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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 7th November 2024 at 6.30pm in the Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Michael Heaslip (Chair)	Present	Cllr Bernadette Jones (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Mary Bainbridge	Present	Cllr Nath Martin	Absent
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent*	Cllr Susan Martin	Present
Cllr Sue Fryer	Absent*	Cllr Sean Melton	Absent*
Cllr Hilary Harrington	Absent		

In attendance: Cllr David Farrar, Cllr John Mills and Chief Officer/RFO.

The meeting started at 6.43pm.

E24.68 Absences: Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Dixon, Cllr Sue Fryer and Cllr Melton.

E24.69 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Jones at agenda item 12 and Cllr Heaslip at agenda item 13d.

E24.70 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

E24.71 Public Participation: None.

E24.72 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 19th September 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

E24.73 Public Questions: None.

E24.74 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

E24.75 Motions on Notice: None.

E24.76 Environment Budget

Committee noted the report for information.

Committee discussed the replacement cost for a swing which had been vandalized at Cusack Crescent play area. Committee approved a cost of £1,923.86 from the Park maintenance budget line. Committee discussed that this budget line does not have a lot remaining to last until the end of March. The CO advised that some money had been released from the committed budget line so there was a bit more than the report showed, however there was still not a lot left.

There is money left in the allotments budget line; it was agreed to wait until after the allotment holders meeting on 11th November to determine what this may need to be spent on.

Resolved: To purchase a replacement swing as required to the value of £1923.86 from the Park Maintenance budget line.

E24.77 Street Displays

Tender documents have been advertised and the deadline for submission is 18th November.

Resolved: Tender decision and approval of spend will need to go to Full Council on the 28th November.

E24.78 Environmental Activities

- a) Cumbria in Bloom - Committee thanked Officers and all involved in Cumbria in Bloom for their hard work in obtaining a Silver Gilt award for Workington in the large town category. Workington has been nominated by Cumbria in Bloom for the RHS Britain in Bloom awards in 2025.
- b) Environmental activities annual calendar – Committee were asked for any suggestions to add to the calendar for 2025 and if there are specific areas in their wards that they wish Officers to tackle during the monthly litter picks. Officers will tie in with Workington Nature Partnership and Tivoli for the removal of waste.
- c) 100 years of Vulcan Park – Committee discussed activities to celebrate 100 years of Vulcan Park; ‘100’ flower bed, old photo displays and to provide 100 free bee bombs to give out at Party in the Park.

Resolved: To accept the invitation to enter the RHS Britain in Bloom awards.

Resolved: To carry out the environmental activities calendar for 2025.

Resolved: To create a ‘100’ flower bed, create boards with old photos of Vulcan Park and purchase 100 bee bombs to give away at Party in the Park 2025.

E24.79 Green Grants

Cllr Jones declared an interest in this agenda item, however leaving the room would mean the meeting was inquorate, therefore the agenda item is referred to the next Full Council meeting for consideration.

Resolved: Defer a request for funding from St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School for £1,000 from the Greens Grants budget line to Full Council.

E24.80 Streetscene

a) Public Rights of Way – The Chair advised that Councillors would be required to carry out their own work for any PROW they wished Officers to submit to Cumberland Council. There is a formal process to follow and specific forms that need to be completed by residents, so it is not as easy as submitting a list of names and addresses.

To clarify, Workington Sailing Club is the club at Workington quayside and not Harrington. This is possibly owned by Sustrans and part of the Coast-to-Coast route, so there may be different requirements for this area.

b) Latest police newsletter - Committee were requested to send any questions or concerns they have to the Chief Officer prior to the next Full Council meeting for the Inspector to answer on the night.

It was discussed that there are concerns of unsafe driving and parking outside Stainburn and both Ashfield schools during school drop off and pick up times and that this needed to be addressed by the police.

c) Christmas trees: Committee noted the report for information.

d) Workington RFC funding request

Cllr Heaslip declared an interest in this agenda item, however leaving the room would mean the meeting was inquorate, therefore the agenda item is referred to the next Full Council meeting for consideration.

Resolved: Defer a request for funding from Workington RFC (Zebras) for £750 for a new community defibrillator from the Streetscene budget line to Full Council.

e) Defibrillators

Committee noted the report for information.

Resolved: Committee approved the draft defibrillator agreement, which will now be signed between WTC and organisations who house defibrillators installed by the Council.

E24.81 Estate Development

a) Play area update: Committee noted the report for information.

b) Funding opportunity with the Lawn Tennis Association: Committee agreed that this would be a welcome addition to Vulcan Park and an official opening could take place at Party in the Park and 100 years of Vulcan Park. Officers are working with the LTA and Cumberland Council to discuss what funding is available and if WTC will be required to provide some match funding.

