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Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Workington Town Council held on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 6pm in Allerdale House, Griffin Street, Workington, CA14 3YJ.

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

In attendance: Deputy Proper Officer and one member of the public.

FC26.15 Absences: Absence notified prior to the meeting was noted from Cllr Barbara Cannon, Cllr Bernadette Jones, Cllr Susan Martin, Cllr Denise Rollo, Cllr Mike Rollo, Cllr Neil Schofield, Cllr Kate Schofield, Cllr David Tennyson, Cllr Lynda Williams

FC26.16 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mark Fryer declared an interest in Item 7

FC26.17 Exclusion of Press and Public: None

FC26.18 Public Representations: None

FC26.19 Minutes of previous meeting
Resolved: Council approved the minutes from the annual meeting on 24th June 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

FC26.20 Public Questions: None

FC26.21 Questions and Statements from Members
A statement was received from Cllr Heaslip:

Council may recall that we asked Cumberland Council to undertake a Community Governance Review some time ago, and we were told to wait until the Local Government Boundary Commission reported. That Commission has now reported, so will the Council now repeat its request for a Community Governance Review which could look at (amongst other things) the underrepresentation of the new Ashfield ward; and the boundary with Seaton Parish Council?

FC26.22 Motions on Notice: None

FC26.23 Mayoral Engagements
Council noted the report for information.

FC26.24 Budget Monitoring 2026/27
a) Resolved: Council approved the bank reconciliation and statements of accounts for June 2026
b) Council noted the budget summary, reserves and income reports YTD.

FC26.25 Committee Minutes
a) Council noted the minutes from the Culture committee meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2026.
b) Council noted the minutes from the Environment committee meeting held on Thursday 9th July 2026.
c) Council noted the minutes from the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026.

FC26.26 Committee recommendations
a) Speed Indication Devices
Cllr Mills gave a summary of the police scheme to install speed indication devices in areas of the town.
A vote was called for the item.
14 for, 0 against, 1 abstention
Resolved: Officers to work with police regarding the deployment of speed scanners in the community as appropriate.

b) Workington Nature Partnership (Environment)
Cllr Heaslip presented a summary of the item, covering the works planned by the Nature Partnership for 2026/27 and the council's commitment to the projects as previously approved in the 2026/27 budget.
A vote was called for the item.
15 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions
Resolved: To approve the use of £43,500 towards these estimates from the Nature Partnership budget line.
Resolved: To delegate to the Proper Officer the detailed operational management of the activities identified in the Estimates Overview, in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee, and jointly with the designated officer and member of Cumberland Council.

c) Vulcan Park Café Site (F&GP)

Cllr Dixon updated the council on the need for the works to the former café site to enable the council to bring the site back into use at a future date.

A vote was called for the item.

15 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions

Resolved: To approve levelling and surfacing works to the former café site at a cost of £11,250 from the Asset Management budget line.

d) Stand-on Mower (F&GP)

Cllr Dixon outlined the need for the equipment, noting that it was one of the items identified as being required should the council progress with expanding the scope of the Estates Team's workload.

It was proposed that council consider the electric mower option from the report.

A vote was called for the item.

11 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions

Resolved: To approve the purchase of a stand-on mower at a cost of £21,500 from the Asset Management budget line.

The meeting ended at 6:12pm.