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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Workington Town Council held on Wednesday 7th October 2026 at 6pm in Allerdale House, Griffin Street, Workington, CA14 3YJ.

Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Present	Cllr John Mills	Present
Cllr Barbara Cannon	Present	Cllr Billy Miskelly	Present
Cllr Beth Dixon	Present	Cllr Patricia Poole	Present
Cllr David Farrar	Present	Cllr Denise Rollo	Present
Cllr Sue Fryer	Present	Cllr Mike Rollo	Present
Cllr Mark Fryer	Present	Cllr Neil Schofield	Absent*
Cllr Hilary Harrington	Present	Cllr Kate Schofield	Absent*
Cllr Michael Heaslip	Present	Cllr Stephen Stoddart	Absent*
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr David Tennyson	Absent
Cllr Bernadette Jones	Present	Cllr Lynda Williams	Absent*
Cllr Paul Larkin	Absent*	Cllr Ellie Wood	Absent*
Cllr Susan Martin	Present	Cllr Joan Wright	Present
Cllr Sean Melton	Absent*		

In attendance: Deputy Proper Officer and 3 members of the public.

The Mayor's chaplain said a prayer prior to the start of the meeting and then remained as a member of the public.

FC26.27 Absences: Absence notified prior to the meeting was noted from Cllr Larkin, Cllr Melton, Cllr Neil Schofield, Cllr Kate Schofield, Cllr Stoddart, Cllr Williams, Cllr Wood

FC26.28 Declarations of Interest: None

FC26.29 Exclusion of Press and Public: Council resolved to exclude press and public from Part 2 of the agenda.

FC26.30 Public Representations: None

FC26.31 Minutes of previous meeting
Resolved: Council approved the minutes from the annual meeting on 29th July 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

FC26.32 Public Questions: None

FC26.33 Questions and Statements from Members: None

FC26.34 Motions on Notice: None

FC26.35 Mayoral Engagements

Council noted the report for information.

The Mayor informed council at this point that she would be hosting an event to celebrate Workington Town Ladies rugby team's promotion on Friday 9th October.

Cllr Heaslip asked that the Mayor pass on the council's congratulations at the event.

The Mayor also invited councillors to attend her civic service which is to be held at St Johns church on Sunday 18th October.

FC26.36 Budget Monitoring 2026/27

a) **Resolved:** Council approved the bank reconciliation and statements of accounts for August 2026

b) Council noted the budget summary, reserves and income reports YTD.

FC26.37 Committee Minutes

a) Council noted the minutes from the Culture committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th September 2026.

b) Council noted the minutes from the Environment committee meeting held on Thursday 17th September 2026.

c) Council noted the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on Monday 28th September 2026.

FC26.38 Committee recommendations

a) Civility and Respect Pledge (F&GP)

Cllr Mike Rollo gave a summary of the Civility and Respect Pledge proposal from NALC.

All councillors voted in favour of the resolution.

Resolved: Officers to contact NALC to confirm the requirements and report to council.

The members of the public were asked to leave the meeting while council moved to items in Part 2 of the agenda.

At this point Cllr Miskelly also left the meeting.

FC26.39 Committee recommendations

a) Admin and Events Assistant contract (F&GP)

Resolved: To make the Admin and Events Assistant post permanent.

b) Events Officer vacancy (F&GP)

Resolved: To begin the recruitment process for the Events Officer vacancy.

c) Grievance - Staffing committee (F&GP)

Resolved: To appoint the nominated councillors to serve on the Staffing committee to hear the grievance on behalf of the council.

d) Grievance - Investigator (F&GP)

Resolved: To appoint an external investigator to assist the Staffing committee in hearing the grievance.

The meeting ended at 6:18pm.