Maintenance of the courts would be the responsibility of WTC once installed and a 'sink fund' of £4k has been added to the draft budget for 25-26 to allow for this.

E24.82 Allotments

Committee noted the report for information.

The Chair advised that tenancy agreements must start during the non-growing season. So, agreements and invoices can be sent out earlier if this is preferred by Officers, but the tenancy agreement should start from 1st November.

Resolved: Committee reviewed the non-cultivation process and requested the 3rd site visit be removed from the process.

E24.83 Workington Nature Partnership

Committee noted the minutes from the WNP steering group meeting for information.

The Chair advised that there is an ongoing issue at Harrington Reservoir because of housing developments and the silt that is blocking the waterways.

Cllr Heaslip and Cllr Denise Rollo for Cumberland Council are having a meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss the concerns and actions required.

E24.84 Budget 2024-2025

Committee discussed the proposed budget for 2025-2026 and requested the following amendments:

Move play area maintenance costs from estate development to play areas budget line.

Increase Vulcan Park budget line to £19,000.

Add in possible £100,000 to Estate development for the potential tennis court project.

Committee discussed the increase to the WNP budget line for additional staffing. There are currently two staff members who are both part-time. An additional staff member would allow the partnership to take on future worthwhile projects and assist with the management of volunteers.

Resolved: To take the proposed budget to F & GP and Full Council.

The meeting ended at 8pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report
Environment

As At
05-Feb

		Current Year 2024/25							
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 05-Feb-25	Committed Expenditure	Balance at 31-Mar-25
120	Environment								
4700	Street Displays	17,500	0	0	0	17,500	18,350	0	(850)
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	1,300	0	1,700
4810	Streetscene	13,500	0	0	0	13,500	5,975	202	7,323
4725	Estate Development	99,500	0	31,000	0	130,500	121,966	4,580	3,954
4770	Park Maintenance	30,000	0	0	0	30,000	24,686	6,039	(725)
4820	Allotments Maintenance	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	10,440	1,860	3,700
4730	Nature Partnership	23,500	0	0	0	23,500	24,052	0	(552)
		203,000	0	31,000	0	234,000	206,769	12,681	14,550

Committed Expenditure Listing for 2024/25

Order Number	Month	Order Date	Supplier Name	Description	Code	Centre	Net Amount	Invoiced	Balance
-	1	Apr-24	Project	Maintenance Work to Bowling Bower	4770	120	5,182.00	4,857.44	324.56
-	1	Apr-24	Project	Works to Green Hub	4725	120	5,000.00	2,499.80	2,500.20
-	3	Jun-24	Project	Ashfield Road South Play Area (WTC only)	4725	120	6,800.00	4,719.79	2,080.21
2241	6	27-Sep	B&Q	Assorted Materials - Park Maintenance	4770	120	50.00		50.00
2253	8	12-Nov	Travis Perkins	Hire of Chipper	4770	120	100.00		100.00
2255	8	18-Nov	Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd	Chainsaw Repairs	4770	120	250.00		250.00
2260	8	20-Nov	Business Stream	Water - Green Hub 24/25	4770	120	94.04	45.56	48.48
2261	8	20-Nov	Business Stream	Water - Vulcan Park 24/25	4770	120	85.88	51.13	34.75
2265	8	20-Nov	Card Saver Limited	Allotment Virtual Terminal Fees 24/25	4820	120	41.38	18.25	23.13
2269	8	20-Nov	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - Cranbourne Street 24/25	4820	120	201.08	201.07	0.01
2274	8	20-Nov	Cumberland Council	Pest Control - VP Bowling Bower 24/25	4770	120	112.50	67.50	45.00
2275	8	20-Nov	Cumberland Council	Play Area Inspections 24/25	4770	120	102.63		102.63
2276	8	20-Nov	Cumberland Council	Vulcan Park Trade Waste Collection 24/25	4770	120	2,600.00		2,600.00
2278	8	20-Nov	First Data Europe Limited	Allotment Virtual Terminal Fees 24/25	4820	120	294.00	149.41	144.59
2279	8	20-Nov	FuelGenie Business Account	Fuel for Estates Team Machinery 24/25	4770	120	80.83	70.98	9.85
2284	8	20-Nov	Npower Ltd	Street Lighting at Frostoms 24/25	4810	120	202.07		202.07
2285	8	20-Nov	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Café & Lights 24/25	4770	120	709.42	243.17	466.25
2286	8	20-Nov	Npower Ltd	Vulcan Park Queen's Hut 24/25	4770	120	1,350.00		1,350.00
2292	8	20-Nov	Water Plus	Water - Annie Pit Allotments 24/25	4820	120	402.03		402.03
2293	8	20-Nov	Water Plus	Water - Cranbourne Street Allotments 24/25	4820	120	87.30	4.66	82.64
2294	8	20-Nov	Water Plus	Water - Park Lane Allotments 24/25	4820	120	64.74	2.95	61.79
2295	8	20-Nov	Water Plus	Water - Siddick Allotments 24/25	4820	120	24.79		24.79
2296	8	20-Nov	Water Plus	Water - Stoneleigh Allotments 24/25	4820	120	343.61		343.61
2301	8	26-Nov	Lloyds Ltd	Ride-On Mower Service	4770	120	556.38		556.38
2303	8	26-Nov	Tivoli Group Limited	Soapery - Remove and dispose of footbridge	4820	120	766.80		766.80
2309	9	18-Dec	B and Q	Material for Salterbeck Gates	4820	120	10.00	6.04	3.96
2314	10	10-Jan	B and Q	Vent for Bowling Green	4770	120	7.96	6.63	1.33
2315	10	17-Jan	Tivoli Group Limited	Hedge Trimming at Brewery House	4770	120	100.00		100.00
2320	10	22-Jan	B and Q	Picket Fence	4820	120	38.00	31.67	6.33
							<u>452,316.03</u>	<u>300,956.42</u>	<u>12,681.39</u>



