

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Culture Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.30pm Thursday 10 March 2020 in the Helena Thompson Museum, Workington

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

In attendance: Town Clerk

### **C19.57. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllrs H Briggs, R Briggs, and P Scott.

### **C19.58. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

### **C19.59. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

The Committee resolved to exclude the press and the public from item 9 on the agenda, because it related to commercial confidentiality.

### **C19.60. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 14 January 2020.

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

### **C19.61. Funding and Grants Proposals**

The Committee considered grant and funding proposals, noting that the money would be taken from the current financial year's budget and the new financial year's budget, as follows:

#### **i) Frostoms Pensioners**

For a VE Day Party

**Amount requested:** £250

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £250

**ii) RBL Women's Section**

To assist with Veteran's Breakfasts

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**iii) Carnegie Singers**

To assist with general running costs for forthcoming season

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Cultural Groups

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

**iv) Workington Royal British Legion**

To assist in VE Day street party

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**v) St Michael's Nursery and Infants School**

To assist in VE Day street party

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**vi) South Workington Youth Partnership**

To assist in trip to Val de Reuil

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**vii) South Workington Youth Partnership**

To assist in provision of Big Lunch on 29 March 2020

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**viii) Workington Royal British Legion**

To assist in the provision of refreshments for 300 at Armed Forces Day and Remembrance Day 2020.

**Amount requested: £750**

**Budget:** Remembrance/Community Service Grant

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £600 to contribute to the costs of these two events.

**ix) South Workington Youth Partnership**

To assist in VE Day street party

**Amount requested: £300**

**Budget:** Community Service Grant

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

**x) West Cumberland Royal Engineers Association**

Contribution towards various costs.

**Amount: £300**

**Budget:** Community Support Grant

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

**xi) Charlotte Elder, SLV Placement**

Contribution towards work placement researching mental health issues.

**Amount Requested:** Donation

**Budget:** Community Service Grant

**Note:** Applicant has been informed that council will not fund individual but could make donation to named charity.

**Resolved:** To offer a grant of £100, subject to their being a suitable charitable account to pay it into.

**xii) Healthy Hopes CIC**

VE Day lunch

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

**xiii) Workington Rotary Club**

VE Day Lunch

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grants

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

### **19.62 Jane Pit Miners' Memorial**

The Clerk gave a brief update on the project to establish a memorial to the Mineworkers of Workington at Jane Pit. There had been a number of proposals involving Allerdale Borough Council, which promised an innovative funding model to get the works done. However, recent political changes at the Borough were thought to have dealt such ideas a decisive blow. The Heritage Group were due to meet with officers the following week to assess the situation and devise a new timetable for funding applications.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

### **19.63. Remembrance 2020**

The Committee received an update on the plans for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE day and other Remembrance related activities. The Chair confirmed that following the agreement of the last full council, an artist was preparing a design for a large-scale wooden sculpture to become a centrepiece around a remodelled area of garden around the existing beacon. The beacon would be modified to accommodate the sculpture, and future beacon lighting could be considered for elsewhere in the town. Following consultation with the Royal British Legion there would be a very short moment of reflection at the Cenotaph on 8 May, along with the unveiling of the new statue. There was a query about whether this would clash with Allerdale's plan for a ceremony. The Clerk explained that he was unaware of any plan by Allerdale, and this had not come up in liaison meetings between the two councils. He would make further inquiries.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

### **19.64. Harrington Marina Day Receipts**

The Committee considered a proposal that any receipts from the Harrington Marina Day are distributed to the Mayoral charities. It was suggested that this would not benefit the Harrington Marina area directly and that this was a missed opportunity. A compromise position was suggested in which the Mayor's Charity takes half the receipts, and the other half are ring-fenced for the Council's Harrington Marina developments, such as the play area and public seating.

**Resolved:** To donate half the receipts to the Mayoral Charity, and retain half for development to council facilities at Harrington Marina.

### **Part Two**

Following the resolution at C19.59, the following item proceeded after the exclusion of the press and public.

### **19.65 Christmas Lighting Contract 2020-2022.**

The Committee considered the tenders for the supply and installation of Christmas lighting in Workington for the three year period commencing November 2020. A separate note is kept on file.

**Resolved:** To request further feedback from two applicants, which may then be considered by the Chair and Clerk, in consultation with Committee members, who are then delegated to

make a recommendation on the Committee's behalf. The recommendation should be to Full Council on 25 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 19.33.