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**Minutes of the Culture & Community Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 29th October 2024, 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 | Present |
| Cllr Sue Fryer | Absent\* | Cllr Stephen Stoddart | Present |
| Cllr Allan Hodgson | Present | Cllr Joan Wright | Absent\* |

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO and Cllr John Mills.

Substitutes present: Cllr Michael Heaslip for Cllr Joan Wright and Cllr Mike Rollo for Cllr Sue Fryer.

**C24.54 Absences:** Notified absences prior to the meeting were received from Cllr Joan Wright and Cllr Sue Fryer.

**C24.55 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr David Farrar wished for it to be noted that he has been asked to review the accounts of the Twinning Association. Cllrs Allan Hodgson and Ellie Wood are members of the Twinning Association.

No Cllrs were required to leave the room for agenda items discussing the Twinning Association.

Cllr Susan Martin arrived at 6.33pm.

**C24.56 Exclusion of Press and Public:** None.

**C24.57 Public Participation:** None.

**C24.58 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 17th September 2024 and affirmed them a true record.

**C24.59 Public Questions:** None.

**C24.60 Questions and Statements from Members:** None.

**C24.61 Motions on Notice:** None.

**C24.62 Funding/commission feedback:** Committee noted the feedback report from New Hope CIC for information.

**C24.63 New funding/commission/partnership requests**

1. The Committee are very supportive of the Carnegie and its contribution to the community but felt that it couldn’t approve their request at this time given the funds the Carnegie already has available to it and the amount of funding already received from the Council within this financial year.

**Resolved:** To decline the request from Carnegie theatre and arts centre for £1750 to hold an exhibition to celebrate its 120th anniversary.

1. **Resolved:** To approve the request from Christmas in Company for £500 to provide Christmas dinner for people who would usually be alone on Christmas Day. Following the meeting it was agreed by The Chair and Vice Chair to fund this from the youth and community budget line.
2. **Resolved:** To approve the request from Harrington Youth Club for £250 to hold a Christmas event for the community from the youth and community budget line.
3. **Resolved:** To approve the request from TPS netball for up to £500 for new kit from the cultural commissions – sport budget line. Council will pay the supplier for the kit direct.
4. **Resolved:** To approve the request from Workington Music Festival for £250 from the cultural commissions budget line for medals and prizes.
5. **Resolved:** To decline the request from St Mary’s Church, Harrington to fund their church magazine, but request a re-submission for support towards their warm Wednesdays, children’s workshops etc.

**C24.64 Art Exhibition and Schools Competition**

1. **Art Exhibition:** committee noted the report and were happy with Officers recommendations for a second attempt with the secondary schools and college and to ask if they wish to display artwork they have created as part of their curriculum for the exhibition.
2. **Schools Competition:** Committee noted the report and were happy with Officers recommendations for a second competition with the theme of 100 years of Vulcan Park.

Both competitions come within the budgets already set by committee.

**C24.65 Budget 2024-2025**

1. Committee noted the report for information.
2. Twinning invoice: Committee agreed that it was not able to approve the invoice as no supporting documentation had been submitted.

**Resolved:** To request the Twinning Association complete an expression of interest funding form for review at the next committee meeting.

**C24.66 Events Programme 2025**

Committee reviewed the report and were happy with Officers suggestions and proposed budgets for 2025-2026.

**Resolved:** Committee asked Officers to discuss Armed Forces Day with the organisers to see if they could help to enhance/better support the event in anyway.

**C24.67 Budget 2025-2026**

Committee reviewed the draft budget for 2025-2026.

It was noted that commission budget lines would be combined into a new Commissions and Funding budget line.

**Resolved:** Committee requested that Officers have a discussion with local sports clubs and groups throughout the town to discuss how the Council can help support them.

Meeting ended at 7.45pm.