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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March 2024, held in the Workington Town Council Community Centre, Princess Street, Workington.**

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| Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair) | Present | Cllr David Farrar (Vice Chair) | Present |
| Cllr Barbara Cannon | Apologies | Cllr Susan Martin | Present |
| Cllr Sue Fryer | Present | Cllr Tricia Poole | Present |
| Cllr Jackie Kirkbride | Apologies | Cllr Kate Schofield | Apologies |
| Cllr Nath Martin | Present | Cllr Joan Wright | Present |

In attendance: Cllr Paul Larkin as a substitute for Cllr Kirkbride and Deputy Proper Officer.

**C23.85 Apologies:** Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Cannon and Schofield – work commitments and Cllr Jackie Kirkbride.

**C23.86 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Poole declared an interest in agenda item 14b.

**C23.87 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None

**C23.88 Public Participation:** Mr Denis Devlin was permitted to speak at agenda item 6.

**C23.89 Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 6th February 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**Resolved:** To approve the minutes of the meeting on the 6th February 2024 and affirm them as a true record.

**C23.90 Public Questions:** MrDenis Devlin from Denis Devlin Films addressed the committee and gave some background into his work. The request to committee was for £5,000 to fund film making workshops that would be free to the community in Workington. The aim of the workshops would be to teach young people how the film industry works and would include workshops with camera crew, hair and make up etc.

The outcome would be a film on Workington that could be used for promotion and in future projects.

The committee thanked Mr Devlin for his time and advised of the formal process when requesting funding from the Council. DPO to send Mr Devlin the relevant forms for completion, which will be considered at a future committee meeting.

**Resolved:** DPO to issue relevant funding forms to Mr Devlin.

**C23.91 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C23.92. Motions on Notice:** None

**C23.93 Twinning Presentation:** This was deferred to a future committee meeting, as Cllr Cannon, who was due to make the presentation, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Resolved:** To receive a presentation from the Twinning Association at a future meeting.

**C23.94 Budget:** Committee noted the budget monitoring report YTD for information.

**C23.95 Cultural Commissions Policy**

The committee discussed the policy and specifically noted the following:

*The material dimension of culture refers to physical objects, spaces or resources which promote the identity of people or area. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, theatres and visual arts, museums and archives, libraries, historic buildings, tourist attractions, parks and open spaces, sports facilities, informal leisure pursuits, wildlife and nature habitats.*

*The value dimension of culture refers to the promotion of social interactions between people. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, experiences and events which create shared memories, the passing on of knowledge and skills, an understanding of diversity, the building of relationships through group activities.*

Committee agreed to take the policy to Full Council for approval and adoption.

**Resolved:** To take the Cultural Commissions Policy to Full Council for approval and adoption.

**C23.96 Youth & Community Work Policy**

Committee discussed that it was difficult to define what ‘youth’ meant. Members around the room had their own thoughts which varied, and Officers have found, through research online, that there is no clear age bracket that ‘youth’ could be defined as.

Therefore, it was agreed that for the purposes of this policy and to provide the guidance committee needs to make decisions on funding applications received, ‘youth’ would include anyone under the age of 19. This is outlined in the proposed policy.

Committee agreed to take the policy to Full Council for approval and adoption.

**Resolved:** To take the Youth & Community Work policy to Full Council for approval and adoption.

**C23.97 Christmas Lights**

Committee agreed to donate the two lights featuring the word ‘Workington’ to The Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre.

**Resolved:** to donate the two lights featuring the word ‘Workington’ to The Carnegie Theatre and Arts Centre.

**C23.98 Previous funding/commission requests**

1. New Hope CIC: Committee considered further information that had been requested from Officers and were happy to provide some funding to New Hope CIC. Committee were happy for Officers to discuss the level of this funding (under £1,000) with New Hope CIC, with approval by The Chair, Vice Chair and DPO once established from the Youth Development budget line.

Cllr Poole left the room.

1. Workington Heritage Group: Committee considered further information that had been requested from Officers and were happy to award £4,100 to the Workington Heritage Group from the Cultural Commissions budget line. Committee asked for it to be stipulated that most of the funding should be used to purchase a new audio system for the Helena Thompson Museum with the remaining funding being spent on chairs/artifacts.

Committee noted that the artifacts purchased would be replica artifacts for the children to touch and use when visiting the Museum.

Cllr Poole returned to the room.

Committee asked Officers to ensure that in future all information was provided by organisations requesting funding and that this included recent bank statements and a full income and expenditure report. This will allow Committee to better understand the financial position of the organisations requesting funding.

**Resolved:** To contact New Hope CIC to establish level of funding required from the Youth Development budget line and then seek approval from The Chair, Vice Chair and DPO.

**Resolved:** To award Workington Heritage Group £4,100 from the Cultural Commissions budget line with a stipulation that most of the funding should be used to purchase a new audio system for the Helena Thompson Museum with the remaining funding being spent on chairs/artifacts.

**Resolved:** Officers to ensure that all requested information (especially financial) is received by organisations requesting funding before it is considered by Committee.

**C23.99 New funding/commission requests**

1. Cumberland Council – committee were happy to support Cumberland Council with £2,560 from the Community Development budget line for their Art Trail. Commissioned artists will work with local community groups to create artwork that will be used throughout the town as an Art Trail.
2. Rotary Beer/Cider Festival – committee were happy to support this event with £180 for a gold package from the Cultural Adverts budget line. The aim of this festival is to raise money for charity.

**Resolved:** To support Cumberland Council with £2,560 from the Community Development budget line for their Art Trail.

**Resolved:** To support the Rotary Beer/Cider festival with £180 from the Cultural Adverts budget line for a gold advertising package.

**C23.100 Events programme/ budget 2024-2025:** Committee noted the report for information.

**C23.101 Schools Competition:** Committee noted the report for information.

**C23.102 Art Competition:** Committee noted the report for information.

Meeting closed at 20.04 hours.