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 10
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th February 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Street Displays	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- Committee to consider costs for new self-watering hanging baskets
- Committee to consider costs for new self-watering mangers

2. DETAIL

The Council's new contractor for the floral displays in town has reviewed the Council's current stock of hanging baskets and mangers and has advised the following:

Troughs require some repairs which is mostly just popped welds on bands, most salvageable with minor repairs, 3 are non-serviceable having been totally chorused at some point and there seems to be a couple missing. We will have 102 functioning units for next season, total should be 109.

The cost to replace the 7 troughs would be £143 each, plus delivery £50 = £1,051.

The current hanging baskets used are a standard mesh container type. It is not practicable to manage this sort of basket on the specified routine and we have no technical data for their manufacture or rating for suspension above walkways.

These units will need to be replaced with self-watering types and 105 baskets are required in total.

The cost to purchase 105 new self-watering hanging baskets, plus £50 delivery is £31.68 each = £3,368



Committee to note that as part of the new contract the Council qualifies for five free fruit trees, which will be planted in the Autumn of 2025. Officers would recommend these are planted at The Ranch; as the start of a wider planting scheme for this land but are happy for suggestions from committee.

'The idea of the free trees is to meet some of our social value obligations whilst giving back a long-term asset to communities; as we have a lot of public facing clients locally we hope the impact will be noticeable.'

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS.

Unit price	Delivery	Qty	Total ex VAT
£31.60	50	105	£3,368.00
£143	50	7	£1,051.00
			£4,419.00

Grant Feedback Form



About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we ask that you return this form as an interim report and then submit a final report no later than eight months after receiving the grant.

1. Organisation Name:

HIGH HARRINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE .

2. Date grant was awarded:

11.07.2024 .

3. Amount of grant awarded:

£300 .

4. Purpose of grant:

Creating a Community Garden. The grant was to buy planters, shrubs and flowers, to enhance the side path leading to the garden .

5. Please describe how your grant was used:

The grant was used to purchase containers, compost, shrubs and flowers.

6. Is your project/event finished: YES | ~~NO~~

If no, please give an explanation and timeline on completion:

7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:

The grant has enhanced the area around the Community Centre. Adding colour and scents to the area.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?

Three Committee members took part in this part of the project.

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?

All the Centre uses benefitted from the project as well as residents on the estate.

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?

(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants)

Anybody passing the Community Centre can enjoy the display of flowers.

11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

officers have received this information

12. What other funding (if any) was used?

NONE

(Please name the fund and the amount given)

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.







ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 12
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th February 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO & Projects/Events Officer	
Title: Streetscene	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To consider additional costs required to locate a defibrillator at Barepot
- b) To consider any other suitable locations within the town that would benefit from a defibrillator
- c) To consider a request from the police to attend twice yearly virtual meetings.
- d) To note information on Cumberland Council's gateway project.

2. SUMMARY

This report contains information on the following for committee.

- a) Bareport defibrillator request
- b) Defibrillator locations
- c) Neighbourhood Police Pledge
- d) Workington Gateway project

3. DETAIL

- a) Following on from the request for a defibrillator to be installed at Barepot; Officers investigated the area for a suitable location. There was found to be no commercial premises accessible 24/7 to house the defib cabinet and source an electrical connection.

After a meeting with Northwest Ambulance Service and Wel Medical a solution was sourced from Turtle defib cabinets which is a wind and solar powered cabinet as pictured below.



Cumberland Council have given permission for identified land at Barepot which is well lit and away from risk of flooding.



