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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 1st April 2025, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.**

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

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

**C24.82 Absences:** Absences notified prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Tricia Poole.

**C24.83 Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs Farrar, Hodgson and Martin wished for it to be noted that they work for Cumberland Council. Committee agreed that this did not require them to leave the room for the feedback report at agenda item 10a.

**C24.84 Exclusion of Press and Public:** Part two of the agenda, item number 15.

Cllr Stoddart arrived at 6.32pm.

**C24.85 Public Participation:**

1. Committee received a presentation from Anne Waggot-Knott who is currently working on a project for Cumberland Council with regards to artwork to be installed as part of the pocket park element of the Workington Gateway project. This has involved working with several groups and schools in Workington to gather feedback on what Workington means to them and their desires for the future.

Committee thanked Anne for her informative presentation.

1. Permitted participation in an agenda item: None
2. Questions or statements from electors: None

**C24.86 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 4th February 2025 and affirmed them a true record.

**C24.87 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.88 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.89 Budget 2024-2025**

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

**C24.90 Budget 2025-2026**

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

**C24.91 Funding/commission feedback**

Committee noted the feedback reports from the following organisations:

Cumberland Council, Workington Music Festival and Christmas in Company

*Cllr Susan Martin declared an interest as her son is a coach for Workington Falcons and left the room.*

**C24.92 New Funding/commission requests**

**Resolved:** Committee approved £1,000 funding for Workington Falcons from the Youth and Social Investment budget line. Funding is agreed with the stipulation that it is to be used for equipment / kit for the children and was not to fund renovations to changing rooms or the purchase of a lawn mower as this is the responsibility of the owners of the pitch and changing rooms.

*Cllr Martin returned to the room.*

*Cllr Beth Dixon declared an interest as her father is part of Workington Rotary and left the room.*

**Resolved:** Committee approved £1,000 funding for Workington Rotary from the Funding budget line to fund the technology tournament, food parcels and Santa’s Grotto.

*Cllr Dixon returned to the room.*

It was agreed that moving forward new funding requests would be included in part two of the agenda. Because committee discusses the confidential information of the requester and reviews detailed bank statements, it wouldn’t be appropriate for the press and public to be privy to this information or to the discussion.

**C24.93 Christmas Lights**

Committee noted that feedback from the lights has been very positive from the community. It was requested that two additional trees in Udale Street car park were lit, but no other changes were requested. Committee were keen to keep the same colour theme.

**Resolved:** Officers to be put together tender documents for a 4–5-year contract for the town’s Christmas Lights, starting from 26-27.

**C25.94 Events Programme 2025**

Committee noted an update on events up to the end of May 2025.

The CO informed committee that the Council has just received confirmation that the Festival of Running event could be hosted at the cricket club in August. This is due to the Reds Stadium being under construction this year.

**C25.95 Anchor Organisation Partnerships**

Committee noted the report for information and agreed that funding should be provided for these vital services within the town.

Committee requested to add a disability and autism and neurodiversity organisation to the list, and Blue Owl was suggested.

**Resolved:** Officers to contact organisations to discuss together a plan of how the Council can support them.

**PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL**

Meeting ended at 7.30pm.