

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 April 2021 on the Zoom web platform.

C Armstrong	Present	J Hunter	Present
M Bainbridge	Present	J King	Present
H Briggs	Present	S Melton	Present
R Briggs	Present	B Miskelly	Present
B Cannon	Present	D Rollo	Present
B Dixon	Present	B Sansom	Present
D Farrar	Present	P Scott	Present
S Fryer	Apologies	S Stoddart	Present
G Glaister	Present	W Wilkinson	Present
H Harrington	Present	L Williams	Present
M Heaslip	Present		

**In attendance:** Town Clerk of Workington Town Council

### Public Participation

Three members of the public observed the meeting but did not raise any items for discussion.

### 20.21. Apologies

The Council received and accepted apologies from Cllr Sue Fryer for reasons approved by the Council under the terms of Local Government Act, 1972, s85.

### 20.22. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

### 20.23. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No agenda items were identified as requiring the exclusion of press or public.

### 20.24. Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting on 3 February 2021 and affirmed them as a true record.

A query was raised whether Asset Transfer should have been included on the Full Council agenda or if it should have been discussed at the previous Finance and General Purposes Meeting. The Town Clerk explained that discussions with Allerdale Borough Council are underway but with no significant developments. As there were no new developments to report to the committee it was not included as an agenda item.

The precept set at the meeting on 10 February 2021 was queried as it appears to have increased by 0.5%.

Following this discussion, the Council received the minutes of the meeting on 10 February 2021 and affirmed them as a true record.

**Resolved:** To affirm the previous minutes from the 3 February 2021 and the 10 February 2021 as a true record.

#### **20.25. Mayoral Announcements**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Mayor did not have any new Mayoral Announcements.

#### **20.26. Motion from Cllr B. Miskelly**

Cllr Miskelly read the following proposed motion:

*To ease the ability of the public to attend the meetings of Workington Town Council with the intention of them observing their council and particularly their elected representatives at work it is proposed that:*

*Workington Town Council shall, with immediate effect, adopt a policy of screening live all meetings of this council, inclusive of all committee meetings and extraordinary meetings of all types.*

*This Notion of Motion would be permanent and would continue after Covid-19 restrictions are eased and/or lifted, with the intention of the public viewing transparent democracy at work.*

Councillors debated the motion and voted. The results of the vote were as follows:

For: 7

Against: 13

**Resolved:** To decline the motion.

#### **Reports from Committees**

##### **20.27. Finance and General Purposes Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting on 25 March 2021.

Clarification was requested for the status of the tender process for the Town Hall and Old Man Shelter. The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee confirmed that tender process for the Town Hall was ongoing. The original tender for the Town Hall detailed the full list of works. Some of the tendering companies quoted on the basis of full project management, while other companies quoted for individual jobs. The companies that have submitted full project management quotes will be asked to submit individual quotes for the works, rather than quotes for full project management packages.

The Old Man Shelter requires reroofing and two quotes have been received following the tender process. A selection will be made following comparison of the quotes.

Gen2 has offered to carry out the required interior works, including the electrical works, as part of their student training programme. They will carry out the works free of charge. West Coast Thermal carried out an asbestos survey on the building free of charge. The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee thanked both organisations for their generous support of the project.

Council members queried the insurance arrangements for Gen2 and whether a schedule of works was in place for the Town Hall. The Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committee confirmed that Gen2 would be responsible for the insurance of their own work and will provide the necessary sign-off certification. The Chair of the Finance and General

Purposes Committee confirmed a chartered surveyor had quoted for the provision of a schedule of works for the Town Hall, but that the cost was prohibitive.

A council member requested more information regarding minute FG21.22 (Employment Issues). The Town Clerk confirmed that this was a standing agenda item to allow for any discussions concerning employment issues. On this occasion, there were no issues to consider and no discussion took place.

A council member queried whether staff members were qualified to risk assess the construction projects. The Town Clerk confirmed that individual contractors would risk assess their own work. The Town Clerk confirmed she will write the general risk assessments for both projects and has a NEBOSH qualification.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes from the 25 March 2021.

#### **20.28. Planning Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on the 1st February 2021 and 1st March 2021.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes from the 1st February 2021 and 1st March 2021.

#### **20.29. Environment Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on 11th March 2021.

A council member queried the EGM meeting that took place on 26 March 2021 as the minutes from the meeting were not circulated. The Chair of the Environment Committee confirmed the meeting went ahead and a bus shelter design was selected.

It was queried whether a contribution would be made by Allerdale Borough Council towards the cost of the Salterbeck bus shelter as it had been discussed at a previous meeting. The Town Clerk confirmed Allerdale Borough Council has been contacted about the contribution and that she was waiting for a response.

The council agreed to adjourn so members could read the minutes from the EGM on 26 March 2021.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes from the 11 March 2021 and 26 March 2021.

#### **20.30. Culture Committee**

The Council received the draft minutes of the Culture Committee meeting on 16th March 2021.

The suitability of the intended site for the VE/VJ Day statue was questioned. The Chair of the Culture Committee confirmed the intended location for the statue had been discussed by the committee and plans were proceeding to site the statue at the Beacon in Vulcan Park.

Following a query, the Chair of the Culture Committee explained that permission had been confirmed from the landowner (Allerdale Borough Council) for the installation of goalposts at Moorclose and Harrington.

**Resolved:** To accept the minutes from the 16 March 2021.

#### **20.31 Employment Issues**

No items were raised for discussion.

*The meeting closed at 8.02pm.*