The purchase costs for this cabinet and defibrillator are as follows:

Solar & Wind Powered Defibrillator Cabinet	£3,200
HeartSine 500P Defibrillator (Discounted when purchasing cabinet)	£875
Deliver & self-install by Estates Team	£150
Total	£4,225

Budget that has already been secured consists of:

Barepot resident's donations	£300
Cost approved by Environment Committee minute E24.63 street scene budget line on 19/09/24	£1,500
Total	£1,800

Therefore, there is a shortfall of £2,425. Committee to consider agreeing to the additional budget from the Streetscene budget line.

b) Defibrillator locations

Below is a list of defibrillator locations in each ward in Workington and who has guardian responsibility for maintaining them, carrying out regular checks and renewing the pads when they expire.

Harrington	
Location	Guardian
Harrington Youth Club, Church Road, Harrington, CA14 5QA	HYC
Beckstone Primary School, Eadie Street, Harrington, CA14 5PX	Beckstone
Harrington Sailing Club Harbour House, North Side, Harrington, CA14 5QW	WTC
Galloping Horse Inn, 95 Main Road, High Harrington, CA14 4NQ	WTC

Moorclose	
Location	Guardian
Moorclose Community Centre, Needham Drive, Workington, CA14 3SE	Moorclose Community Centre
Workington Fire Station, Moorclose Road, Workington, CA14 5BF	Fire Station

Salterbeck	
Location	Guardian
The Oval Centre, Salterbeck Drive, Salterbeck, Workington, CA14 5HA	Oval Centre

St John's	
Location	Guardian
Access Road To Cricket Ground From Hall Brow, The Cloffocks, Workington, CA14 3YH	Unknown
Helena Thompson Museum, Park House, Park End Rd, Workington, CA14 4DE	Helena Thompson Museum
The Hub near Multi Storey Car Park, Workington, CA14 3DX	Washington Square Shopping Centre

St Michael's	
Location	Guardian
Milburn's Solicitors, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2AN	Milburn's Solicitors
Workington Railway Station, Belle Isle Place, Workington, CA14 2XE	Railway Station
St Michael's Parish Rooms, Dean Street, Workington, CA14 2XA	Church

Vanguard Sailing Club, Access Road To Lighthouse From Junction With Curwen Road, Workington, CA14 2JJ	Sailing Club
Carnegie Theatre, 33 Finkle Street, Workington, CA14 2BD	Carnegie
Workington Town Council Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington, CA14 2QG	WTC

Stainburn	
Location	Guardian
The Briery House Hotel, Stainburn Road, Stainburn, CA14 1ST	WTC

Westfield	
Location	Guardian
St Mary's Church	WTC
Outside Zebra's ground (to be installed)	Zebras

Northside	
Location	Guardian
Northside Community Centre, Trinity Drive, Northside, CA14 1AX	WTC
Calva Farm, Calva Brow, Workington, CA14 1DB	Calva Farm

Plus, Barepot if agreed.

c) Police Neighbourhood Pledge

On 16th January 2025, Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual pledge priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing.

The second Pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and to improve public confidence. One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. Specifically, the Pledge commits the Constabulary to, 'Twice yearly virtual meeting within each NPT locality with parish and town councils'.

Cumbria Constabulary currently operates six Neighbourhood Policing Teams, three in Cumberland and three in Westmorland. Every Neighbourhood Policing Team is made up of smaller geographical 'localities', with each allocated at least one dedicated Community Officer. In total there are currently 33 localities within the force.

Unfortunately, in a such a large county with over 250 parish councils it is not possible to dedicate local police officers to attend monthly parish councils direct, except in the most exceptional of circumstances, as to do so would detract from operational requirements for those officers.

Cumbria Constabulary have worked with Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) to identify those Parish Councils that best fit within the 33 Neighbourhood Policing Team localities, and they have pooled them together for us with the intention that a couple of representatives from

each council can attend twice yearly virtual meetings with their locality-based officer(s). In the case of a few parishes that do not clearly sit within any one locality it may be preferable for parish representatives to attend more than one locality meeting.

For CALC to assist Cumbria Constabulary further in this Pledge commitment, we would be grateful if you could, at your earliest opportunity, inform CALC of the two council representatives that you wish to attend your local virtual meeting. Once we have these details, we will then be able to schedule meetings in line with our Pledge commitment.

d) Workington Gateway Project

Cumberland Council has embarked on a £10.6 million project to open up a key area of Workington and improve HGV access. The location involves the A66 and A596 at Ramsay Brow and Hall Brow, two of the main roads into the town, which form an important route to the Port of Workington and other major industrial sites to the north of the town.

The project will also mean significant investment for Workington's historic Hall Park, one of the town's key recreational and cultural assets, and enhanced pedestrian and cycle routes to and from the town centre.



