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Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council, held on Thursday 9th July 2026 at 6.30pm in 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	Absent	Cllr Sean Melton	Absent
Cllr Beth Dixon	Absent	Cllr John Mills	Present
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Hilary Harrington	Present
Cllr Susan Martin	Present	Cllr Patricia Poole	Present

Also in attendance: Deputy Proper Officer.

Committee was supplied with a printed copy of the additional report for Item 13b prior to the meeting.

E26.1 Absences: No absences were notified prior to the meeting.

E26.2 Declarations of Interest: None.

E26.3 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

E26.4 Public Representation: None.

E26.5 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from 16th April 2026 and affirmed them a true record.

E26.6 Public Questions: None.

E26.7 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

E26.8 Motions on Notice: None.

E26.9 Budget Monitoring 2026/27

Committee noted the end of year report for information.

E26.10 Streetscene

a) Neighbourhood Policing meeting

Cllr Mills gave an oral report on the most recent Police Liaison meeting.

It was noted that the format of the meeting was poorly structured, this was largely put down to resignation and redeployment of police officers.

Dog fouling and parking issues were raised, attendees were informed that this needs to be raised with Cumberland Council's enforcement teams.

Speeding was raised as a general issue in the area, with committee informed that the police are making speed scanners available to residents for local survey and monitoring.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council that officers work with police regarding the deployment of speed scanners in the community.

Resolved: Members of the committee to continue attending future Neighbourhood Policing meetings.

b) Miners' bench

Committee noted the report for information.

c) Workington Town Deal Board

Committee noted the report for information.

d) Memorial bench

Cllr Heaslip gave an oral report on the siting of a memorial bench for Kirsten Mawby, a former Open Spaces Manager for Allerdale Borough Council who was heavily involved with the Workington Nature Partnership, with a proposed location of Hall Park Walled Garden.

Resolved: Officers to contact the landowner for permission to site a bench and obtain costs for purchase and installation.

E26.11 Estates Development

a) Tennis Court Lighting

Committee noted the report for information.

b) Vulcan Park surfacing

Committee discussed the overall usage of the central circle area of the park, noting an increase following the addition of the activity markings and siting of the basketball hoop.

Resolved: Committee approved £6,370.00 for surfacing works from the Vulcan Park budget line, plus an additional amount to reinstate any activity markings affected.

Resolved: Officers to investigate the possibility of expanding the tarmacked area to include other activities.

E26.12 Allotments

a) Asbestos removal

Resolved: Committee approved £2,930 for the removal works from the Allotments budget line.

b) Water Supplies

Committee noted the report for information.

E26.13 Workington Nature Partnership

a) Steering Group Meeting

Committee noted the report for information.

Further discussion led to concerns surrounding the condition of Mill Beck and Harrington Reservoir.

Resolved: Officers to contact the Environment Agency to enquire about the dredging of Mill Beck.

Resolved: Officers to contact Cumberland Council regarding the status of the silt filters in place at Harrington Reservoir.

b) Workington Nature Partnership

Committee discussed the contents of the report and estimates overview for 2026/27.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council to delegate to the Proper Officer the detailed operational management of the activities identified in the Estimates Overview, in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee, and jointly with the designated officer and member of Cumberland Council.

Resolved: To recommend to Full Council the contribution of £43,500 towards these estimates.

c) Ellerbeck Flood Plain - report from Rivers Trust

Committee noted the report for information.

E25.95 Funding

Committee noted the feedback reports from St Mary's and Grow Well for information.

The meeting ended at 7:21pm.

Workington Town Council Budget Monitoring Report

Environment

**As At
10-Sep**

		Current Year 2026/27							Balance at 10-Sep-26
		Agreed Budget	Brought Forward	Budget Revisions	Virement	Total Budget	Actual YTD Spend as at 10-Sep-26	Committed Expenditure	
120	Environment								
4705	Environmental Activities	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	(1,000)	1,000	3,000
4710	Green Grants	3,000	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	3,000
4730	Nature Partnership	45,500	0	0	0	45,500	650	23,500	21,350
4810	Streetscene	39,000	0	0	0	39,000	23,796	4,187	11,017
4830	Vulcan Park	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	6,121	5,416	8,463
4840	Play Areas	50,000	0	0	0	50,000	1,000	0	49,000
4850	Allotments	16,000	0	0	0	16,000	8,515	5,751	1,734
4860	Estate Management	40,000	0	0	0	40,000	7,371	1,407	31,222
4870	Estate Development	10,000	0	0	0	10,000	(1,143)	9,359	1,784
		226,500	0	0	0	226,500	45,310	50,619	130,571



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 11
Meeting date: 17th September 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Play Areas	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Officers to contact Cumberland Council to progress the works at Springfield Play Area.
- b. To purchase and install goal posts at a cost of £1,250 following completion of remedial work to the site by Cumberland Council.

2. DETAIL

Cllr Heaslip and the Deputy Proper Officer met with representatives of Cumberland Council to discuss using an area adjacent to the Springfield Play Area to site a set of football posts. They agreed it was a good use of the land and would make arrangements to clear the area and make it available to the Town Council. As of today this work has yet to be carried out.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

£1,250 from the Play Areas budget line.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 12
Meeting date: 17 th September 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Streetscene	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a. Officers to liaise with Cumberland Council and Workington Heritage Group to confirm details for the siting of the bench, and to obtain estimates for any additional costs associated with the installation.
- b. Officers to follow up on the progress of the Memorial Wheel project and report findings to the next committee meeting.
- c. To purchase the memorial bench at a cost of £507 and arrange installation in the Walled Garden.
- d. To note the report for information.

2. DETAIL

a. **Miners' Bench**

Workington Heritage Group have progressed with the production of the memorial bench but have reached a point where they need input from the council regarding the location and fixing method before continuing. It was proposed that the location would be in the area around the Steelworks column in the town centre by HSBC.

b. **Miners' Memorial Wheel**

CDM estimates have been obtained for the memorial but progress has stalled due to officer availability to dedicate time to the project.

c. **Kirsten Mawby Memorial Bench**

The bench for the memorial has been sourced at a price of £507 and location agreed to be located within the Hall Park Walled Garden.

d. **Workington Town Deal Board update**

An oral update will be supplied at the meeting by Cllr Heaslip.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

a. None at this time.

b. None at this time.

c. £507 from the Streetscene budget line

d. None at this time.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item 13
Meeting date: 17 th September 2026	
From: Deputy Proper Officer	
Title: Estate Development Report	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a. To note the expenditure approved under SO28 for the Park End Shelter paths.
- b. Officers to investigate further and obtain project costs to install a hydration station in Vulcan Park.

2. DETAIL

a. Park End Shelter

The Estates Team managed to complete other planned works ahead of schedule over the summer and so had the capacity to install the new path and ramp access to the shelter instead of using an external contractor, meaning the only cost to the council would be for materials and equipment hire. The estimated cost of £2,500 was approved under SO28 ahead of this meeting so that the works could commence.

b. Vulcan Park Hydration Station

Following the extended hot periods that occurred this year it has been proposed that the council install a hydration station, incorporating a drinking fountain or bottle filling station along with a pet station, within Vulcan Park for the public to use.

Suggested sites would be near the play area/old café site or the benches by the war memorial.

Preliminary research estimates the cost of a three-tier unit & installation would be in the region of £7,500.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

- a. £2,500 from the Vulcan Park budget Line
- b. Estimated £7,500 from the Vulcan Park budget line.