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Minutes of the Culture Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.30pm Thursday 10th November 2020 hosted remotely through the 'Zoom@ platform.

Cllr C Armstrong (chair)	Apologies
Cllr H Briggs (vice chair)	Present
Cllr R Briggs	Present
Cllr H Harrington	Present
Cllr S Melton	Apologies
Cllr S Stoddart	Present
Cllr P Scott	Present
Cllr W Wilkinson	Present
Cllr L Williams	Present
Cllr J King (Mayor)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk and Events Officer

C19.76. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllr C Armstrong and Cllr S Melton

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C19.77. Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

C19.78 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were at apparent at this point.

C19.79. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2020.

Resolved: To affirm them as a true record.

C19.80. Jane Pit Miners' Memorial

The project is ongoing and no further information is yet available.

Resolved: To await further advice.

C19.81. Uppies and Downies

The Clerk summarised that there had been reports that the statues had been removed from storage in Allerdale, however the statues are still there awaiting a final destination decision. It was discussed that the statues should be displayed within Workington specifically outside of the railway station and in the town centre. LW suggested a plaque erected to the memory of the four people who have died during this event (offers of donations to pay for plaque from LW constituents). Discussion as to erecting two plaques; one with each statue.

Resolved: Events Officer approach Allerdale B.C.& C.C.C. as landowners of potential statue sites.

Resolved: To extend thanks to LW constituents.

C19.82. Budget

The budget for the Culture Committee 2020-2021 was considered with the following amendments;

- Remembrance budget to return to £2,000.00 (additional funds were made available for the 2020 VE memorial celebrations which are no longer required in 2021).
- Theatres budget to be divided between Carnegie Hall (£2,000.00); Theatre Royal (£1,500.00); Moorclose (£1,500.00).

Resolved: Town Clerk to amend budgets.

C19.83. Photography Competition

The photography competition has closed and the winners have been chosen, at this time the winners will not be announced as not all winners have been available for notification. It has been suggested that the competition winning entries will be housed in a town centre location when the Covid pandemic is eventually over.

Resolved: Events Officer to inform remaining winners of success.

Resolved: Events Officer to research suitable housing for winning entries.

C19.84 Mayors Christmas Card Competition 2020

The Mayor's Christmas Card competition has closed and winners have been chosen at this time the winners will not be announced as not all winners have been available for notification. It was noted that this year there was a vast increase in entries for the competition.

Resolved: Events Officer to inform remaining winners of success

C19.85. Vulcan Park

The location of the Remembrance V.E. Day Statue was discussed, suggestions were made for the monument outside of HSBC in town centre and the Beacon in Vulcan Park. PS suggested the names of those lost from Workington during the two world wars could be inscribed on the column.

Discussion of including a stone painting competition for the children of Workington to be included in the grounding of the Covid Memorial. It was suggested and carried that a time capsule be included in the foundations for the Covid Memorial.

Resolved: Event Officer to approach Allerdale B.C. as landowners of the town centre monument.

Resolved: All members to suggest suitable items for the time capsule at the next meeting.

C19.86. Christmas Celebrations 2020

The Events Officer reported that the Virtual Christmas Festival (VCF) will continue as planned for the 28th and 29th November. Many of the recordings required for the event have been completed and others will continue to be filmed during this lockdown under Covid 19 restrictions. There has been some damage to lights due to poor weather conditions have been repaired and are ready for the 'switch-on'. New areas of lighting are taking slightly longer than planned due to unforeseen circumstances (asbestos checks required) and power supply checks will take place next week. It was suggested that the filming for the VCF should include adverts from local shops, currently response is poor. HB suggested the VCF could include some images from popular attractions in Workington.

Resolved: To note the report from the Events Officer.

Resolved: Events Office to inform VCF producer to include images of Workington.

C19.87. Christmas Tree

Northside have applied for a Christmas tree for the area outside of the community centre. As the four donated Christmas trees are all in the region of 20ft in height they require careful planning and ground preparation therefore are not feasible for Northside so late in the year. It was discussed that a permanent, rooted tree be gifted to Northside and planned for next year and this year a grant of £200 for Northside to buy and dress a tree for this year.

Resolved: To gift a permanent, rooted tree to the Northside community from 2021.

Resolved: To provide a grant of £200 for the Northside community for Christmas tree.

The meeting closed at 19.29.