- Hall Brow, close to Workington Police Station, will be widened, allowing better access for all vehicles
- Parking will be improved for residents on Hall Brow
- A disused pub at the bottom of Ramsay Brow has been demolished so its junction with Washington Street and Bridge Street can also be widened, improving HGV access
- Both these sections of the scheme will benefit the Port of Workington, and the wider industrial areas in the north of the town as restrictions on long vehicles will be removed
- Heavy traffic will also be reduced through other residential areas as this becomes the best route to this area of Workington
- A new cycleway will be created and pedestrian pathways will be improved from Ladies Walk, next to the former Workington Brewery building, through Hall Park
- The cycle and pedestrian routes from Park End Road to Stainburn Roundabout and Workington Academy will also be enhanced
- Permanent lighting will be installed at the historic Workington Hall

- The walled garden in Hall Park, part of the West House horticultural social enterprise, will be enhanced with the creation of a new café and training facilities

The part of the project that may come to the Environment Committee for consideration is the Ramsay Brow pocket park

An artist impression of the widened Ramsay Brow junction looking up from Washington Street. The new landscaped pocket park green space is shown to the left of the Ramsay Brow roadway, adjacent to the red brick Workington Magistrates' Court.



There has been a suggestion for this area to incorporate a Miners Memorial, which would be fitting for the town.

Park End Road entrance

An artist impression of the entrance to Hall Park and the car park adjacent to Workington Skate Park. The pillars at the entrance to the park are visible through mature trees and there is a cobbled area on the road denoting the enhanced vehicle entrance.



West House view

An artist impression of an aerial view of how the new West House walled garden and café will look. It will feature buildings on three sides of the site, with paved areas between garden beds filled with plants in the centre.



4. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

- a) Additional £2,425 from the Street Scene budget line.
- b) None as yet
- c) None
- d) None as yet



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 13
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th February 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Estate Development	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To consider charges for Tennis Court usage and note details from a meeting with Cumbria Tennis
- b) To consider re-location of existing equipment in Vulcan Park
- c) To note an update on the Green hub
- d) To consider a revised report to recommend to F & GP

2. SUMMARY

This report contains information on the following for committee.

- a) Tennis Court usage
- b) Re-location of equipment in Vulcan Park
- c) Green Hub
- d) Land acquisition

3. DETAIL

a) Tennis Court charges

Committee to consider charges for the tennis courts, shortly to be installed in Vulcan Park. Advice from the Lawn Tennis Association is as follows:

The break-even requirement for Vulcan Park, based on LTA guidance, is £3,600 per year (this is a maintenance, sink fund cost). This equates to £1,200 per court, per annum and includes the cost of maintaining the courts in line with our maintenance guidance doc.

*Following a feasibility modelling exercise undertaken by the LTA, break even could be achieved by introducing a court hire fee of **£4 per court, per hour, and an annual***

household pass of £25. An annual household pass gives all members of one household free access to the courts for a year. To meet sinking fund, the Council would need to sell just under 2 bookings per day (across the whole site) and sell 70 household passes per annum.

Our penetration analysis suggests that the local demand for park tennis is 831 (adults). The numbers in the modelling, therefore, are a conservative estimate. Based on data being tracked across 710 park venues we have invested into through the Parks Programme, the average number of bookings per court is 2, therefore the projections outlined above are well below the current usage figures being seen nationally.

Finally, in terms of price point, the average cost of a court ranges from £3-£10 nationally, and household passes average c.£40, so we have pitched the modelling at the lower end of current national averages.

Initially we will not be offering hire of equipment, however if this is something committee wishes to look at Officers can investigate options and costs and bring a report to a future committee meeting.

The Chief Officer recently held a meeting with Cumbria Tennis who manage the tennis courts in Bitts Park for Cumberland Council and are the governing body for Lawn Tennis Association. They extremely keen to get involved with the Council to bring as many people to the courts and get them playing tennis as possible. As part of the funding agreement the Council has entered into they must provide weekly free sessions and Cumbria Tennis can provide this for the Council. They are also going to attend the grand opening on 7th June and bring coaches and all equipment needed.

It requires further discussions but they are an extremely valuable contact to have. Future, depending on what happens with the old café in VP, could be the use of the bowling green building, which could be utilised for the welfare facilities and used to hire equipment to those wishing to play tennis.

b) Relocation of equipment in Vulcan Park

Committee to consider locations for the equipment currently in Vulcan Park, which will be removed to make way for the new tennis courts.

Currently we have:

2 x basketball hoops

1 x panna court

1 x mini tennis net

We also have another basketball hoop in storage. This was originally purchased for Harrington but not suitable location could be found.

