	1261	1292
	Christmas lights	48000	50000	1.04	49000	102%	50225	51481	52768
	Christmas festival	20000	20000	1	20000	100%	20500	21013	21538
	Remembrance	2000	1500	0.75	4000	200%	4100	4203	4308
	Twining	5000	5000	1	0	100%	0	0	0
	Promotion, advertising and publicity	5000	5000	1	7500	150%	7688	7880	8077
	Community Grants	3600	3000	0.83	3600	100%	3690	3782	3877
	Family Fun Days	12000	10000	0.83	12000	100%	12300	12608	12923
	Theatres	8000	7400	0.93	5000	63%	5125	5253	5384
	Museums and Exhibitions	5000	5000	1	5000	100%	5125	5253	5384
	Cultural groups	7000	7000	1	7000	100%	7175	7354	7538

Technology tournament	500	500	1	500	100%	513	525	538
Total	167300	164900	0.99	166800	100%	170970	175244	179625

Environment	Workington in Bloom – Displays	15000	13000	0.87	15000	1	15375	15759	16153
	Workington in Bloom – Development Grants	2000	1600	0.46	3000	0.86	3075	3152	3231
	Play Area Development	10000	10000	1	15000	1.5	15375	15759	16153
	Workington Nature Partnership	23500	23500	1	23500	1	24088	24690	25307
	Allotments Running	8000	8000	1	8000	1	8200	8405	8615
	Allotments Development	5000	5000	1	3000	0.6	3075	3152	3231
	Back Lane Environmental Improvement	5000	5000	1	5000	1	5125	5253	5384
	Flood resilience	0	0		0		0	0	0
	Parks and Play areas Maintenance	41000	41000	1	41000	1	42025	43076	44153
	Footway lighting	200	200	1	500	2.5	513	525	538
	Public seating	5800	6000	1	2000	0.34	2050	2101	2154
	Bus shelters	3000	0	1	3000	1	3075	3152	3231
	Totals	118500	113300	0.96	119000	1	121975	125024	128150
	Total	623276	602006	0.97	629234	1.01	644965	661089	677616
	Inflation multiplier	1.025							

Workington Town Council 2020-2021

Income and Estimated Council Tax Rates

5% increase in Council tax								
Income	2019	estimated	%	2020	% of 2019	2021	2022	2023
Precept	526397	526397	100%	555875	105.6%	600345	648373	700243
Rents	9660	9000	93%	9500		9738	9981	10230
Dividends	5750	7110	124%	6500		6663	6829	7000
Other income	17800	18200	102%	20000		20000	20500	21013
Allotments water	1200	1000	83%	950		974	998	1023
ABC park	20200	20213	100%	0		0	0	0
Total	581007	581920	100%	592825		637719	686681	739508
reserve draw	42269	20086		36409		7246	-25592	-61892
	2019	2020		2021	2022	2023		
Council Tax Base	6720.18	6754.96	101%	6923.83	7096.93	7274.35		
Band D	78.33	82.29	105%	86.71	91.36	96.26		
Band C	69.63	73.15	105%	77.07	81.21	85.57		
Band B	60.92	64.00	105%	67.44	71.06	74.87		
Band A	52.22	54.86	105%	57.80	60.91	64.17		
		5%		5%	5%	5%		