

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Culture Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.30pm Thursday 14 January 2020 in the Town Hall, Workington

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

In attendance: Town Clerk, Events Officer

### **C19.47. 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, S Melton and L Williams

### **C19.48. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

### **C19.49. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

No issues.

### **C19.50. Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 12 November 2019.

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

### **C19.51. Funding and Grants Proposals**

The Committee considered grant and funding proposals as follows:

**Applicant:** West Cumbria Care and Support (trading as West House)

Towards the purchase of a minibus for the Briarfield Care Home in Stainburn

**Amount requested:** £300

**Budget:** Community Service Grant

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

#### **19.52. Jane Pit Miners' Memorial**

The Clerk updated the Committee on the developments with the project since the last meeting. Following the October public meeting a smaller group had met, which included members of the Workington Heritage Group. The Heritage Group have agreed to adopt the project formally, with support from the Council, reporting through a wider interest group of those people who attended the various meetings. Before beginning a fresh round of fundraising however, there were some talks taking place with the Borough Council, who own the site and currently have the liability for its repair. Various funding options are being explored, which may impact dramatically on the task, if successful.

**Resolved:** To note the report.

#### **19.53. Christmas Lighting 2020**

The Committee reviewed the Christmas lighting installation for 2019, and made a number of suggestions which could be explored with contractors bidding for the 2020 tender. Among the observations were that Murray Road felt flat, the icicles on Jane Street were popular, but contrasted badly with festoon on the opposite side of the road and elsewhere. The tree display outside the town hall was popular and considered very successful. The Events Officer reported that her consultation with the public had recorded 69% responses, 31% negative. It was suggested that Murray Road be looked at again to see if any improvements to the infrastructure could be made to lift the display. Councillors felt that there should be a Christmas tree in Vulcan Park, if the Council offices were moving there, and there should be a lighting plan for the park, generally.

**Resolved:** To incorporate feedback into the new specification for the next three years and bring the resulting tenders to the next meeting.

#### **19.54. Remembrance 2020**

The Committee considered how the proposed Remembrance budget for 2020 will be apportioned and how the anniversaries of the end of conflict in Europe and the Far East will be commemorated by the Council. The Council's 'Remembrance' budget currently covers sponsorship of Armed Forces Day, in addition to funding refreshments for those attending parades on Remembrance Day itself, wreaths and other ancillary expenditure. The proposed value of the 2020 budget is £4,000. It was proposed that Armed Forces Day is not funded through this budget, but through a separate funding application to the 'Cultural Groups' budget, or the F&GP Community development budget.

The Committee heard a suggestion that a small wooden cross is placed by school children for every named person on the World War Two Roll of Honour. It was also suggested that children be encouraged to contribute poems to the Remembrance service. A Councillor observed that in Chippenham, the general public were encouraged to contribute to the funding for commemoration. The Clerk showed a possible memorial walkway designed by the Estate Team, with the Roll of Honour created in cut steel, embedded in the garden.

**Resolved:** To separate the budget for Remembrance from the money paid to the Royal British Legion Club for Armed Forces Day.

**Resolved:** To establish a working group of Cllrs Wilkinson, Scott, King and Armstrong to develop the Council's 75 year commemoration.

### 19.55. Publicity and Marketing

The Committee reviewed proposals for the publicity and marketing spend for the coming year. A councillor observed that there was very little information about what to do in Workington. It was suggested that Workington could team up with Cockermouth and Maryport to promote the 'golden triangle'.

**Resolved:** To accept the proposals for Publicity for the coming year, noting that further developments could be made, as appropriate.

## 9. Events Programme 2020

The Committee reviewed the Events Programme for the coming year. A report from the Events Officer had been circulated to all members separately.

### Existing programme for 2020

Thu 20 February	12pm - 2pm	<b>Sand Art with Imagination Parties</b>	Moorclose Community Centre
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Tue 7 April	1 - 4pm	<b>Moorclose Family Fun Day</b>	Moorclose Community Centre
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**Resolved:** To switch dates with the session in Northside

Sat 9th May	11am - 4pm	<b>Workington GO!</b>	Vulcan Park/ Hall Park / Leisure Centre
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Saturday 23 May	11am - 4pm	<b>Party in the Park</b>	Vulcan Park
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Saturday 6 June	Time TBC	<b>Harrington Marina Day</b>	Harrington Marina
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Thu 25 & Fri 26 June	7pm	<b>The Comedy of Errors</b>	Hall Park
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Thu 23 July	1 - 4pm	<b>Northside Family Fun Day</b>	Northside Community Centre
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**Resolved:** To swap with Moorclose FFD

Sunday 2 August	11.30am - 3.30pm	<b>Festival of Running</b>	Leisure Centre
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Sat 8 August	1 - 4pm	<b>Moss Bay Family Fun Day</b>	Near Jane Pit
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event using pop-up gazebos to reduce overheads

Sat 22 August	1 - 4pm	<b>Vulcan Park Family Fun Day</b>	Vulcan Park
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Sunday 8 November	9.40am & 2pm	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	Harrington & Vulcan Park
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

Saturday 21 November	1pm - 4pm	<b>Umbrella decorating workshops</b>	Moorclose Community Centre
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**Resolved:** To investigate sustainable formats for the umbrella parade.

Sat 28 November	11am - 5.30pm	<b>Workington Christmas Festival</b>	Town centre
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**Resolved:** To confirm this event

## **New Events**

### **Ice rink**

*Possible Location: Vulcan Park*

*Date: Monday 7 December – Sunday 3 January*

To continue exploring options for delivering this.

### **Workington Garden Day**

*Location: Vulcan Park*

*Date: Anytime between 10 – 16 August (National Allotments Week).*

An event in the same format as Workington Go! but concentrating on arts and cultural activities.

**Resolved:** To confirm this event with a budget of £2,000.

**Street party**

*Location: As selected by the applicant*

*Date: 6 & 7 June*

**Resolved:** To encourage local groups to apply for up to £250.

**Easter trail**

*Location: Town centre shops*

*Date: Easter holidays (27 March – 14 April)*

**Resolved:** To confirm this event with a budget of £100

**Firework display**

*Location: Cloffocks or Quayside*

*Date: TBC*

There was general agreement that the Cloffocks would be a suitable venue.

**Resolved:** To continue seeking options for this event.

**Old movie night / drive in**

*Location: Hall Park*

*Date: TBC*

Further costings and details are awaited from a supplier.

**Get Creative Festival**

*Location: Vulcan Park and in performance venues*

*Date: Saturday 16 May 2020*

**Resolved:** To confirm this event with a budget of up to £5,000.

The meeting closed at 19.28.