It is suggested by officers that the basketball hoops could be re-located to Garnet Crescent play area as currently there is only a slide and a panna court here. We could also look at putting the tennis net here depending on permission from Riverside and suitable space available.

There is also a suggestion that the area where the old bandstand stood could be used for some of the equipment, although committee have decided on activity markings in this area previously and have budget for this set aside in the 25-26 budget.

Equipment will be installed by the Estates team, so estimated at £500 for cement and materials needed.

c) Green Hub

Funding was applied for from Sellafield, CAfS and Hadfield Trust, but all were declined.

Sellafield gave no feedback; Hadfield Trust don't accept applications from parish councils and CAfS required the full project to be completed this financial year. Officers have a list of other potential funders so will continue with this and update committee along the way.

This building could be made into a really useful community building for the town.

d) Land Acquisition

A resolution from a previous committee meeting was to request that F& GP discuss with Cumberland Council a number of potential land acquisitions. This was put on hold as Cumberland Council were not in a position to discuss at the time.

Committee to consider an updated report to put to F & GP for the following:

Mountain View allotments – we have now established and measured the area in which we deem to have suitable allotments. The suggestion is that we give notice to Cumberland that we will honour tenancy agreements to Oct and hand back any land which is not suitable for allotments.

Stoneleigh allotments – after much investigation the bottom part of the allotments are owned by Cumberland and the middle part is under a 1,000-year lease which was signed in 1650 and is therefore deemed as Curwen Estate.

Therefore, Council could ask for the part owned by Cumberland to be transferred.

Pump track – Cumberland Council originally requested that WTC take over the maintenance of the pump track. This was not deemed suitable without transfer of the land first taking place. Does committee wish to address this request again.

Moorclose Park – now that our new play area is open. Committee to consider requesting the land is transferred for the whole of this area, which would include the football pitch/posts and the basketball hoops area.

Southfield School playing field – now that Springfield Park is open. Does committee wish to request this piece of land from Cumberland.

Northside play area – Castles and Coasts are keen to transfer ownership of the play area equipment to us. Does committee wish to approach Cumberland Council for the land ownership as well.

Bankfield Mansion Gardens – the Council owns some of the land near Newlands Lane play area and the football pitch, but it has been previously discussed asking Cumberland for the whole of this area, along with Bankfield Mansion Garden. Does committee wish to progress this.

Banklands Cemetery – Committee needs to decide whether to proceed with the request to take on maintenance of the cemetery.

St Michael's Churchyard - Committee agreed to not proceed with St Michael's churchyard for legal reasons.

4. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

- a) None

- b) £500
- c) None
- d) None



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 14
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th February 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Park Maintenance	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) To note the map and list of all play areas within the town (separate doc)
- b) To note that play area annual inspections have been carried out
- c) To consider costs for new Estates Team electric equipment
- d) To note an update with regards to play areas

2. SUMMARY

This report contains information on the following for committee.

- a) Play areas map and list
- b) Play area annual inspections
- c) Estates Team electric equipment
- d) Play areas

3. DETAIL

- a) See separate document.
- b) Committee to note that play area annual inspections have been carried out and there are no major concerns. There are some slight tweaks to be made by the Estates Team and these will be carried out as part of their daily tasks.
- c) Committee to consider costs for purchasing new electric equipment for the Estates Team:

	Qty	Cost
Husqvarna 530iB Blower, Battery Handheld	1	£ 306.00
1 Year Warranty		

Husqvarna 535iRXT Battery Brushcutter, Bull Horn Handle	1	£ 510.00
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna 522iHDR60 Battery Hedgecutter	1	£ 395.00
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna 525iHE4 Long Reach Hedgetrimmer	1	£ 409.00
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna 40-B360X Battery	4	£ 1,120.00
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna 40-CX1000 x 4 Multi Charger Weatherproof Box	1	£ 327.00
Charges 4 x Batteries		
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna Battery Flexi Belt c/w 2 Battery Carriers		
1 Year Warranty		
Husqvarna LB553iV High Performance 53cm Self Propelled Mower	1	£ 990.00
1 Year Warranty		
Total		£ 4,057.00

The Estates team have been investigating electric equipment and have been very impressed with the Husqvarna brand, that they have been able to test. This brand/equipment is currently used by Tivoli who also recommends it.

Moving to electric will fall in line with our climate action plan, reduce the need to have fuel stored on our premises and the ease of use of the equipment would be beneficial to the team from a manual handling point of view (the new machines are a lot lighter and easier to use).

d) Play Areas

Northside – as noted in the land acquisition report. Castles and Coats are looking at transferring ownership of the equipment to WTC.

They paid us £1,310 to carry out repairs to areas that required attention and these have now been carried out by WTC, therefore we are happy that the play area is up to our standard.

Brewery House – Cumberland Council planning Officers have suggested a location, but WTC Officers need to look at this further.

