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Minutes of the meeting of the Culture & Social Investment Committee held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 6:00pm at Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington.

Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair)	Present	Cllr David Farrar (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Bernadette Jones	Present	Cllr Neil Schofield	Absent
Cllr Susan Martin	Present	Cllr David Tennyson	Absent
Cllr John Mills	Present	Cllr Joan Wright	Present
Cllr Patricia Poole	Present	vacant	

Also in attendance: Deputy Proper Officer.

C26.12 Absences: No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

C26.13 Declarations of Interest: None.

C26.14 Exclusion of press and public: None.

C26.15 Public representation: None.

C26.16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes of the 7th July 2026 meeting and affirmed them a true record.

C26.17 Public Questions: None received.

C26.18 Questions and Statements from Members: None received.

C26.19 Motions on Notice: None received.

C26.20 Budget Monitoring

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

It was raised that the Anchor Organisation funding for the current year is currently uncommitted and the organisations previously funded, along with others suggested at the meeting, should be contacted.

Resolved: Officers to contact current & suggested Anchor Organisations to determine if they have any projects that the council could provide funding for.

C26.21 Budget & Culture Programme 2027/28:

Initial discussions were had regarding the council's events for 2027/28.

The council have been contacted by Oddsocks to inform that the availability for a performance next year would be limited. It was asked if the performance would remain in Vulcan Park or if it would return to Hall Park. Officers to investigate.

Committee discussed the current situation of town council events carried out by the contracted management company and suggested council should look again at the Event Officer vacancy within the staffing structure.

The Deputy Proper Officer gave an oral report on a meeting with the Lawn Tennis Association regarding the expansion of the tennis activities offered by the council now that a new coach was in place. Suggestions included walking tennis, adult social inclusion sessions and specialist sessions geared toward the visually impaired, people on the autistic spectrum and people with sensory processing issues.

Resolved: Officers to obtain feedback from previous events and updates on Christmas Festival from Everyone Here to report to committee.

Resolved: To recommend to Finance & General Purposes committee to pursue filling the Events Officer vacancy.

Resolved: Officers to liaise with the coach & LTA to expand tennis provision in Vulcan Park and update committee at the next meeting.

C26.22 Funding

- a. Committee noted the grant funding to St Marys Church Harrington
- b. Committee noted the grant funding to Workington Amateur Operatic Society
- c. **Resolved:** Committee approved the grant funding request for £500 from Workington Music Festival.
- d. Committee noted the feedback report from Salterbeck Tenants and Residents CIC for information.

Meeting ended at 6:42pm