

# Workington Town Council

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**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at 6.30pm in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.**

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| Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair) | Present | Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Cllr Mary Bainbridge         | Absent  | Cllr Sean Melton                   | Absent  |
| Cllr Beth Dixon              | Absent  | Cllr John Mills                    | Present |
| Cllr Allan Hodgson           | Present | Cllr Hilary Harrington             | Present |
| Cllr Susan Martin            | Present | Cllr Patricia Poole                | Present |

Also in attendance: Deputy Proper Officer.

Committee was supplied with a printed copy of the additional report for Item 14 prior to the meeting.

**E26.15 Absences:** No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

**E26.16 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**E26.17 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**E26.18 Public Representation:** None.

**E26.19 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

**E26.20 Public Questions:** None.

**E26.21 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**E26.22 Motions on Notice:** None.

**E26.23 Budget Monitoring 2026/27**

Committee noted the report for information.

Councilors requested updated commitments for the Workington Nature Partnership and Play Areas to be included in future reports.

**E26.24 Budget 2027/28**

While discussions are continuing with Cumberland Council regarding responsibilities for play areas and recreation areas in the town, committee agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

### **E26.25 Play Areas**

Committee noted the report for information.

**Resolved:** Officers to contact Cumberland Council to progress the works at Springfield Play Area.

**Resolved:** To purchase and install goal posts at a cost of £1,250 following completion of remedial work to the site by Cumberland Council.

### **E26.26 Streetscene**

#### **a) Miners' bench**

Committee noted the report for information.

#### **b) Miners' Memorial**

Committee noted the report for information.

#### **c) Memorial bench**

Committee were informed that permission to site the memorial bench in the Walled Garden had been confirmed.

**Resolved:** To purchase the memorial bench at a cost of £507 and arrange installation in the Walled Garden.

#### **d) Workington Town Deal Board**

Cllr Heaslip gave an oral report on the outcomes of the latest Workington Town Deal Board meeting. The recently opened Innovation Centre has begun letting space with 38% uptake so far and further spaces under negotiation.

Reclamation works on both tank terminals at the Port of Workington is complete.

Reclamation works to the Oldside area are complete with the exception of an amount pig iron buried on the site which requires specialist removal.

The wayfinding project for the town centre is progress with designs finalised. Maintenance provisions for the signage and planters are being discussed.

The Workington Sports Village is now to be managed by a dedicated project board within Cumberland Council, with an expected completion date sometime in 2028.

### **E26.27 Vulcan Park**

#### **a) Park End Shelter**

Committee noted the expenditure approved under SO28 for the Park End Shelter paths.

#### **b) Vulcan Park Hydration Station**

Following the hot summer it has been suggested that a hydration station be sited in Vulcan Park.

Initial estimates obtained make it unlikely that the budget would allow for the project this year it was proposed that the station could be purchased in this financial year with installation to be included in the 2027/28 budget.

**Resolved:** Officers to investigate further and obtain itemised project costs to install a hydration station in Vulcan Park.

### **E26.28 Workington Nature Partnership**

Committee noted the report for information.

**Resolved:** Officers to contact Cumberland Council again regarding the status of the silt filters in place at Harrington Reservoir.

The meeting ended at 7:13pm.