A brief has been sent to consultants on behalf of F & GP which includes the issue with Brewery House boundary wall. A report requested from the consultants will look at best options for this issue including cost, liability and risk to the council so an informed decision can be made.

Springfield Park – there have been reports of flooding and mud on the surface of the play area. This has been assessed by the Chief Officer and the ETL and we don't believe that there is a drainage issue. Additional matting and sand have been put down to absorb water and reduce the mud. We need to re-evaluate this once the Summer period is over and we've had a good spell of dry weather (fingers crossed). We installed the play area in wet winter months, so the ground did not have time to settle. If there is still an issue after the Summer, we can review what can be done to alleviate the problem.

Harrington Marina Play Area – it is suggested that Officers carry out an accessibility review of the equipment in this play area to see how it can be made more inclusive for those with special needs.

If committee agrees then Officers will carry out a review and recommendations for the next meeting.

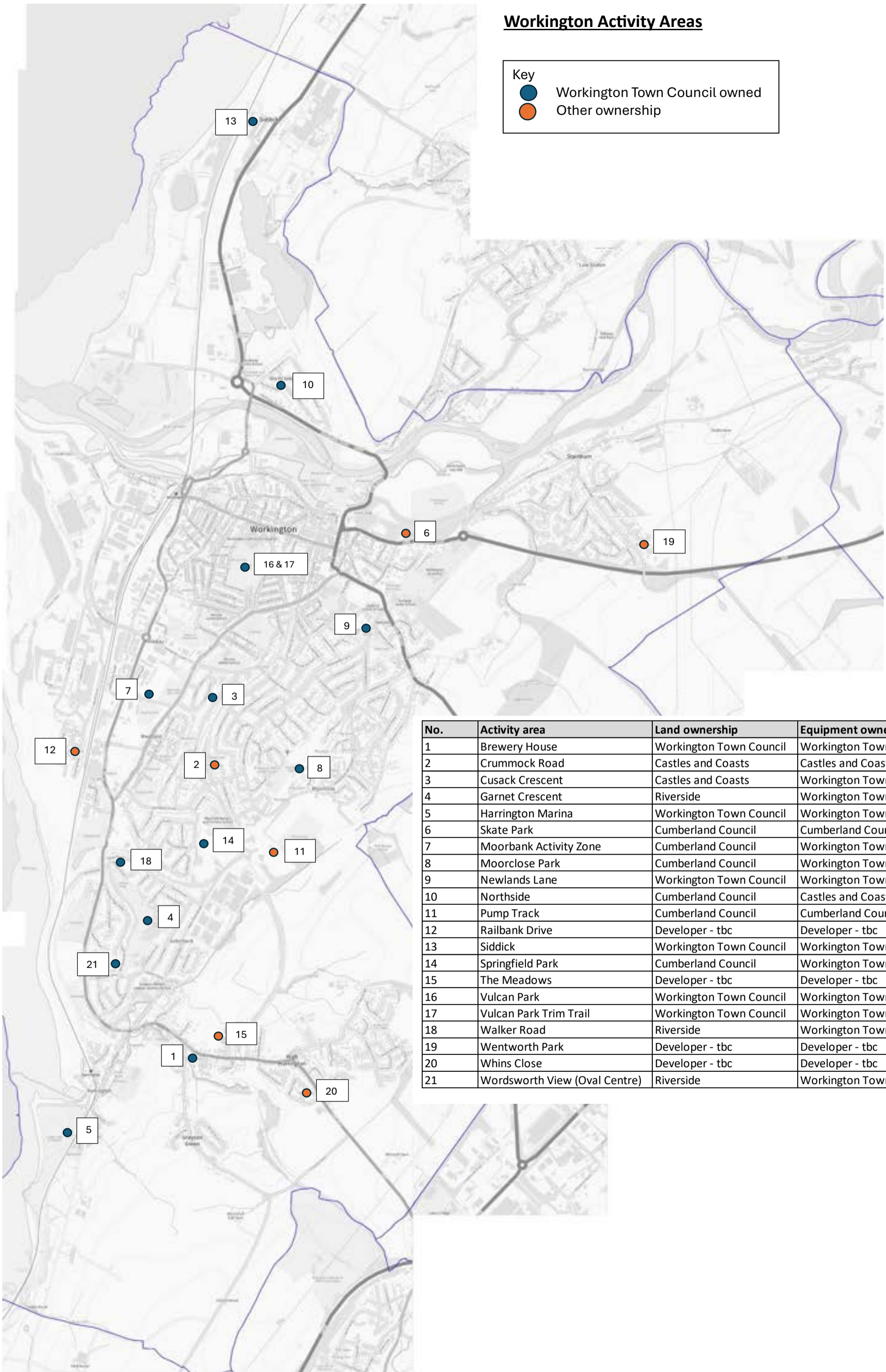
4. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

