

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the Environment Committee of Workington Town Council, 6.30pm on 14 January 2021 on the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

Cllr H Harrington (Chair)	Present
Cllr C Armstrong	Present
Cllr H Briggs	Apologies
Cllr R Briggs	Present
Cllr G Glaister	Absent
Cllr J Hunter	Present
Cllr P Scott	Apologies
Cllr S Stoddart	Present
Cllr W Wilkinson (vice chair)	Present
Cllr L Williams	Present
Cllr J King (Mayor)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk

### **E19.104 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllr Herbert Briggs and Cllr Paul Scott.

### **E19.105 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Wilkinson reminded the Committee that he is the Secretary of Feenans Allotment Association (FAA) and the Chair of the Allotment Committee.

Cllr Sean Melton confirmed he is a shareholder of Westfield Housing.

### **E19.106 Exclusion of Press and Public**

No issues that require the exclusion of press or public.

### **E19.107 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting on 12 November 2020 were accepted as a true record.

### **E19.108 Allotments**

Cllr Will Wilkinson provided a report about the new developments at Feenans Allotment site and future plans as FAA move towards self-management.

Cllr Wilkinson outlined a request for the following support:

#### *Funding request*

Deer Fencing	106.35m	@17.22	£1,784.85
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Gates	X 6	@£433.40	£2,600.40
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>			<b>£4,385.25</b>

Additional support:

- Land clearance of fly tipping.
- Installation of water meter.
- Rent returns for forthcoming season.

**Resolved:** To provide the full financial support of £4,385.25 requested by Cllr Wilkinson on behalf of Feenans Allotment Association.

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- Land clearance of fly tipping.
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#### **E19.109. Bus Shelters**

The Town Clerk provided a report on the status of the proposed bus shelters. The Town Clerk confirmed that the permission process was underway with Cumbria County Council.

**Resolved:** To proceed with the construction of a bus shelter at Moss Bay, pending permissions.

#### **E19.110. Vulcan Park Nightingale Garden**

Cllr Wilkinson provided an update. Work is currently proceeding as planned, though suppliers have mentioned there may be some delays.

**No further action required by the committee at this stage.**

#### **E19.111. Stainburn & Westfield**

The committee discussed the installation of benches at Stainburn and Westfield. The benches have been ordered and delivered, but not yet installed.

**Resolved:** The Town Clerk to seek costings for the bench at Stainburn to be installed by a County Council approved contractor.

**Resolved:** The Town Clerk to confirm the required permissions for the Westfield site.

#### **E19.112 Harrington Park**

The Chair reported that new equipment (an 'inclusive orbit') has been ordered for the playground. The equipment is due to arrive in February and installation will be carried out by an external contractor under the Estate Team Leader's supervision. The total cost will be £11,131.34 for the supply of the equipment, delivery, and installation. The equipment is suitable for wheelchair users. The Chair and Town Clerk confirmed they would like to seek more opportunities to install accessible playground equipment in each play area.

**No further action required by the committee at this stage.**

**E19.113 Vulcan Park**

The Town Clerk provided an update on the resurfacing the paths in Vulcan Park. The contractor is scheduled to return to carry out the work in March 2021. The contractor cannot begin work any earlier due to the weather conditions and temperature. The Town Clerk confirmed some areas that have been started are not level, but this will be corrected when the rest of the work is carried out.

Cllr Wilkinson passed on his thanks to the estates team for edging the paths over the winter months.

Cllr Wilkinson raised that path resurfacing will be needed as part of the COVID memorial and recommended that the Town Clerk liaise with the Estates Team Leader to ensure this work fits in with the wider path resurfacing schedule.

**Resolved:** The Town Clerk and Estates Team Leader to liaise on the path resurfacing schedule.

**E19.114. Play Area Development**

Cllr Melton has booked a meeting with Playdale Playgrounds on Tuesday 26 January at Moorclose Community Centre to discuss ideas for a play area in Westfield. The visit will also look at a potential site for a play area on the grounds of Moorclose Community Centre. Cllr Melton would like to seek funding to cover the costs of an accessible play area at Moorclose Community Centre.

The Town Clerk confirmed discussions with Allerdale Borough Council regarding the Westfield play area are ongoing.

The Town Clerk provided an update about Northside play area. The Town Clerk and Estates Team Leader visited the play area with a representative from the housing association, Castles and Coasts. The play area needs important health and safety repairs by Castles and Coasts before the council can take on its management. The Town Clerk confirmed that we will need to seek clarification on any service charges that are currently paid for the play area and how these would be allocated if management is transferred to the Town Council.

Cllr Stoddart provided an update on the play area at Grasmere Avenue in Moorclose. The site has been there for approximately 20 years and is owned by Allerdale Borough Council and leased to the housing association. The play area would benefit from new equipment and Cllr Stoddart proposed working with Allerdale Borough Council and the housing association to seek funding to improve the site. The committee feel more budget needs to be allocated for play area improvements.

**Resolved:** To review the budget allocation for play areas at the meeting on Monday 18 January 2021.

**E19.115. Moorclose Goal Posts**

The committee felt this was a proposal better suited to the remit and budget of the Culture Committee.

**Resolved:** To review the proposal at the next Culture Committee meeting.

**E19.116. Budget 2021-22**

The committee deferred this item to the next meeting on Monday 18 January 2021.

**Resolved:** To be reviewed at the next meeting (Monday 18 January 2021).

**The meeting closed at 7.50pm.**