

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Culture Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.30pm Tuesday 16 March 2021 hosted remotely through the Zoom web platform.

Cllr C Armstrong (chair)	Present
Cllr H Briggs (vice chair)	Present
Cllr R Briggs	Apologies
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 for Workington Town Council. Cllr Beth Dixon in attendance to comment on Agenda item 7 (Christmas tree).

### **C19.99. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllr Sean Melton and Cllr Ryan Briggs.

### **C19.100. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

### **C19.101 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

No agenda items were identified as requiring the exclusion of press or public.

### **C19.102. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2021.

**Resolved:** To affirm them as a true record.

### **C19.103. VE/VJ Memorial Statue Update**

The committee received an update from the Chair and Town Clerk about the status of the project. The Chair confirmed the location for the memorial will be at the originally proposed location (the beacon). Once the survey work has been completed, the work will commence. The Town Clerk confirmed that a geo-scan is being undertaken as part of the survey work and will be taking place in the next couple of weeks.

#### **C19.104. Events update**

The Chair and the Town Clerk confirmed the plans for upcoming events programme:

- Tuesday 23 March: National Day of Reflection. To be marked with yellow ribbons tied around the trees in Vulcan Park.
- Mental Health Awareness Week in May. To be marked with a yarn bombing event in Vulcan Park. Individuals and groups will be invited to knit items that can be displayed around the park.
- Easter trail in Vulcan Park.

The Chair and the Town Clerk also confirmed plans for events that have been provisionally booked for 2021 (subject to government guidelines):

- The Comedy of Errors by Oddsocks Theatre Company in July.
- Northside Family Fun Day on Thursday 22 July.
- Moss Bay Family Fun Day on Saturday 7 August.
- Vulcan Park Family Fun Day on Saturday 21 August.
- Harrington Marina Day on Saturday 28 August.

The Chair said that additional dates for fun days would be considered at a later date, possibly to include Moorclose and Salterbeck.

#### **C19.105. Christmas Tree**

Following on from the committee's previous discussions concerning the supply of a Christmas tree for Northside (10 November 2020, minute C19.87), Cllr Beth Dixon was invited to attend the meeting and provide more background information.

Cllr Dixon explained that Northside Community Centre has previously received a tree from the National Trust, with a contribution to costs from Iggesund. They erected and dressed the tree but following stormy weather it looked crooked. They cannot plant a permanent tree as the land is owned by Castle and Coasts. They are also unsure what the condition is beneath the soil and if planting a tree would create drainage issues.

Cllr Dixon explained the ideal scenario would be to have a tree supplied and installed into position. Cllr Dixon has had offers from people to sponsor the lights. Cllr Dixon confirmed they would also appreciate support with the supply of a base and installation of an electrical supply.

The Chair explained that Iggesund donates four trees to Workington currently situated at the Town Hall, Harrington, Workington Leisure Centre and Washington Street.

It was suggested that the tree from Workington Leisure Centre could be moved to Northside Community Centre.

The Events Officer explained that the lights for the trees are provided by Millennium Quest. All of the trees lights are hired, except for the lights at Workington Leisure Centre. Workington Leisure Centre has purchased its lights. All of the trees are donated by Iggesund and the locations for the trees are decided by a committee. Any changes to the locations would need to be agreed with the committee at Iggesund.

**Resolved:** To keep the Christmas tree and decorations at the Town Hall on Oxford Street. To look into the possibility of moving the Christmas tree from Workington Leisure Centre to Northside Community Centre.

**C19.106. Grant applications**

The Chair clarified agenda items 8E and 8F would be considered separately from the grant applications. These agenda items are not grant applications and needed to be discussed separately to ensure clarity. The Chair also provided a correction for item 8E as the agenda stated the project is located at Moorclose Community Centre, but the project is located at Moorclose Green.

**a) Workington Operatic Society**

To support production costs for 'Shrek The Musical'.

**Amount requested:** £9,600.

**Budget:** Funding for Community Development, Heritage or Sport.

**Resolved:** To defer the decision until the next meeting of the Culture Committee.

**b) Workington Heritage Group**

To support the production of interpretation signage to be installed at Workington Hall. Cllr Scott confirmed he is on the Steering Group for Workington Hall but is not a member of Workington Heritage Group. Cllr Scott provided background information on the future plans for the hall and explained that efforts are being made to open it up to the public for tours.

**Amount requested:** £1000.

**Budget:** Funding for Community Development, Heritage or Sport

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £1000.

**c) Workington Rugby Football Club Limited**

To support the installation of solar panels at the club.

**Amount requested:** £7,500.

**Budget:** Funding for Community Development, Heritage or Sport

**Resolved:** To decline the application.

**d) Workington Community Emergency Response Group**

To pay for the group's radio licence fee for two years. Cllr Wilkinson and Cllr Scott confirmed they are volunteers for the Workington Community Emergency Response Group. They did not comment or vote on the application.

**Amount requested:** £240.

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £240.

**g) South Workington Youth Partnership**

To support an Easter themed Family Fun Day.

**Amount requested:** £1000.

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £300.

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To pay for a laminate floor in Moorclose Community Centre.

**Amount requested:** £600.

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

**Resolved:** To decline the application.

**h) West Cumberland Branch of the Royal Engineers Association**

To improve the facilities at the Workington Veterans Club

**Amount requested:** £300.

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £300.

**C19.107 Football posts for Moorclose and Harrington (previously listed under Agenda item 8 Grant Applications)**

Following the Chairs clarification, the committee reviewed agenda items 8E and 8F separately from the grant application. The Chair invited Cllr Stoddart and Cllr Harrington to provide more information about these projects.

Cllr Stoddart explained he is looking to improve the play facilities at Moorclose Green. Cllr Stoddart proposes that junior football posts should be installed on the grassed football field at Moorclose Green. The total costs for the aspect of the project would be:

Posts: £492.00.

Nets: £96.00.

Fittings: £84.00.

TOTAL: £672.00.

Cllr Stoddart confirmed there is a second set of football posts that need relocated to a grassed area. They will need concreted into position. The cost of these works would bring the overall costs for this project to £2,548.

Cllr Harrington confirmed a replacement goalpost was required for Harrington Marina. It was damaged last year and has yet to be replaced.

Unknown £964.00.

Stadia Sports: £635.00.

Harrod Sport: £1172.00.

**Resolved:** To pay for the requested works at Moorclose for the total quoted cost of £2,548.00.

**Resolved:** To purchase a replacement goalpost for Harrington Marina from Stadia Sports at the quoted price of £635.

**Meeting closed at 7.20pm**