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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 28th May 2024, held in the Workington Town Council Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington.**

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| Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair) | Present | Cllr Susan Martin | Present |
| Cllr Beth Dixon | Present | Cllr Paul Larkin | Present |
| Cllr David Farrar | Present | Cllr Tricia Poole | Present |
| Cllr Sue Fryer | Present | Cllr Stephen Stoddart | Present |
| Cllr Allan Hodgson | Absent\* | Cllr Joan Wright | Absent |

In attendance: Interim Proper Officer.

**C24.13 Absences:** Absences were noted from Cllr Allan Hodgson.

**C24.14 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**C24.15 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**C24.16 Public Participation:** None.

**C24.17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 16th April 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**C24.18 Public Questions:** None.

**C24.19 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.20 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.21 Budget**

1. Committee noted the budget monitoring report YTD.

**Resolved:** A commitment of £2,500 for the Twinning Association will be removed from the committed column, as it has not yet been confirmed they will receive this money (no invoice received 24-25).

1. **Resolved:** Committee approved payment of the invoice for Carnegie Theatre Trust for £5,000 from the Cultural Commission – Carnegie Municipal Theatre budget line.
2. **Resolved:** Committee approved payment of the invoice for Carnegie Music Centre for £2,500 from the Cultural Commission – Carnegie Music Centre budget line.

An update was given to committee with regards to the payments made to the Carnegie Theatre and Music Centre; this was the last year of a 3 year agreement which had been approved by a previous committee.

The Carnegie would need to submit a new expression of interest for funding form should they require further financial commitment from the Council.

The funding request would be reviewed by the Culture and Community Committee, as with all other funding requests, and may also require consideration/approval by Full Council depending on the amount requested.

**C24.22 Events Programme 2024**

The Interim Proper Officer talked the committee through the plans for the events programme for 2024.

Committee discussed the idea of a more high profile headliner for the Christmas festival light switch on and agreed it would be something to heighten the profile of the festival and bring more people into the town. Officers will gather further information, but committee expressed a preference for Liberty X/911 and A1.

**Resolved:**  Committee approved all spend listed in the budget breakdown per event in the events programme report 2024.

**Resolved:** Committee requested that the headline figures at the top of each report were made bigger for clearer reading for future meetings.

**Resolved:** Officers to investigate further with regards to a headliner act noting committee’s preference for Liberty X/911 and A1.

**C24.23 Christmas Trees**

Committee agreed that the two 25ft trees donated to the town by Iggesund should be located outside the Royal British Legion on Washington Street and the Town Hall on Oxford Street.

Committee agreed that providing potted trees to each area within the town was better than purchasing further cut down trees and better for the Environment.

**Resolved:** Officers to purchase (budget depending) 7 x 4ft potted Christmas trees and make contact with the following organisations within the town to take ownership of them.

* Harrington Youth Club
* Carnegie Theatre
* Helena Thompson Museum
* St Mary’s Parish Room, Westfield
* Northside Community Centre
* Moorclose Community Centre
* Oval Centre

Cost is estimated at £80 per tree funded from the Christmas Lights budget line.

**C24.24 Previous applications for funding/commission requests**

**Resolved:** Committee noted previous funding approved for Zebra Finches at £500.

**C24.25** **New funding/commission requests**

Committee discussed the application from Denis Devlin Films and decided they were not able to fund it as it was a request to purchase items for a commercial business. When Mr Devlin attended the previous meeting his proposal included film workshops in schools, but there was no mention of this in the funding application. Committee resolved to reject the application and suggest that Mr Devlin applies for Summer Camp funding, providing evidence of the wider community benefit.

Committee discussed the application from Westfield Church for a shopping bus trip out of the county. Committee were not keen to provide funding for this activity. Committee suggests that the Church submits another request to fund their warm hub / free breakfasts that they provide for the community.

**Resolved:** Committee rejected the funding application from Denis Devlin Films.

**Resolved:** Committee rejected the funding application from Westfield Church.

**Resolved:** Committee approved £2,000 to WADAMS for their contribution to the community and youth development from the Cultural Commissions budget line.

**C24.26 Funding Reports**

1. Committee noted the report from the Carnegie Theatre Trust.
2. Committee note the report from the Carnegie Music Centre.

Meeting closed at 19.51 hours.