- a) None
- b) None – cost covered by Park maintenance budget line
- c) £4,057 from 25-26 budget
- d) None as yet

Workington Activity Areas

Key

- Workington Town Council owned
- Other ownership



No.	Activity area	Land ownership	Equipment ownership
1	Brewery House	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
2	Crummock Road	Castles and Coasts	Castles and Coasts
3	Cusack Crescent	Castles and Coasts	Workington Town Council
4	Garnet Crescent	Riverside	Workington Town Council
5	Harrington Marina	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
6	Skate Park	Cumberland Council	Cumberland Council
7	Moorbank Activity Zone	Cumberland Council	Workington Town Council
8	Moorclose Park	Cumberland Council	Workington Town Council
9	Newlands Lane	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
10	Northside	Cumberland Council	Castles and Coasts
11	Pump Track	Cumberland Council	Cumberland Council
12	Railbank Drive	Developer - tbc	Developer - tbc
13	Siddick	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
14	Springfield Park	Cumberland Council	Workington Town Council
15	The Meadows	Developer - tbc	Developer - tbc
16	Vulcan Park	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
17	Vulcan Park Trim Trail	Workington Town Council	Workington Town Council
18	Walker Road	Riverside	Workington Town Council
19	Wentworth Park	Developer - tbc	Developer - tbc
20	Whins Close	Developer - tbc	Developer - tbc
21	Wordsworth View (Oval Centre)	Riverside	Workington Town Council



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 15
Meeting date: Thursday 13 th February 2025	
From: Chief Officer/RFO	
Title: Allotment Maintenance	

1. RECOMMENDATION

Committee to note the report for information.

2. DETAIL

Officers have been working hard on the allotments database and have a much clearer idea of who are tenants are and which plot they currently have.

Most plots holders have paid and returned their agreements and those who haven't are being chased accordingly.

The ETL has the arduous task of measuring some plots again, which have anomalies and this will be undertaken around other priorities.

Updates site plans are nearly complete also.

A report will be going to F & GP to purchase new software which will manage council assets including Allotments and will make Officers job much easier with automated non-cultivation letters, tenancy agreements, plot offers, reminders etc and will also hold all information on all plots, so we have a built up history and backstory for each and every plot.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION.

None

Report from Workington Nature Partnership November December 2024

Work at HNR has included:

Session on the third island, removing willow. Brash has been removed from the island via boat and stacked up along boundary fence, to be chipped at a future date. Removal of pond weed using Jake Rake, and rakes to open up channel alongside third island and seating area. Site wide litterpick. (9 vols, 45 hours).

Session on the third island, strim back nettles and scrub. Remove more willow. Pond weed removal from island side to open up channel. (7 vols, 35 hours).

Session on the third island, continuing to remove pond weed and willow. (7 vols, 35 hours).

Session on daffodil bank to remove nettles and scrub. Scrub raked down the bank and piled behind trees. Dead ash tree removed, which was at risk of falling on to footpath. Footpath cleared along boundary fence. Pond weed removal from far side of pond. (6 vols, 30 hours).

School group from St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Year 6 students attended to do pond dipping, and learn about species life cycles.

Session to clear footpath by Jubilee park. Pond weed removal. Bulb planting, yellow rattle seed sow, willow removal. Volunteer taster session with Gareth Cavanagh, with 3 potential volunteers. (10 volunteers, 50 hours).

Session to remove pond weed, willow removal, dead hedge along edge of woodland and pond. (7 vols, 35 hours).

Session to remove pond weed, barrier made with willow brash between woodland and pond. Site wide litterpick. (9 vols, 45 hours).

Session to remove pond weed, dig channel, remove fallen branches from woodland path. Site wide litter pick. Check by factories for crisp packet wrapper debris and plastic nodules found in pond. Possible contamination from factories. To be investigated. Water rail showing well on pond, kingfisher, teal, mallards. (8 vols, 40 hours).

Session to chip brash with chipper. Dig out pond by bench to create channel. (7 vols, 42 hours).

Work at Siddick has included:

Session at birdhide, to strim wildflower meadow. Widen paths. Remove brash from woodland and add to dead hedge. (6 vols, 36 hours).

Session to cut hedge back at Mona Meadow, using hedge cutter and loppers, to allow access to fenced area. Site wide litter pick. (6 vols, 36 hours).

Session to do site wide visit, litter pick, check squirrel feeders. (5 vols, 15 hours).

Other work has included:

Yellow rattle seed sow at Jubilee park, Moorclose green, Banklands.

Session at Shore road. Strim, rake, rough up, ow wildflower seed. Site wide litter pick. (5 vols, 35 hours).