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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 25th November 2020 on the Zoom web platform.

C Armstrong	Present	J Hunter	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	J King	Present
L Baldry	Apologies	S Melton	Present
H Briggs	Present	B Miskelly	Present
R Briggs	Present	D Rollo	Present
B Cannon	Present	B Sansom	Present
B Dixon	Present	P Scott	Present
D Farrar	Present	S Stoddart	Present
S Fryer	Apologies	W Wilkinson	Present
G Glaister	Present	L Williams	Present
H Harrington	Present		
M Heaslip	Present		

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mayor Janet King held a minutes silence in remembrance of the late Cllr Joe Holliday, who recently passed away.

19.92. Apologies

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

19.93. Declarations of Interest

Cllr B Cannon drew the Council's attention to her interest, as a board member, of the Carnegie Theatre, Workington.

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

No issues were raised.

19.95. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Council received the draft minutes from the meeting held on 7th October 2020 and affirmed them as a true record.

19.96. Mayoral Announcements

The Mayor present her diary of events.

Mayor's calendar of events since Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 23 September 2020

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 22 September 2020	Handover of new minibus, South Workington Youth Partnership, Moorclose Community Centre.	1.00 pm

Sunday 8 November 2020	Remembrance Sunday Laying of wreath at Cenotaph (Mayor) Laying of wreath at St Mary's Harrington (Consort)	11.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday 11 November 2020	St Mary's Church, Harrington Presentation of the Harrington Standard at Harrington Cenotaph	11.00 am

Resolved: To note the report.

19.97. Princess Street Day Care Centre

Cllr Paul Scott presented and presentation regarding the purchase of the building and land of the Princess Street Day Care Centre, specifically drawing attention to the likelihood of CCC presenting the lot for sale (and potential development) if WTC passed on the opportunity. Cllr Barbara Cannon reported she had spoken to CCC and discovered that the quote of £35,000.00 previously stated was for the building only and therefore the price of £50,000.00 for both the land and the building is, in her opinion, worthwhile. Cllr Cannon did state that (in the interest of transparency) she would like to see all reports on proper costing for repairs of the building. Cllr Cannon suggested that a certificate of asbestos removal was obtained from CCC prior to purchase, that a time scale was sought regarding the property sale and to consider the cost of a new roof, Cllr Hilary Harrington suggested the roof ought to be able to carry the weight of solar panels in the interest of environmental responsibility. Discussion as to the method of purchase saw agreement that a loan should not be used as WTC reserves would be less expensive and are available.

Vote was taken on the proposal to purchase the Princess Street Day Care Centre and land, results are;

In favour 20 votes
Against 0 votes

Resolved: To purchase the Princess Street Day Care Centre and surrounding land for an agreed amount of £50,000.00

Resolved: To obtain asbestos certificate from CCC prior to purchase of Princess Street Day Care Centre.

Resolved: To use WTC reserves to purchase Princess Street Day Care Centre and surrounding land.

Resolved: Town Clerk to provide costings for updating of Princess Street Day Care Centre at next Full Council Meeting.

19.98. Motion from Cllr M Heaslip

Cllr M Heaslip presented a motion to use funds from the expected financial underspend to assist local theatres who are struggling financially in light of the Covid 19 pandemic. He expressed concern that these local assets may not survive being in lockdown for such a long period of time. Cllr Heaslip proposed that £100 contribution to each seat in each theatre costing a total of £68,500.00 should be given. Discussion as to the availability of grants for theatres and the arts and the need to provide additional funding included a suggestion from Cllr Will Wilkinson to gather financial information before a decision was made.

Further discussion saw a proposal of an amendment to the proposal to hold an emergency Culture Committee Meeting to review financial statements and information before a decision was made.

Vote was taken on the proposal to amend original motion to include an emergency Culture Committee Meeting to review financial statements and information before a decision was made

In favour **13 votes**
Against **06 votes**

Vote was taken on the original motion,

In favour **7 votes**
Against **12 votes**

Resolved: No action taken in regards to the motion to provide emergency funding for local theatres.

Reports from Committees

19.99. Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings on 22nd August. 2019.

b. The Council received the External Audit report and commended Judith Atherton for her exceptional effort.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

Resolved: To accept the External Auditors report

20.00. Planning Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 2nd March 2020.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

20.02. Environment Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 3rd September 2020.

Resolved: To accept the minutes

20.02. Culture Committee

The Council received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 8th September 2020, and to extend their thanks to Amy and Emma of the Events Team for their efforts for the Christmas online activities.

Resolved: To accept the minutes.

20.03. New Vehicle

The Council received information regarding the purchase of a new vehicle for the Estates Team. Cllr Barbara Cannon noted that it was the position of the Town Clerk to make this decision.

Resolved: Town Clerk to choose new vehicle for Estates Team.

20.04 Employment Issues

At this point the recording of the meeting was stopped to allow council to consider matters of employment which contained personal information.

The meeting closed at 20.04.